



Department initiated Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6949/2024/1
Works Approval Holder	Dampier (Plutonic) Pty Ltd
ACN	131 670 963
File Number	INS-0002935 / APP-0030530
Premises	Marymia Gold Project – K2 Project Mining Tenements M52/183 and M52/233 MEEKATHARRA WA 6642 As defined by the Premises maps attached to the Revised Works Approval
Date of Report	01 October 2025 (FINAL)
Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6949/2024/1. 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 Amendment summary

Works Approval W6949/2024/1 is held by Dampier (Plutonic) Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the Marymia Gold Project – K2 Project (the Premises), located at Mining Tenements M52/183 and M52/233 Meekatharra, Western Australia.

The Premises relates to the category/categories and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Works Approval W6949/2024/1.

On 18 September 2025, the department initiated an amendment to Works Approval W6949/2024/1. This amendment is limited to implementing the Minister for Environment's Appeal Determination, Appeal Number 059 of 2024 (dated 11 August 2025) (DWER 2025a; 2025b).

Appeal Summary:

The works approval authorises construction of mine dewatering-related infrastructure and time limited operations to dewater the K2 Pit and underground to allow mining of ore. It is estimated that the K2 Pit and underground contain 317,729 kilolitres of water. Water will be transferred to the K1 Pit via a single high density polyethylene pipeline. Initially, pumping will occur at a rate of 30 litres per second (L/s) and once the workings are emptied after approximately four months, ongoing dewatering rates will be approximately 10 – 20 L/s.

Under section 102(3)(b) of the EP Act, third parties (the Marputu Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate) aggrieved by the conditions of the works approval lodged an appeal to the Minister for the Environment. The grounds for the appeal are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Ground for appeal

Ground	Main concerns the appellant submitted
1. Inconsistent use of 'drain' terminology throughout the works approval	The appellant submits that conditions 6 and 14 are unclear whether an 'earthen bunded pipeline corridor' or a 'v-notch drain' will be required.
2. Inadequate conditions for fauna monitoring and pre-clearance surveys	The appellant submits it should be mandatory for the works approval holder to undertake fauna monitoring during the installation of the pipeline and establishment of the v-notch drain. The appellant submits that disturbance activities should be limited to activities in the mulga and spinifex on sand vegetation and substrate associations in parts of K2 and Cinnamon.
3. Inadequate conditions for water monitoring (sampling frequency)	The appellant submits that the frequency of water quality monitoring in Tables 9 and 10 of the works approval should match (i.e. all should be monthly instead of a combination of monthly and quarterly).
4. Inadequate conditions for water monitoring (NATA-accredited laboratory analysis)	The appellant submits that a NATA-accredited laboratory should verify field results for pH and EC (the works approval only requires in-field sampling for these two parameters).

Source: *Appeals Convenor's Report to the Minister for the Environment – July 2025, Appeal against works approval W6949/2024/1, Marymia Gold Project*

Findings against appeal grounds:

The Minister's Appeal Determination was submitted to the department and is summarised below:

1. The Minister understands that the department has addressed the misdescriptions via a department initiated amendment issued on [26 March 2025](#). Given this ground of appeal has been addressed through a department-initiated amendment, the Minister agrees with the Appeal's Convenor's position that the ground of appeal is upheld and has been actioned.
2. Native vegetation clearing was not assessed because clearing was not part of the scope of the works approval application. Furthermore, impacts to mulgara were not considered high risk because all burrows in the area were recorded as inactive and the works approval holder also intended to install its dewatering pipeline in previously disturbed areas.
3. Water monitoring conditions are adequate. The Minister is advised that the ground water monitoring conditions to this extent are consistent with relevant State and national guidance as well as other works approval conditions granted for works approvals. The Minister is advised that the department notes the works approval does not require accurate and auditable calibration of sampling instruments, as is typically the case with its works approvals. The Minister is aware that State and national water monitoring guidance strongly recommends regular calibration.
4. The Minister agrees with the Appeals Convenor's recommendation to strengthen the conditions for calibration. The Minister has formed the view that the proposed amendments as recommended by the Appeal's Convenor, should be sufficient to manage groundwater dewatering.

Decision of Appeal:

On 11 August 2025 the Minister made a decision on the Appeal. The Minister has determined that while the assessment and decision to grant the works approval was justified, the Minister agrees that water monitoring conditions should be strengthened.

The Minister advised the department that the following works approval conditions should be changed to achieve the following:

- Either condition 18 or condition 26 (requirement to maintain accurate and auditable books) of the works approval be amended so that calibration records are maintained.
- Condition 24 be amended to require the works approval holder to present the calibration records in the Time Limited Operations Report.

The precise text for the amended conditions is to be determined by DWER when giving effect to the Minister's appeal determination.

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 22 September 2025. On 28 September 2025, the Works Approval Holder waived the remaining 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 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
Cover page	Date of amendment
Works Approval history	Summary of changes for this amendment.
Condition 18	Has been amended to ensure monitoring equipment used on the premises is calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 5667.
Condition 19	Has been included in the works approval to ensure that where requirements for calibration cannot be reasonably met, or a discrepancy exists in the interpretation of the requirements, that these issues are brought to the attention of the CEO accompanied by a report comprising details of any modifications to the methods.
Condition 25 (Previously condition	Has been amended to include the requirement of calibration records to be submitted in the Time Limited Operations Report, obtained during time limited operations under condition 18.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
24)	
Condition 27	Maintain accurate and auditable books with respect to Condition 18; calibration records.

References

1. *Appeals Convenor's Report to the Minister for the Environment – July 2025, Appeal against works approval W6949/2024/1, Marymia Gold Project*
2. *Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions, Perth, Western Australia.*
3. *Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, Guideline: Environmental Siting, Perth, Western Australia.*
4. *DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia*
5. *Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. (2025a). Amendment Report. Department-initiated Amendment – W6949/2024/1 Marymia Gold Project – K2 Project, Meekatharra, Date of Report 26 March 2026*
6. *Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (2025b). Amended Works Approval W6949/2024/1 Marymia Gold Project – K2 Project, Meekatharra. Granted 22 November 2024*
7. *Minister for the Environment; community Services; Homlessness, Minister's Appeal Determination, 11 August 2025*