

# Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Amendment Report

# **Department initiated Amendment**

#### Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Licence Number L8603/2011/3

Licence Holder Shire of Yilgarn

File Number DWERVT12463~1

Premises Southern Cross Landfill Site

**SOUTHERN CROSS 6426** 

Legal description -

Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 55299

Certificate of Title Volume LR3147 Folio 102

Lot 994 on Deposited Plan 91454

Certificate of Title Volume LR3061 Folio 160

Crown Reserve 37892

**Date of Report** 7 February 2025

**Decision** Revised licence granted

# SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER INDUSTRY REGULATION

an officer delegated under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)

# 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L8603/2011/3. The amendments are administrative in nature therefore they do not alter the risk profile of the Premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

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

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 <a href="https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents">https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents</a>.

#### 2.2 Amendment summary

Licence L8603/2011/3 is held by Shire of Yilgarn (Licence Holder) for the Southern Cross Landfill Site (the premises), located at Southern Cross. The licence relates to the prescribed premises categories described in Table 1.

Table 1: Premises category description and production design capacity

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> )	Production / design capacity
Category 61 Liquid waste facility: premises on which liquid waste produced on other premises (other than sewerage waste) is stored, reprocessed, treated or irrigated	250 tonnes per annual period
Category 64 Class II or III putrescible landfill site: premises on which waste (as determined by Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996) is accepted for burial.	5,000 tonnes per annual period

On 30 May 2023, the Licence Holder applied to renew Licence L8603/2011/2 as the licence was due to expire on 29 January 2024. Subsequently, Licence L8603/2011/3 was granted and issued to the Licence Holder on 29 January 2024. A clerical error resulted in the licence duration being listed incorrectly, as the start date of the previous version of the licence was retained in the renewed licence and the expiry date was not aligned with the anniversary date of the grant of the renewed licence.

To align with the anniversary date, the licence duration will need to be extended by one year as Section 59(1) of the EP Act does not provide the ability to amend licences to reduce their duration.

A further error in the licence was also identified in relation to the processing of liquid waste at the premises. Table 2 of the licence refers to the disposal of liquid waste by landfilling, however liquid wastes are disposed to a lined liquid waste pond at the premises. Additionally, liquid waste is not a waste type permitted for disposal to a Class II landfill under the *Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions* 1996.

To fix the errors identified above, the department has initiated an amendment to Licence L8603/2011/3. The amendment is limited to:

- correcting the start date listed on the licence from 30 January 2015 to 29 January 2024;
- extending the expiry date by one year from 29 January 2044 to 28 January 2045, in alignment with the anniversary date and annual fee period for the licence;
- changing the authorised processes for liquid waste from Disposal of waste by landfilling under the supervision of the licence holder, or person nominated by the licence holder to Receipt, storage and evaporation; and
- removing any redundant definitions no longer used in the licence.

#### 3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 16 December 2024. On 31 January 2025 the Licence Holder waived the comment period.

#### 4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended 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

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Duration	Start date corrected to 29/01/2024
	Expiry date amended to 28/01/2045
3: Table 2	Processes for liquid waste amended to Receipt, storage and evaporation

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