



Application for Licence

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

Licence Number	L9274/2020/1
Applicant	Water Corporation
ACN	28 033 434 917
File Number	DER2020/000627
Premises	Bremer Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve 40004 Franton Way BREMER BAY 6338 As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 2 of the Licence
Date of Report	05/02/2020
Decision	Licence granted

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1. Purpose and scope of assessment

1.1 Regulatory framework

In completing the assessment documented in this Decision Report, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://www.der.wa.gov.au>.

1.2 Application summary

On 4 December 2020 the Water Corporation submitted an application for a replacement licence for the Bremer Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant. This site was previously licensed under L7938/1991/3 until it ceased in accordance with Section 5DA(5) of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) due to the non-payment of an annual licence fee. The applicant has confirmed that there has not been any material changes made to the premises; infrastructure within the premises; and/or activities undertaken at the premises.

Due to the administrative nature of this application, no additional risk assessment has been conducted for this premises. A copy of the Decision Document completed for the premises on 17 October 2013 is attached as Appendix 2 of this Decision Report for reference.

1.3 Consolidation of Licence

As part of this replacement licence, DWER has updated the licence by incorporating the following changes:

- updated the format and appearance of the licence;
- revised licence condition numbers, and removed any redundant conditions and realigned condition numbers for numerical consistency; and
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

The obligations of the licence holder have not changed in updating the licence. DWER has not undertaken any additional risk assessment of the Premises as a part of this process.

2. Overview of Premises

The Water Corporation operates the Bremer Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bremer Bay, Shire of Jerramungup. The Bremer Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant is a two-pond system treating wastewater from the Bremer Bay area to a secondary standard, prior to discharging to land via infiltration ponds.

This licence is the successor to licence L7938/1991/3. Table 1 provides the history for L7938/1991/3.

Table 2 provides the prescribed premises category for the replacement licence: L9274/2020/1.

Table 1: Licence history

Instrument	Issued	Description
L7938/1991/2	31/10/2008	Licence amendment
L7938/1991/2	19/11/2009	Removal of bore 1/97 (blocked) and relocation of four bores.
L7938/1991/2	2/09/2010	Licence amendment

Instrument	Issued	Description
L7938/1991/3	17/10/2013	Re-issue of licence
L9274/2020/1	5/2/2020	Issue of replacement licence

Table 2: Prescribed Premises Category in the Existing Licence

Category	Description	Approved Premises design capacity
54	Sewage facility: premises — (a) on which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks); or (b) from which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters.	230 cubic metres per day

3. Consultation

Table 3 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 3: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 19/01/2021	In an email dated 3 February 2021 the licence holder provided comments. Refer to Appendix 1 for a summary of comments.	Refer to Appendix 1

4. Conclusion

The Delegated Officer has determined that the replacement of the licence with no material changes made to the premises; infrastructure within the premises; and/or activities undertaken at the premises is an administrative function which does not alter the risk profile of the premises. Operations shall be undertaken in accordance with the conditions of licence, and there is to be no change in the potential emissions associated with the operation of the facility.

4.1 Summary of changes

Table 4 provides a summary of the proposed changes to the revised licence and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised Licence as part of the replacement of licence process.

Table 4: Licence conversion map for new licence format

Existing Licence condition/table/schedule	Condition Summary	Revised Licence condition/table/schedule/attachment	Conversion notes
Definitions	n/a	Definitions, Table 3	Definition changed to table format and moved to the back of the document
Conditions 1-9	Emissions and monitoring	Conditions 1-9	Format change Licencee changed to licence holder
Condition 10	Annual Environmental Report	Condition 10	Change of wording to reflect current standard condition. Director changed to CEO
Condition 11	Annual Audit Compliance Report	Condition 10	Condition replaced with the current AACR condition. The AACR form is now to be obtained from the departments website.
Attachment 1	Plan of premises	Schedule 1, Figure 1	Updated map
Attachment 2	Monitoring bore map	Schedule 1, Figure 2	No change to map
n/a	n/a	Schedule 2	Added to provide GPS coordinates for the prescribed premises boundary.
Attachment C	Annual Audit Compliance Report form	n/a	Outdated form removed The AACR form is now to be obtained from the departments website.

References

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Appendix 1: Summary of applicant's comments on risk assessment and draft conditions

Condition	Summary of applicant's comment	Department's response
Front page	Change to Bremer Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant (from Waste Water)	Licence updated as requested
Condition 4	Typo identified	Typo corrected
Condition 7	Request that a footnote be added saying that 'In field non-NATA accredited analysis permitted for pH.	The Delegated Officer acknowledges that this is consistent with other Water Corporation licences and has updated the Licence as requested.
Condition 10	Request to change the timing of annual report submission to either '...by 1 September each year' or '...no later than 63 days after the end of the annual period'. This request is made to align with other Water Corporation licences.	Licence updated to 63 days after the end of the annual period.
Condition 11 (a) and Definitions, Table 3	The licence holder has requested that a definition of 'audit' be added to the licence. The following definition was suggested "An assessment by the Licensee of its performance against each licence condition to determine whether it is compliant.	The suggested definition has been added to the Licence
Condition 11(b)	Request to change the timing of annual report submission to either '...by 1 September each year' or '...no later than 63 days after the end of the annual period'. This request is made to align with other Water Corporation licences.	Licence updated to 63 days after the end of the annual period.

Appendix 2: Decision Document – L7938/1991/3