



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6706/2022/1
Works Approval Holder	BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd
ACN	004 184 598
File Number	DER2022/000311
Premises	Mt Keith Operations WILUNA WA 6649 Legal description - Part mining tenements M53/165 and M53/56
Date of Report	31 January 2025
Decision	Revised works approval granted

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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 W6706/2022/1. 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

Works Approval W6706/2022/1 is held by BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for Mt Keith Operations (the Premises), located within Mining Tenements M53/165 and M53/56, Shire of Wiluna.

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 W6706/2022/1.

On 7 November 2024, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6706/2022/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending works approval expiry date.

Works Approval W6706/2022/1 is for the construction and commissioning of concord cell circuit, flash flotation circuit associated with Category 5 activities. The Works Approval Holder has suspended all mining and processing activities related to Works Approval W6706/2022/1 from October 2024.

The Works Approval Holder intends to review the decision to temporarily suspend operations by February 2027. They therefore seek a 3-year extension to Works Approval W6706/2022/1 to support a potential transition out of temporary suspension.

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 21 January 2025. On 23 January 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, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

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	Changed licence expiry date to 15 November 2029

References

1. *Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions, Perth, Western Australia.*
2. *Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, Guideline: Environmental Siting, Perth, Western Australia.*
3. *DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia.*
4. *BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd, Application Form - Works Approval Amendment, Mt Keith Operations, Perth WA 6000.*