



Department initiated Amendment

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

Licence Number	L9426/2024/1
Licence Holder	Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers Pty Ltd
ACN	121 263 741
File Number	DER2024/000051
Premises	Project Ceres Part of Lot 700 on Plan P411759 Part of Lot 3014 on Plan P042282 Part of Lot 3013 on Plan P042282 Part of Lot 701 on Plan P411760 Part of Lot 706 on Plan P411760 BURRUP WA 6714 As defined in Schedule 1 of the Licence
Date of Report	3 December 2024
Decision	Revised licence granted

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

1. Amendment description

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

This amendment has been initiated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to give effect to the Minister for Environment's (Minister) appeal determination on 21 November 2024.

There is no right of appeal to this amendment under section 105 of the EP Act due to the Minister's determination.

1.1 Background

Licence L9426/2024/1 was granted to Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers Pty Ltd (the applicant) on 19 March 2024 authorising crushing and screening activities (Category 12) at the premises to support the construction of the Perdaman Urea Project (also known as Project Ceres). The Licence also authorised an increase in the throughput of Category 12 activities from 450,000 to 850,000 tonnes per annual period.

Three appeals were subsequently lodged against the conditions of the licence. Appellants raised that the conditions of the licence were inadequate for the protection of rock art in the surrounding area which has significance at a State, national and international level. Appellants also raised concern regarding potential impacts associated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and acid sulfate soils (ASS).

In November 2024, the Minister allowed the appeal to the extent that the licence conditions are amended to specify a time limit for the operations (refer to Appeal 011 of 2022). Specifically, the Minister determined that a condition should be included on the licence requiring the cessation of crushing and screening activities by 31 July 2025.

A copy of the Minister's Appeal Determination and Appeals Convenor's report can be obtained from the Appeals Convenor's website at: www.wa.gov.au/organisation/office-of-appeals-convenor (reference 016/24).

2. Decision

The delegated officer has amended the licence to give effect to the Minister's determination dated, as required under section 110 of the EP Act.

The decision report for the existing licence will remain on the DWER website for future reference and will act as a record of DWER's decision making.

3. Consultation

The licence holder was provided with a draft amended works approval on 28 November 2024 and a response was provided on 29 November 2024. No comment was provided.

3.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 provides a summary of the amendments and will act as record of implemented changes. All 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 4	Condition 4 added requiring that the licence holder must cease all crushing and screening activities on the premises by 31 July 2025.
All	Condition numbers updated to reflect inclusion of additional condition.