



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6323/2019/1
Works Approval Holder	Billabong Gold Pty Ltd
ACN	613 900 922
File Number	DER2021/000142
Premises	Plutonic Gold Mine MEEKATHARRA WA 6642 Legal description – Part of mining tenements: M52/148, M52/170 As defined by the premises maps attached to the revised Works Approval
Date of Report	3 March 2023
Decision	Revised works approval granted

A/SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER, INDUSTRY REGULATION

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

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6323. 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 Amendment summary

Works Approval W6323/2019/1 is held by Billabong Gold Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the Plutonic Gold Mine (the premises), part of mining tenements mining tenements M52/148 and M52/170.

The premises relates to the category and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which is defined in existing Works Approval W6323/2019/1.

On 22 December 2022, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6323/2019/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending works approval expiry date to allow more time for the completion of construction works.

3. Consultation

Table 1 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 1 Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Local Government Authority – Shire of Meekatharra advised of amendment (16/02/2023)	None	N/A
Gingirana – Marputu Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC advised of amendment (16/02/2023)	Response received 01/03/2022. Advised that Marputu AC had not been consulted by Billabong Gold in relation to the application and that due to timing is not able to provide comments.	DWER contacted Marputu AC on 2 March 2023 and discussed options should they identify any concerns regarding the approval.

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) advised of amendment and requested comment regarding aboriginal stakeholders and applicant meeting obligations under <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> (16/02/2023)	None	N/A
Works Approval Holder was provided with draft amendment on 22/12/2023	Received response 23/02/2023 to waive the review period	N/A

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 2 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 2: Summary of works approval amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Duration	Extended to 5 March 2026