



## Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

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<b>Works Approval Number</b>	W6449/2020/1
<b>Works Approval Holder</b>	GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	165 235 030
<b>File Number</b>	DER2020/000457~4
<b>Premises</b>	Granny Smith Gold Mine Part of Mining Tenements M38/205 and M38/532 LAVERTON WA 6440
<b>Date of Report</b>	17 May 2024
<b>Decision</b>	Revised works approval granted

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## 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to works approval W6449/2020/1 (the existing works approval). 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 W6449/2020/1 is held by GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd (works approval holder) for the Granny Smith Gold Mine (the premises), located on several mining tenements<sup>1</sup> in the Shire of Laverton.

The premises relates to the category and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing works approval W6449/2020/1.

On 7 May 2024, the works approval holder submitted an application to the department to amend works approval W6449/2020/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

Time limited operations (TLO) of 180 days are approved under works approval W6449/2020/1. TLO commenced upon approval of the Critical Containment Infrastructure Report (CCIR) for TSF Cell 4 by the department on 21 November 2023. Under the existing works approval, TLO expires 19 May 2024.

The intent of this application is to extend the authorised TLO period while a licence amendment to include TSF Cell 4 into licence L8435/2010/3 is being assessed by the department. The works approval holder notes that all documentation and payment have been made for the licence amendment, with the application submitted 28 February 2024.

It is proposed that the TLO period be extended by an additional 180 days to 15 November 2024, to allow continued operation of the TSF Cell 4 facility while the licence amendment assessment is underway. Once the assessment process is complete, the TLO report required under Condition 16 and 17 of the works approval will be submitted.

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<sup>1</sup> M38/18, M38/161, M38/162, M38/167, M38/191, M38/205, M38/287, M38/361, M38/380, M38/389, M38/397, M38/440, M38/525, M38/532, M38/690, M38/691, M38/692, M38/725, M38/1280, L38/80, L38/106 and L38/144.

### 3. Consultation

The works approval holder was provided with the draft amendment report and draft amended licence on 15 May 2024. The works approval holder replied on the same day with no comments on the draft documents and waived the remainder of the comment period.

### 4. Conclusion

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.

The proposed amendment will increase the overall TLO period in the works approval from 180 days to 360 days. Given TLO has commenced, the department notes the extended TLO period will not exceed the duration of the works approval (expiry on 15 April 2026).

#### 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
Licence history	The administrative amendment will be added to the works approval.
Condition 12	TLO duration changed from '180 days' to '360 days', therefore adding 180 calendar days to time limited operations.