



Amendment Report

Licence Number	L8872/2014/1
Licence Holder	Shire of Ashburton
File Number:	DER2014/003175
Premises	Onslow Waste Transfer Station Part Lot 500 Onslow Road Being part of Lot 500 on Plan 401881 Within the coordinates: E 43908.6486 N 201328.9787 E 43812.0042 N 201400.5994 E 43967.2841 N 6201534.7618 E 4046.9689 N 6201441.9526
Date of Report	2 September 2019

1. Definitions and interpretation

Definitions

In this Amendment Report, the terms in Table 1 have the meanings defined.

Table 1 - Definitions	
Term	Definition
Category/ Categories/ Cat.	categories of Prescribed Premises as set out in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations
CEO	means Chief Executive Officer. CEO for the purposes of notification means: Director General Department Administering the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> Locked Bag 10 JOONDALUP DC WA 6919 info@dwer.wa.gov.au
Delegated Officer	an officer under section 20 of the EP Act
Department	means the department established under section 35 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 and designated as responsible for the administration of Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act.
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)
EP Regulations	Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (WA)
Existing Licence	The Licence issued under Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act and in force prior to the commencement of and during this amendment
Licence Holder	Shire of Ashburton
Prescribed Premises	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
Premises	refers to the premises to which this Decision Report applies, as specified at the front of this Decision Report.

2. Amendment Description

The Onslow Waste Transfer Station is located on Part Lot 500 Onslow Road, Onslow WA, being part of Lot 500 on Plan 401881. The Existing Licence (L8872/2014/1) was issued 26 March 2015, licencing the Premises as a Category 57 (used tyre storage) and 62 (Solid waste depot).

On 19 June 2019, the Shire of Ashburton submitted an application for an amendment to the current Licence. The Licensee requested an amendment to the wording of Table 1.3.2 with respect to the maximum number of hours which putrescible waste may be stored onsite. The Licence currently limits the period for which putrescible waste may be stored onsite to 72 hours. This amendment will extend this period to 96 hours in order to accommodate the Shire of Ashburton's logistical requirements.

The Delegated Officer has also decided to extend the licence duration a further 5 years from 29 March 2020 to 28 March 2025. As the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has not yet completed the development of guidelines on the full reassessment of renewed licenses, the Delegated Officer intends to extend the licence expiry date for the premises. A full reassessment of the premises licence and operations will be considered on a risk-basis within the context of DWER's Licence Review Programme.

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

This amendment also incorporates changes to the formatting and style of the licence. The obligations of the Licence Holder have not changed in making this amendment. During this amendment, DWER has not undertaken any additional risk assessment of the Premises.

The Delegated Officer has:

- Amended wording of Table 1.3.2 to increase the time limit for which putrescible waste may be stored onsite from 72 to 96 hours;
- Extended the expiry date from 29 March 2020 to 28 March 2025
- Corrected prescribed premises boundary coordinates;
- Updated to the Premises Map to current aerial imagery; and
- Corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

2.1 Amendment history

This the first issued amendment to Licence L8872/2014/1. An application for an amendment was submitted by the Shire of Ashburton on 17 July 2017, but this was subsequently withdrawn.

3. Decision

Putrescible waste received onsite is received and sorted within the constructed putrescible waste bunker, or stored within enclosed or covered transfer trailers in accordance with condition 1.3.3 and the process limits prescribed in Table 1.3.2 of L8872/2014/1. These measures are intended to minimise potential odour emissions from the premises and any potential impact on nearby sensitive receptors. In addition, condition 2.7.1 has been included on the Licence to ensure that any generated odour does not affect the amenity of persons not on the Premises. The Licensee has previously advised that it inspects all loads delivered to the putrescible waste bunker for highly odorous materials, and remove them from the Premises at the earliest possible occasion.

A review of DWER's Incidents and Complaints Management System (ICMS) has revealed no

previous incidents or complaints in relation to odor management at the premises.

The nearest residential and sensitive receptors, and their distance from the Premises boundary, are outlined in Table 2. The Delegated Officer considers the separation distance sufficient to inform the risk of odour impacts as not foreseeable.

The Delegated Officer has therefore determined that the increase in storage time for putrescible waste will not alter the risk profile of the premises and a detailed risk assessment for the proposal is not required.

Table 2: Residential and Sensitive Receptors	
Residential and sensitive receptor	Distance from Prescribed Premises
Main Roads borrow pit and lay-down area – Lot 330, R19291 Onslow Road, Onslow WA	182m southwest of Premises boundary
Onslow Salt and NTC Contracting (civil construction contractor) – Lot 303 R19291 Onslow Road, Onslow WA	300m southwest of Premises boundary
Disused storage compound – Lot 132 R39244 Unnamed Road, Onslow WA	700m west of Premises boundary
Aerodrome Construction Camp lay-down and storage area – Lot 9001 R405414 Unnamed Road, Onslow WA	1.57 kilometres northeast of Premises boundary
Onslow Salt Pty Ltd – AM20/273, AG70/7, AG70/8, AG70/9, AG70/10, AG 70/11, AG70/13, G8/38-46 Onslow WA	2.39 metres south of Premises boundary
Water Corporation – Onslow Wastewater Treatment Plant- Crown Reserve 47957 - Lot 185 on Plan 219197, Onslow WA	2.40 kilometres northwest of premises boundary
Onslow Airport – Lot 16 Onslow Rd, Onslow WA	2.43 kilometres northeast of Premises boundary
Onslow Cemetery, Rodeo Grounds and Stables – Lot 886 & Lot 885 R 38264 & R20632 Onslow Road, Onslow WA	3.11 kilometres northeast of Premises boundary
Four Mile Creek Picnic Ground and Boat Ramp - Seaview Drive, Onslow WA	3.98 kilometres west of Premises boundary
Private residences – Laphorn Avenue, Onslow WA	4.85km northeast of Premises boundary

On the basis of the above, the Delegated Officer has determined that that an amendment be granted to amend the wording of Table 1.3.2. The wording of the process limits for putrescible waste in Table 1.3.2 has been amended to change the original process limit of “Shall not be

stored onsite for longer than 72 hours” to “Shall not be stored onsite for longer than 96 hours”.

4. Licence Holder’s comments

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft amendment on 02 August 2019. No comments were received on the draft documents.

Appendix 1: Key documents

	Document title	In text ref	Availability
1	Licence L8872/2014/1 – Onslow Waste Transfer Station	L85872/2014/1	accessed at www.dwer.wa.gov.au
2	DWER, July 2015. <i>Guidance Statement: Regulatory Principles</i> . Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Perth.	DER 2015a	accessed at www.dwer.wa.gov.au