



## Application for a licence amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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<b>Licence number</b>	L9352/2022/1
<b>Licence holder</b>	Whitmore Gardens Pty Ltd
<b>DWER file number</b>	DER2022/000455
<b>Premises</b>	'Southdale Pet Meats' 566 South Western Hwy DARLING DOWNS WA 6122
<b>Date of report</b>	7 November 2024
<b>Status of report</b>	Final

## Amendment description

This amendment is made pursuant to section 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) to amend an existing licence issued for a prescribed premises as set out below.

This amendment relates to removing conditions for a proposed upgrade of the abattoir.

In completing the assessment documented in this report, 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>.

## Purpose and scope of application

Whitmore Gardens Pty Ltd (licence holder) hold licence L9352/2022/1 (existing licence) for a pet meat processing facility on the outskirts of Byford, about 30 km south of Perth.

The main activities on the premises include the slaughtering and processing of both live and dead animals for pet food, and the management of abattoir wastes generated from operations.

In June 2022, the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale issued development approval (DA) to upgrade the existing facility to enable the processing of animals for human consumption; however, refused an increase in the permitted annual production from 1,000 to 3,375 tonnes of processed meat (both pet meat and meat for human consumption), or 10,000 liveweight tonnes (5,000 tonnes carcass weight).

The licence holder has therefore applied to amend the licence to remove conditions relating to the upgrade works and revert to the current processing throughput of the pet meat facility only (4,000 liveweight tonnes, or 2,000 tonnes carcass weight).

## Decision

On the licence holder's request, the delegated officer has determined to remove conditions relating to the upgrading of the facility for human consumption and update to reflect the current processing throughput.

Improvement works to upgrade the wastewater treatment system will remain on the licence.

## Draft decision and licence holder comments

The draft amended licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 31 October 2024, who sought minor clarification and corrections to better reflect the current operations.

One change of significance has resulted in a modification (reduction) of the premises boundary, to exclude areas of Lot 5 that are not associated with the abattoir operation, to allow the continued use of this land for typical semi-rural activities such as keeping of animals and livestock grazing.

## Summary of changes

The below table provides a summary of the updates and will act as a record of implemented changes. All changes have been incorporated on the licence.

Condition / table	Description
Cover page	Updated assessed production to 4,000 liveweight tonnes per year (2,000 tonnes HSCW)
	Updated premises address to 566 South Western Hwy, and "part of" Lot 5 on Diagram 43091
Licence history	Updated to include details of this amendment
Condition 1, Table 1	Updated to remove reference to "existing open-sided lairage" and reflect only part of the lairage has a concrete floor. Requirement for yard to drain to a sump removed, improvement condition added
	Updated to remove reference to "existing pet meats processing and

	<i>sales” and replace with “abattoir”</i>
	<i>Reference to “blood containers” and change “solid waste storage bins” to “offal waste bins” removed</i>
<i>Condition 2, Table 2</i>	<i>Updated to remove reference to “expansion works” and replace with “improvement works”. Due date of 30 April 2025 added.</i>
	<i>Item 1 relating to new kill floor and boning room removed</i>
	<i>Item 3 relating to upgrading the lairage floor added</i>
<i>Condition 8</i>	<i>Requirement to destock other paddocks on the premises (these areas have now been excluded from the premises) removed</i>
<i>Conditions 10 &amp; 11</i>	<i>Conditions relating to disposal of blood; these requirements have been included in conditions relating to management of offal wastes removed</i>
<i>Schedule 1: Maps</i>	<i>Updated to reduce the premises boundary and exclude areas not associated with the abattoir operation</i>
	<i>Updated to remove reference to new building</i>
	<i>Map of infrastructure (for new building) removed</i>