



Department initiated Amendment

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

Licence Number	L8708/2012/1
Licence Holder	Shire of Christmas Island
File Number	2012/007204
Premises	Christmas Island Waste Depot Vagabond Road CHRISTMAS ISLAND WA 6798 Legal description – Lot 523 on Deposited Plan 220459 As defined by the Premises map attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	22 September 2023
Decision	Revised licence granted

**MANAGER WASTE INDUSTRIES
REGULATORY SERVICES**

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

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L8708/2012/1. 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 <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

2.2 Amendment summary

Licence L8708/2012/1 is held by the Shire of Christmas Island (Licence Holder) for the Christmas Island Waste Depot (the Premises), located at Vagabond Road, Christmas Island 6798.

The Premises relates to the categories and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Licence L8708/2012/1.

On 9 August 2023, the department initiated an amendment to Licence L8708/2012/1. The amendment is limited to the inclusion of provisions relating to the development of a Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP) detailing operational management aspects of the premises, including in relation to closure and post closure management.

The *Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy: Indian Ocean Territories – Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands* (GHD Pty Ltd, 24 April 2023) (herein referred to as the Waste Strategy), prepared for the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts was published in April 2023 to provide an overarching vision for waste management in the Indian Ocean Territories and outlines a realistic pathway for improving waste management through the development of better practice goals.

The Waste Strategy identified that the Premises is expected to reach waste disposal capacity within five years. Objective 4.2 of the Waste Strategy requires the preparation of a residual waste masterplan to develop a pathway for the closure of the current landfill in association with the assessment of future alternative waste management options. As such, this amendment has been initiated to include provisions for the preparation and submissions of a LEMP. The LEMP will detail operational management aspects of the premises relating, but not limited, to:

- details on landfill lifespan and volumetric capacity;
- landfilling method/waste placement, filling sequence and tipping face management;
- waste acceptance, handling and disposal arrangements/procedures;
- dust, odour, noise, landfill gas and vector management;
- fire risk prevention and management;
- environmental monitoring; and
- closure and post closure management of the landfill.

3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 28 August 2023. The Licence Holder provided correspondence on 19 September 2023 accepting the proposed amendments.

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 1 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 1: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 1.1.2 Interpretation	Definitions updated: 'CEO'.
Condition 1.3.14	Condition added for the submission of a Landfill Environmental Management Plan.
Condition 1.3.15	Condition added specifying the information requirements of the Landfill Environmental Management Plan.

References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2016, *Guidance Statement: Environmental Siting*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. DER 2017, *Guidance Statement: Risk Assessments*, Perth, Western Australia.
3. DER 2015, *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions*, Perth, Western Australia.
4. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2019, *Guideline: Decision Making*, Perth, Western Australia
5. DWER 2019, *Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing*, Perth, Western Australia
6. GHD Pty Ltd 2023, *Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy: Indian Ocean Territories – Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands*, Perth, Western Australia.