



## Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

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<b>Works Approval Number</b>	W6767/2022/1
<b>Works Approval Holder</b>	Hamersley HMS Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	115 004 129
<b>File Number</b>	APP-0032099
<b>Premises</b>	Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Mine – BOO Crushing and Screening Plant  Legal description –  Part of ML282SA  NEWMAN WA 6753  As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 2 and the premises map in Schedule 1.
<b>Date of Report</b>	<b>16 December 2025 (FINAL)</b>
<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 W6767/2022/1. 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 Overview of premises

Hamersley HMS Pty Ltd holds licence L8688/2012/1 and works approval W6767/2022/1 for the Hope Downs 4 (HD4) iron ore mine located within tenement AM70/282, within the Shire of East Pilbara.

Works approval W6767/2022/1 was granted on 16 May 2023 and amended on 18 October 2024 in relation to the construction, commissioning and time limited operation of a new crushing and screening plant and product handling facility for low grade ore production. The assessed production capacity of the plant is 6 million tonnes per annum. It is estimated the facility will be required for approximately 3 ½ years. There is no wet processing of ore at the plant, only dry crushing and screening of ore material. The works approval prescribed premises category is *category 5: processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore*.

### 2.3 Application summary

On 29 October 2025, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6767/2022/1 under section 59B of the EP Act. The scope of the application is to:

- Amend condition 9 of the works approval, i.e. to extend the time limited operations timeframe by an additional 180 calendar days to 15 June 2026. The extension is to allow continued operations while transitioning to an associated licence.

No additional changes are proposed.

## 3. Assessment

### 3.1 Works approval compliance

#### 3.1.1 Environmental compliance reports

Works Approval W6767/2022/1 requires the submission of environmental compliance reports (ECRs) for the crushing and screening plant following completion of construction works. The Works Approval Holder has submitted the required ECRs (EO ref: APP-28079 and APP29487). The Department has reviewed the ECRs and has confirmed compliance with

construction/installation requirements for the plant.

### 3.1.2 Environmental commissioning report

Works Approval W6767/2022/1 requires the submission of an environmental commissioning report (ECoR) for the crushing and screening plant following completion of the plant commissioning. The Works Approval Holder has submitted the required ECoR (APP29572). The Department has reviewed the ECoR and has confirmed compliance with the environmental commissioning requirements for the plant.

## 3.2 Reported incidents

On 9 May 2025, the Department received a waste discharge notification from the Works Approval Holder under Section 72 of the EP Act. The report notified the Department that on 3 May 2025 approximately 300kL of “process water” from the premises processing plants was discharged, a proportion of which flowed approximately 700m off premises. The report noted that the discharge had ceased upon the time of reporting.

As of 3 December 2025 the reported incident is deemed low priority and under investigation. The outcomes of the Department’s investigation will be considered in the course of assessing the future licence application for the new crushing and screening plant, or as otherwise required.

## 3.3 Works approval amendment

The Delegated Officer endorses the proposed extension to the time limited operations timeframe of 180 calendar days on the following grounds:

- The Works Approval Holder has demonstrated compliance with the new crushing and screening plant construction/installation and commissioning requirements;
- In granting Works Approval W6767/2022/1, the Department assessed the potential emission risks associated with the plant operation and determined the risk ratings are acceptable, subject to conditions;
- Works Approval W6767/2022/1 contains a series of conditions to manage emission risks during the time limited operations;
- Further risk assessment of emissions during time limited operations and from longer term operation of the plant will be undertaken through the licence application process.

## 3.4 Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 8 December 2025.

On 11 December 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**

<b>Condition no.</b>	<b>Proposed amendments</b>
Time limited operations conditions - Condition 9 (a)	Time limited operations period amended from 180 calendar days to 360 calendar days.