



Application for licence amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence number	L8344/2009/2
Licence holder	Primary Partners Pty Ltd
Application number	APP-0031671
Premises	Roebuck Export Depot Lot 382 Broome Rd ROEBUCK WA 6725
Date of report	20 October 2025
Status of report	Final

Amendment description

This amendment is made pursuant to section 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) to amend the existing licence issued for a prescribed premises as set out below. This notice of amendment is hereby given under section 59B(9) of the EP Act.

This amendment primarily relates to extending the timeframe for the construction of specified infrastructure at the Roebuck Export Depot, which is subject to licence L8344/2009/2.

In completing the assessment documented in this report, 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>.

Purpose and scope of assessment

Primary Partners Pty Ltd (PPPL/licence holder) is seeking a further extension to the timeframe for constructing a manure storage and composting pad at its livestock holding facility near Broome.

Background

PPPL operate the Roebuck Export Depot, a livestock holding facility for the live export and domestic cattle industry, about 30 km north-east of Broome.

The facility is primarily used to assemble and hold livestock prior to live export through the Port of Broome, with the main activities including the holding and feeding of cattle, and management of manure, effluent and mortalities generated from operations.

The licence was amended in February 2024 which included the requirement to construct a hardstand pad for the temporary storage, and subsequent composting of manure and mortalities at the premises, by 1 June 2024. Due to delays in supply equipment, investigation and engagement of specialist consultants and finalisation of contractual arrangements, this timeframe has been extended twice – the first by 6 months, to 31 December 2024, and the second by 6 months, to 30 June 2025.

Proposed amendment

Due to further unexpected delays in supply equipment, investigation and engagement of specialist consultants and finalisation of contractual arrangements, PPPL have been unable to meet the 30 June deadline and requests a further 6-month extension for project completion.

Construction has also been delayed, awaiting the finalisation of an assessment of stormwater management at the premises. A detailed flood model of the local catchment was built to model surface water runoff at the site, with several mitigation designs proposed to divert external runoff from entering the cattle yards and minimise the volume of stormwater being contained in the evaporation pond.

Decision

In recognising the current challenges in obtaining and securing the services of consultants, technical specialists, and earthworks contractors, particularly in the Kimberley region, the delegated officer does not object to a further 6-month extension of time for project completion, to 1 February 2026.

The proposed flood mitigation works are also supported as proponent controls and have been added to the licence as improvement works, in support of future plans to operate the yards all year round.

Consultation

The draft amended licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 9 October 2025, who did not object to the proposed changes and waived the consultation period with no further comment.

Summary of changes

The below table provides a summary of the updates and will act as a record of implemented changes. All changes have been incorporated on the licence.

Condition / table	Description
Condition 2, Table 2	Completion date changed to 1 February 2026
	New item added, regarding flood and drainage mitigation works
Condition 4	New item added, requiring compliance reporting on the completed drainage works