

Amendment Report

Application for Works Approval Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval

Number

W6435/2020/2

Works Approval

Holder

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Registered Office

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File Number DER2020/000368

Premises Havieron Project

On M45/1287

(As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 1 of the works approval)

Date of Report 23/07/2021

Decision Revised works approval granted

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MANAGER WASTE INDUSTRIES

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 W6435/2020/1. 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 Amendment summary

The Works Approval W6435/2020/1 was issued on 17 November 2020 for the Havieron Project, at Mining Tenement M45/1287, East Pilbara WA (Great Sandy Desert) (the Premises). The Premises relates to Category 85 and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations* 1987 (EP Regulations) is defined in existing Works Approval W6435/2020/1.

On 21 May 2021, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6435/2020/1 under section 59B of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) to extend the period of time for Environmental Commissioning.

The works were originally planned to accommodate 300 people, with an allowance of 250L per person per day. However, due to low camp numbers (around 100 people) the plant has not been able to be properly mobilised during the environmental commissioning period to date. An extension is requested to allow more time to get the system functioning correctly with the current camp occupancy.

This amendment is limited only to following:

- extending the period permitted for environmental commissioning from 90 to 180 days;
 and
- typographical errors;

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Works Approval and Amendment Report on 15 July 2021. On 19 July 2021 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment, the Delegated Officer has determined that an extension of duration of commissioning is required, will not alter the risk profile of the plant and that a further detailed risk assessment is not required. Works Approval W6435/2020/2 will be amended, subject to original conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

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