

Application for Works Approval Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval Number W6551/2021/1

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Works Approval Holder Gold Valley Wiluna West Pty Ltd

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Premises Wiluna West Project

Sandstone-Wiluna Road, Wiluna

Part of mining tenement M53/1087

As depicted in the Premises map in Schedule 1; and

As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 2

Date of report 13 August 2025

Decision Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to works approval W6551/2021/1. 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 W6551/2021/1 is held by Gold Valley Wiluna West Pty Ltd (works approval holder) for the Wiluna West Project (the Premises), located on part of mining tenement M53/1087.

The Premises relates to the category and the assessed design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing works approval W6551/2021/1.

On 16 July 2025, the works approval holder applied to the department to amend works approval W6551/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending the works approval expiry date by 2 years to 16 August 2027. This is due to the works approval holder experiencing a delay in construction activities (now commenced in Q2 of 2025) following approval of works approval W6551/2021/1 in 2021. This extension will allow sufficient time for the applicant to complete commissioning activities and time-limited operations (TLO).

During this amendment, the department has also taken the opportunity to review the Works Approval W6551/2021/1 for formatting updates, typographical errors, publishing errors and consistency with other approvals.

2.2.1 Location of stage 2 mobile plant

During the assessment of this amendment, it was determined that the constructed location of the processing facility and ore stockpiles is inconsistent with the location conditioned within the works approval (construction compliance documentation has yet to be submitted). The Works approval holder has stated that the plant is about 300m to the north of the location in the original works approval application as an Aboriginal Heritage site was identified immediately west of the area after the works approval was granted. Factoring in the predominant easterly winds at the Project, the decision was made to shift the plant immediately north and make use of the approved waste rock dump area for the run of mine (ROM) pad.

The Department notes that the location of the processing infrastructure is inconsistent with the location specified in Condition 1, Table 1 of Works Approval W6551/2021/1. This inconsistency would result in non-compliance with the conditions of the work's approval.

To address this, it is recommended that an amendment application be submitted to update the location prior to the completion of construction and submission of compliance documentation. Failure to do so may constitute a breach of Condition 1, Table 1. The Department has not assessed the proposed change in location at this time, as there is insufficient time to do so before the works' approval expires.

2.2.2 Other approvals – Consistency with Mining Proposals

The department has also reviewed works approval W6551/2021/1 for consistency with current mining proposal MP Reg ID 121340, approved since 2021 and relevant to stage 2. The department found an inconsistency with the approved location of the mobile crushing and screening plant (C. Lindbeck and Associates, 2023; DWER 2021a; DWER, 2021b).

The works approval holder informed the department that the constructed location of the mobile crusher is not aligned with any current approved mining proposals and intends to resolve this issue with the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE).

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 8 August 2025. On 13 August 2025 the Works Approval Holder 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.

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	"As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 1" corrected to refer to "Schedule 2".
Duration	Extended by two years to 16/08/2027.
Schedule 1: Maps	Correction of cross-referencing error.

References

- Clark Lindbeck & Associates Pty Ltd 2015, GWR Group Limited Wiluna West Iron Ore Project Bowerbird, C3 & C4 Deposits Revised Mining Proposal, Reg ID 55179, Bullcreek, Western Australia
- 2. Clark Lindbeck & Associates Pty Ltd 2023, Wiluna West Project C4 Plant Mining Proposal M53/1087, Reg ID 121340, Perth, Western Australia
- 3. Gold Valley Wiluna West Pty Ltd 2025, Application Form, West Perth, Western Australia
- 4. DWER 2021a, Decision report W6551/2021/1, West Perth, Western Australia
- 5. DWER 2021b, Works Approval W6551/2021/1, West Perth, Western Australia
- 6. Email titled "APP-0029944 W6551/2021/1 Wiluna West Project Clarification of Stage 2 mobile plant location" dated 05/06/2025, authored by Belinda Clark, available at DWER records (APP-0029944).