

Amendment Report

Application for Works Approval Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval Number W6620/2021/1

Works Approval Holder Renergi Pty Ltd

ACN 160 694 388

DWER file number DER2021/000557

Premises Collie Pyrolysis Plant

Gibbs Road

Collie WA 6225

Date of report 5 October 2023

Status of report Final

1. Decision summary

The delegated officer has determined to make amendments to works approval W6620/2021/1. 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 report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The assessment 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.

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 DWER Regulatory documents | Western Australian Government (www.wa.gov.au).

2. Application summary

Works approval W6620/2021/1 is held by Renergi Pty Ltd (Renergi, works approval holder) for the Collie Pyrolysis Plant (the premises), located at Part of Lot 500 on Plan 76826, within the Gibbs Road Putrescible Landfill Site.

On 10 September 2023, the works approval holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6620/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The application is to amend the expiry date from 20 March 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The works approval holder cited the requirement for the requested extension is due to COVID-19 related delays and technical issues that emerged during the commissioning period. The environmental commissioning phase commenced in February 2023 following Renergi's submission of the environmental compliance report and is ongoing with no time restriction.

The extension is required to ensure there is sufficient time for the commissioning of all infrastructure, enabling Renergi to proceed to the time limited operations phase pending the submission of compliance reports. During time limited operations Renergi will then be able to apply for an operational licence for ongoing operations of the plant.

3. Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received
Local Government Authority advised of proposal 22/09/2023	The Shire advised it has no objection to the extension.
Works Approval Holder was provided with draft amendment on 4 October 2023	The Works Approval Holder waived the comment period with no changes.

4. Decision

Section 63 of the EP Act prescribes that a works approval shall continue in force for such period as is specified in the works approval. Works approval W6620/2021/1 is due to expire on 20 March 2024.

The delegated officer has determined that extending the works approval expiry date to 30 June 2025 is appropriate on the basis that it will facilitate the commissioning of all infrastructure while providing sufficient time for time limited operations and subsequent assessment of the expected licence application for the premises.

In determining to extend the duration of the works approval, the following matters were

considered:

- an extension to the works approval duration will not change the current risk profile of the premises, or change the risks posed by ongoing emissions from the premises;
- the risks posed by emissions and discharges from the premises were assessed for the grant of W6620/2021/1 and operational controls were applied in the works approval based on this assessment:
- the premises will continue to be subject to the conditions of the works approval;
- the works approval authorises time limited operation of the premises for 180 days or until a licence for the premises is granted, subject to the submission of an environmental commissioning report;
- an environmental compliance report has been submitted for the premises;
- in the event that risk issues arise in relation to the premises, the CEO may
 - (a) amend the works approval conditions at any point, and
 - (b) in the event of an alleged offence, exercise enforcement powers under the provisions of the EP Act.

The delegated officer has therefore amended W6620/2021/1 in accordance with section 59(1) of the EP Act by extending the expiry date from 20 March 2024 to 30 June 2025.