



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6880/2024/1
Works Approval Holder	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd
ACN	090 642 809
File Number	APP-0032081
Premises	Cue Gold Operations – Tuckabianna Project Legal description – Mining tenements - M20/55, M20/108, M20/111, M20/176, M20/183, M20/195, M20/208, and M20/247 LAKE AUSTIN WA 6640 As defined by the premises map in Schedule 1
Date of Report	06/01/2026 (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 W6880/2024/1. 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

Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd holds licence L8644/2012/1 and works approval W6880/2024/1 for the Tuckabianna Project located within tenements M20/55, M20/108, M20/111, M20/176, M20/183, M20/195, M20/208, and M20/247, within the Shire of Cue.

Works approval W6880/2024/1, for prescribed premises category 5, was granted on 10 May 2024 for to the construction, commissioning and time limited operation of the Tuckabianna West In-pit Tailings Storage Facility (TWTSF) and Tailings Storage Facility 3 (TSF3). The total operational timeframe of TWTSF and TSF3 is 6 years and 5.3 years respectively.

2.3 Amendment summary

On 29 October 2025, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend works approval W6880/2024/1 under section 59B of EP Act.

The scope of the application is to amend condition 20 to extend the time limited operations (TLO) timeframe by a further 180 calendar days for **TWTSF** i.e. from 180 calendar days to 360 calendar days. The Works Approval Holder originally proposed a 90 day extension, which was subsequently updated to a 180 day extension following advice from the Department.

The Works Approval Holder has advised that TLO for the TWTSF commenced on 15 July 2025 and is initially due to expire on 11 January 2026. With the extension, the TLO expiry date for the TWTSF will be 10 July 2026. The extension is to allow continued operation of the TWTSF while a licence application is assessed.

No additional changes are proposed.

2.3.1 Environmental Compliance Report

Works approval W6880/2024/1 requires the submission of an environmental compliance report for the construction of TWTSF and an associated groundwater monitoring bore construction report. The Department has reviewed the reports and has confirmed compliance with the TWTSF construction/installation requirements (Department reference number APP-0027505).

2.3.2 Environmental Commissioning Report

Works Approval W6880/2024/1 requires the submission of an environmental commissioning report for the TWTSF following completion of commissioning works. The Works Approval Holder submitted the required Environmental Commissioning Report on 15 July 2025. The Department has reviewed the report and determined compliance (Department reference number APP-0029791).

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report and draft Works Approval on 19 December 2025. Comments received from the Works Approval Holder on 23 December 2025 have been considered by the Delegated Officer as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Consultation

Consultation method	Summary of comments received	Department response
Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft amended works approval and amendment report on 19 December 2025	Works Approval Holder confirmed review of the draft works approval and agreed that the TLO timeframe for the TWTSF be extended by 180 days as advised by the Delegated Officer, to ensure there is adequate time to assess the corresponding licence application. Works Approval Holder requested issue of the amended works approval with no further issues raised.	Noted. Condition 20 amended as detailed in section 4.1 of this report.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended works approval will be granted. Details of the amendments are listed below.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 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 2: Summary of works approval amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 20	Condition 20 has been amended so that 180 calendar days is retained for TSF3, while allowing the TLO period for TWTSF to be updated from 180 calendar days to 360 calendar days. The Department notes that TSF3 is outside of the scope of this amendment application . Once TSF3 is constructed and the associated construction compliance and commissioning reports have been submitted, a licence amendment application will need to be submitted to the Department to support the transition from TLO under the works approval to operation under the licence.