



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6205/2018/1
Works Approval Holder	Abra Mining Pty Limited
ACN	110 233 577
File Number	DER2018/001572
Premises	Abra Base Metals Project MEEKATHARRA WA 6642 Legal description – Part of mining tenements L52/194, M52/776, G52/292 and L52/210 As defined by the premises maps in Schedule 1
Date of Report	27 April 2023
Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to works approval W6205/2018/1. The amendments are administrative in nature therefore they do not alter the risk profile of the Premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

This Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (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.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the works approval, 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>.

2.2 Application summary

Works approval W6205/2018/1 is held by Abra Mining Limited (works approval holder) for the Abra Base Metals Project (the premises), part of mining tenements G52/292 and L52/210, Meekatharra, WA.

The Premises relates to the category 5 processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations), which are defined in the existing works approval W6205/2018/1.

On 28 November 2022, the works approval holder submitted an application to the department to amend works approval W6205/2018/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The following amendment are being sought:

- extend the works approval expiry date to 30 June 2026 to provide addition time to complete the works; and
- update the prescribed premises boundary to include mining tenements L52/194 and the remaining part of M52/776.

A request for a full assessment of Category 6 (mine dewatering to allow the mining of ore) was also requested. The Applicant was advised that this could not proceed in the current amendment as a new category would require a new works approval and adequate assessment time. Outstanding works approval compliance items and a set timeframe to process the expiry date also prevented this. A new standalone works approval is to be submitted.

3. Consultation

The works approval holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 20 April 2023. The works approval holder responded on 21 April 2023 and waived the comment period.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended works approval will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 below provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised works approval as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Cover page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="523 506 1091 539">• Extended the expiry date to 30/06/2026.<li data-bbox="523 557 1366 624">• Updated the prescribed premises boundary to include mining tenements L52/194 and the remaining part of M52/776.