



Application for Licence Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)(CKI)*

Licence Number	L8335/2009/5
Licence Holder	Water Corporation
File Number	DER2019/000566
Premises	Cocos (Home) Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Part 103, Home Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands WA 6799 Legal description – Part of Lot 1106 on Plan 30520 As defined by the Premises map attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	31 August 2023
Decision	Revised licence granted

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1. Decision summary

Licence L8335/2009/5 is held by the Water Corporation (Licence Holder) for the Cocos (Home) Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (the Premises), located at Part 103, Home Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands WA 6799. The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L8335/2009/5. The amendments outlined within this amendment report do not alter the risk profile of the Premises. As a result of this assessment, Revised Licence L8335/2009/5 has been granted.

This Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)(CKI)* (EP Act).

The Revised Licence issued as a result of this amendment consolidates and supersedes the Existing Licence previously granted in relation to the Premises. The Revised Licence has been granted in a new format with existing conditions being transferred, but not reassessed, to the new format.

The decision report for the Existing Licence will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the licence, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

2.2 Application summary

On 30 June 2023, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L8335/2009/5 under section 59 and 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)(CKI)* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to altering the due date for the environmental report and Annual Audit Compliance Report, to be 1 October annually. In amending the licence, the CEO has:

- updated the format and appearance of the Licence;
- revised licence condition's numbers, and removed any redundant conditions and realigned condition numbers for numerical consistency; and
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

The full summary of amendments made to this Revised Licence are detailed in Section 4.1.

No changes to the aspects of the Existing Licence relating to Category 54 have been requested by the Licence Holder. Table 1 below outlines the current approved production/design capacity for the Premises.

Table 1: Approved design capacity

Category	Approved design capacity
Category 54 Sewage facility: premises — (a) on which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks); or (b) from which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters.	165 m ³ per day

3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 22 August 2023. On 28 August 2023, the Licence Holder advised they have no comments and waived the remaining comment period.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that a Revised Licence will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 below provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised Licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 2: Summary of licence amendments

Revised licence condition	Previous licence condition	Condition summary	Amendment notes
N/A	N/A	N/A	'Shall' updated to 'must' and 'Licensee' updated to 'licence holder' as per current licensing wording.
N/A	N/A	Cover page	Registered business address updated. Date of amendment added. Premises details updated and 'As depicted in Schedule 1' updated to 'As defined by the premises map in Schedule 1'. Reference to legislation in column 1 heading of the Prescribed premises category description table corrected.
Licence history table	Licence history table	Licence history	Updated to current format. Preceding paragraphs deleted.
Interpretation section	Interpretation section	Interpretation	Updated to current format.
Condition 1	Condition 1		The phrase 'environmentally hazardous materials including hydrocarbons' is redundant, condition tailored to clarify spills of sewage and sewage sludge.
Condition 2 Table 1	Condition 2 Table 1	Waste acceptance	Note 1 is redundant, deleted.
Condition 3 Table 2	Condition 3 Table 2	Waste processing	'Wastes' corrected to 'waste'.

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Condition 4 Table 3	Condition 4 Table 3	Containment infrastructure	In Table 3, 'And' removed from column 3, row 3. Row 5 reworded and bulleting added to column 3 to improve readability.
Condition 5	Condition 5	Wastewater treatment vessel management	The phrase 'discernible' is redundant, deleted from condition 5(c). Condition 5(d) reworded to improve readability.
Condition 7	Condition 7	Monitoring bore maintenance	Condition reworded for clarity and to specify the monitoring bore.
Condition 12	Condition 12	Monitoring equipment calibration	Reference to condition numbers within text corrected.
Condition 18	Condition 18	Records	Condition reference updated.
N/A	Condition 20	Knowledge of licence conditions	Redundant condition. Deleted from licence.
Condition 20	Condition 21	Annual Audit Compliance Report	Condition revised to current licensing format and updated to change the AACR reporting submission date to 1 October. New numbering.
Condition 21	Condition 22	Complaints	New numbering.
Condition 22 Table 9	Condition 23 Table 9	Environmental report	Condition revised to current licensing format and updated to change the environmental report submission date to 1 October. New numbering. Table title changed to 'Environmental reporting requirements' and 'or table (if relevant)' deleted from column 1 heading. Deletion of 'Format or form' column in Table 9. Table and condition references updated.
Condition 23	Condition 24	Environmental report assessment	'Annual' removed from 'Annual Environmental Report'.
Condition 24 Table 10	Condition 25 Table 10	Non-annual reporting requirements	'Table 101' reference corrected to 'Table 10' Column 1 deleted from Table 10.
Definitions Table 10	Definitions Table	Definitions	Definitions updated: 'books' 'CEO', 'controlled waste', 'licence', 'licence holder', 'premises' and 'waste code'. Definitions removed: 'Act', 'code of practice for the storage and handling of dangerous goods',

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			'dangerous goods', 'environmentally hazardous material', and 'fugitive emissions'.
			Definitions added: 'approved form', 'condition', 'Department', 'discharge', 'emission', 'EP Act', 'EP Regulations', 'prescribed premises' and 'waste'.
Schedule 1: Maps	Schedule 1: Maps	Maps	Updated naming convention. Figure labels added to Figures 2 to 4 as per revised current licensing format. North arrow added to premises map.

References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions, Perth, Western Australia.
2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, Guideline: Environmental Siting, Perth, Western Australia.
3. DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia.