



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6543/2021/1
Works Approval Holder	Paulsens East Iron Ore Pty Ltd
ACN	643 291 230
File Number	DER2021/000107
Premises	Paulsens East Iron Ore Project Nanutarra-Munjina Road NANUTARRA WA 6751 Legal Description - Mining Tenements M47/1583 and L47/938 As defined by the Premises map attached to the Revised Works Approval
Date of Report	02 August 2024 (FINAL)
Proposed Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6543/2021/1. 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 W6543/2021/1 is held by Paulsens East Iron Ore Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the Paulsens East Iron Ore Project (the Premises), located within Mining Tenements M47/1583 and L47/938, Nanutarra, Western Australia.

The Premises relates to the categories and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Works Approval W6543/2021/1.

On 5 July 2025, the Works Approval Holder applied to the department to amend Works Approval W6543/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited to the extension of the expiry date from 6 August 2024 to 31 March 2025 (extra ~7 months).

The Works Approval Holder advised that due to the deterioration of the Iron Ore market, the project was placed into care and maintenance and construction works were deferred. The project was also sold to Miracle Iron in March 2024 and restarted on the 5 June 2024.

3. Decision

Section 63 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) prescribes that a works approval shall be in force for such period as specified in the works approval. W6543/2021/1 is due to expire on 6 August 2024.

Considering the circumstances outlined by the Works Approval Holder and noting the duration extension does not impact on the previous risk assessment outcomes, the Delegated Officer has granted a 12 month extension to the works approval duration. This will ensure that the Works Approval Holder has sufficient time to complete the works and allows for any additional minor delays to the project.

The Delegated Officer has therefore amended W6543/2021/1 in accordance with section 59(1) of the EP Act by extending the expiry from 6 August 2024 to 6 August 2025. The Delegated Officer has also determined to include minor administrative changes as part of the works approval transfer. These are limited only to correcting clerical mistakes and updating the Premises map.

At the completion of works, the Works Approval Holder is required to submit works approval compliance documentation and may apply for a licence for ongoing operations.

3.1 Clearing Permit CPS 9209/2

The Works Approval Holder has noted in the application that the proposed clearing of native vegetation will be conducted progressively over the project until approximately July 2026. Clearing Permit CPS 9209/2 is valid until 6 August 2024. Please liaise with the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) to discuss this matter to ensure that clearing permit is valid beyond the current duration period.

4. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 24 July 2024. On the 25 July 2024 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period for the proposed amendment.

5. 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.

5.1 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: Registered business address	Updated the registered business address as noted on the application form.
Cover Page: Duration	Extended from 06/08/2024 to 06/08/2025.
Cover Page: Premises details	Provided additional details on the Premises location.
Works Approval History	Added the following amendment: Amendment is for the extension of the expiry date from 6 August 2024 to 6 August 2025 to allow for sufficient time for the construction works for the project. The numbering convention for the works approval remains as W6543/2021/1 as it not a new version.
Condition 1 (Table 1): Infrastructure and equipment	Updated the wording to clarify that the reporting requirements relate to condition 2 in the works approval.
Condition 6:	Updated condition 6 to reflect the changes in the schedules and

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Monitoring during environmental commissioning	table numbers of the works approval.
Condition 13: Monitoring during time limited operations	Updated condition 13 to reflect the changes in the schedule and table numbers of the works approval.
Schedule 1: Premises map	Updated Figure 1 to clearly identify the Prescribed Premises boundary.
Schedule 2: Premises boundary	Inclusion of the Prescribed Premises boundary coordinates on the works approval.
Schedule 3: Monitoring	Schedule 2 has now become schedule 3 due to the inclusion of the Prescribed Premises boundary coordinates.