



Application to renew a licence

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

Licence Number	L8807/2013/2
Licence Holder	Rottnest Island Authority
File Number	ILS2013/000004-1~11
Premises	<p>Rottnest Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Kingsway, The Basin, ROTTNEST ISLAND WA 6161</p> <p>Legal description - Part Lot 10976 on Deposited Plan 216860 Certificate of Title Volume LR3096 Folio 976</p> <p>As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 1 of the licence</p>
Date of Report	18/01/2023
Decision	To grant a licence

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An officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

1. Decision summary

Under the regulatory framework the Delegated Officer decided to process the application to renew licence L8807/2013/2 without conducting any additional risk assessment.

The licence is issued for 20 years, which is consistent with the *Guidance Statement on Licence Duration 2016*. In renewing the licence the Delegated Officer has determined to:

- include conditions considered necessary for the effective administration of the licence (i.e. record keeping and reporting requirements);
- include all infrastructure into condition 1, *Table 1: infrastructure and equipment requirements*;
- correct clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- transfer all existing regulatory controls and conditions to the new licence.

As a result of the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L8807/2013/2, subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Application summary

On 5 December 2022 Rottnest Island Authority (licence holder) applied to renew licence L8807/2013/2, as the licence is due to expire on 19 January 2023. The licence was granted to the licence holder for the premises located at Kingsway, The Basin, Rottnest Island WA being Part Lot 10976 on Deposited Plan 216860 (Premises).

The licence relates to prescribed premises categories as 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 54: Sewage facility	500 m ³ /day

Rottnest Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is a prescribed premises under Part V of the EP Act. The WWTP is a Membrane Bio-Reactor system (MBR) licensed to treat K130 (sewage waste from the reticulated sewerage system) and K210 (septage wastes) material.

3. Regulatory framework

The Delegated Officer has not conducted a full review and risk assessment of emissions and discharges from the Premises in line with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (department) *Work Instruction: Regulatory Services, COVID-19 licensing position* October 2021.

In granting the licence, the Delegated Officer has considered and given due regard to the department's regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

4.1 Compliance and enforcement actions

There has been a few Priority 3 (Low) incidents (mainly spillages) identified at the Premises by the department, however, no enforcement actions has resulted against the licence holder following these incidents.

4.2 Legal occupancy

The licence holder has demonstrated legal occupancy of the Premises.

4.3 Categories of the licence

The requested categories and the corresponding maximum production capacities for the renewal of the licence are consistent with the categories for which the current licence was assessed.

4.4 Planning approval

The licence holder has informed the department that planning approval is not necessary for the activities on the Premises.

5. Summary of changes to the licence conditions

Section 62 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) provides the legal power to attach conditions to licences. Most licences are issued with conditions as per *Guidance Statement – Setting Conditions* (October 2015) to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution or environmental harm as a result of the emissions and/or discharges from the premises in question.

Table 1 summarises the changes from the expiring licence into the new licence including changes made to licence conditions where required and the rationale for changes made.

Table 1: Licence conditions changes, description and rationale

Current condition / table	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
Removed conditions 21,22,23, and 24	Included infrastructure to Table 3 (23,24 and 25)	Construction activities (condition 21 - 24) have been completed. The department confirmed compliance in a letter sent to the licence holder on 27 May 2022
Removed the word sludge disposal	N/A	Administrative error
19	19	Updated condition that the Annual Environmental Report (AER) needs to be submitted bi-annually as per Notice of Amendment granted on 16 May 2022
Definitions and Schedule 2 table numbers	Updated table numbers	Due to the removal of construction activities (conditions 21 – 24), the tables numbers were updated

6. Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as per Table 2.

Table 2: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer's response
Application advertised on the department's website on 16 December 2022	No submissions were received when the advertising period closed on 7 January 2023	Not required
Local Government Authority advised of application on 7/12/2022	No comments were received from Local Government Authority	Not required
Discovery Park's advised of application on 7/12/2022	No comments were received from Discovery Park's	Not required
Letter sent to DBCA - Environmental Management Branch on 7/12/2022	No comments were received from DBCA	Not required
Letter sent to DoH - Environmental Health Directorate on 7/12/2022	<p>Response received via email on 23/12/2022. DoH has no objections to the licence renewal provided,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adherence to the Rottneast Island Recycled Water Scheme Approval dated 18 May 2022. 2. The schemes management plan being updated (by 31 December 2022) and acknowledging the use of treated wastewater for irrigation in the Longreach Bay Bore field. 3. Best management practices and controls to reduce risks to drinking water quality being included in the updated management plan 	<p>Delegated Officers response to each DoH points raised are,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Recycled Water scheme approval dated 18 May 2022 is an approval granted and administered by the Department of Health and will not be duplicated by conditions of the new licence issued under Part V of the EP Act 1986. 2. The Recycled Water Scheme approval condition 23, requires the scheme management plan to be updated and submitted to DoH. This condition will not be duplicated by a licence issued under Part V of the EP Act 1986. 3. The best management practices and controls must be included in the plan required in point 2 above and therefore will not be duplicated by the new licence.
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 15/12/2022	Applicant replied on 9/01/2023 with no comments	Not required