



Department initiated Amendment

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

Works approval number	W6006/2016/1
Works approval holder	Westpork Pty Ltd
Application number	APP-0030635
Premises	Westpork Moora 3 Piggery 898 Agaton Road DANDARAGAN WA 6507
Date of report	22 September 2025
Status of report	Final

Amendment description

This amendment is made pursuant to section 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) to amend an existing works approval 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 (the department) to give effect to the Minister for Environment's (Minister) appeal determination on 31 July 2025.

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

Background

Works approval W6006/2016/1 was issued to Westpork Pty Ltd (works approval holder) on 12 December 2017 for construction of the Moora Piggery Complex in the rural locality of Dandaragan, about 19 km northwest of Moora.

The piggery complex is set to be developed as two separate modules, known as 'Moora 2' and 'Moora 3', with each module having a design capacity of 35,675 standard pig units (SPUs).

Construction of Moora 3 commenced in January 2022 and was completed in July 2023.

The department started receiving nuisance odour complaints from surrounding landowners in February 2022, coinciding with the commencement of stocking the first sheds with pigs. The complaints escalated throughout the construction and commissioning of Moora 3.

An amendment to W6006 was issued in January 2023 to include time limited operational provisions for the infrastructure that had already been constructed at the time, and for the remaining infrastructure for Moora 3. Staging of the works between the two modules was also included.

The amendment was subsequently appealed by a third party, who considered there were insufficient controls to address nuisance odour from the piggery; that the department's assessment (of odour) from a piggery of this size was inadequate; and concerns the addition of a second piggery module would worsen the potential for nuisance issues for nearby landowners.

Prior to the appeal being determined, licence L9364/2022/1 was issued authorising the continued operation of Moora 3.

In July 2025, the Minister allowed the appeal to the extent that the works approval conditions are amended to address the residual odour issues (Appeal 003 of 2023).

Amendments to conditions

The Minister has determined that potential odour emissions during commissioning were not adequately assessed or conditioned within the January 2023 amendment to W6006, and has requested the following changes to the works approval:

- a new condition is added requiring the works approval holder to ensure that odour emitted from the premises does not unreasonably interfere with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of any person who is not on the premises; and
- the removal of condition 15(c) which is to be replaced by a new condition requiring the works approval holder to develop, submit to the department and integrate a commissioning plan for Moora 2 prior to the commencement of commissioning.

Decision

The delegated officer has amended the works approval to give effect to the Minister's determination dated 31 July 2025, as required under section 110 of the EP Act.

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

Conclusion

Summary of amendments

The below table provides a summary of the amendments and will act as record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised works approval as part of the amendment process.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Cover Page	Date of amendment updated
15(c)	Amended to require the development and submission of a commissioning plan to effectively manage odour emissions during the commissioning of Moora 2
17	Addition of new condition requiring works approval holder to ensure odours emitted during commencement and time limited operations does not unreasonably interfere with a person not on premises