



## Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

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<b>Works Approval Number</b>	W6971/2024/1
<b>Works Approval Holder</b>	Big Bell Gold operations Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	090 642 809
<b>File Number</b>	APP-0035516 INS-0002819
<b>Premises</b>	Meekatharra Gold Operations Bluebird Gold Mine, MEEKATHARRA WA 6642  Legal description – as defined in the issued works approval
<b>Date of Report</b>	28/05/2026 <b>(FINAL)</b>
<b>Proposed Decision</b>	Revised works approval granted

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## 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6971/2024/1. 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 Application summary

Works Approval W6971/2024/1 is held by Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the Meekatharra Gold Operations (the Premises). 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 W6971/2024/1

On 07 May 2026, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6971/2024/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending the time-limited operation (TLO) duration from 180 days to 360 days.

## 3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 25 May 2026. On 27 May 2026 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period and requested for the works approval to be issued.

## 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 part of the amendment process.

**Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments**

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 14 – TLO duration	Extended TLO duration from 180 days to 360 days.

## References

1. Application form for a licence amendment, 07 May 2026, Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd.
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.