



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L8613/2011/3	Licence file number:	2011/010796
Licence holder name:	Ausvision Rural Services		
Trading as:	Hillside Meat Processors		
ACN:	93106075763		
Registered business address:	Business U2 / 1050 Hay St, West Perth WA 6005 Premises Hillside Meat Processors Boxsell Road Narrogin WA 6312		
Reporting period:	01 / 01 / 2022 to 31 / 12 / 2022		

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions
Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period? (please tick the appropriate box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D (if required); and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D (if required);• section E; and• sign the declaration in Section F.

Section C – Statement of actual production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed premises category	Actual production quantity
Category 15	13,631 T (Liveweight)

Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity	
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed premises category	Actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity

Section E (1/2) – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Legacy non-compliance
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>In August 2022, Hillside Meat Processors (HMP) submitted an application to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to renew expiring Licence L8613/2011/2. Upon review of our application, DWER identified the salting of skins operation – a legacy activity carried out on site consisting of salting of skins, packing and temporary storage before dispatch – as Fellmongering (i.e Category 83 under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987).</p> <p>During the renewal process HMP discussed with DWER the possibility of including Category 83 in the renewed licence. However, due to a limited timeframe before L8613/2011/2 expiry, DWER decided to proceed with a licence renewal (L8613/2011/3 issued on 23/09/2022) which did not include Category 83, but advised us to submit a licence amendment to include Fellmongering in the new licence.</p> <p>On October 4th 2022, a licence amendment application to include Category 83 was submitted. The application has been under review since. It is noted that we did not halt the salting of skins operation during the process, hence the non-compliance. Please note that halting the operation would have resulted in significant odour emissions.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p> <p>Up until October 2022, discharge from the salting operation (200L of liquid waste per day) was directed to the WWTP. It is emphasised that the volume of liquid waste from the salting operation was negligible compared to the wastewater volume coming from the abattoir (~1/1000th). No significant change was detected in the water quality of the pond system and as such, no environmental impact is expected from this past management.</p> <p>From November 2022, liquid waste from the salting operation has discharged into 1000 L IBCs prior to disposal off-site to a licensed waste facility via control waste carrier. Such a management would not result in any environmental impact.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			

Section E (1/2) – Details of non-compliance with licence condition	
Up until the submission of the licence renewal application, we were not aware of being non-compliant. The salting of skins has been a legacy activity which has never raised issues up until recently. In fact, in 2015 DWER (then DER) conducted an Inspection of the facility. The salting of skins activity was not reported as unauthorised under the Licence then.	
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:	
As mentioned previously, on 4 October 2022, a licence amendment to include the Fellmongering activity was submitted to DWER.	
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally	Date: / /
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing	Date: 04 / 10 / 2022 (Licence amendment)

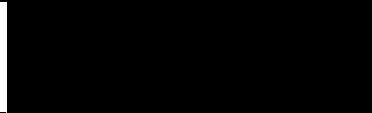

Section E (2/2) – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Legacy non-compliance
Details of non-compliance:			
Upon review of our licence renewal application, DWER determined that the outdoor holding pens, with runoff not discharging into the WWTP, are excluded from the Licence. Similar to the salting of skins, the temporary keeping of animals in the outdoor pens have been a legacy activity, which we were not aware of being unauthorised under the Licence.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Impact to sensitive receivers is expected to be minimal to none.			
It is noted that 10 out of the 14 outdoors pens have their runoff directed to the WWTP (authorised under the licence), while the remaining 4 have their runoff directed by gravity to the woodland located immediately west of these pens. It is emphasised however, that these outdoor pens were occasionally used and that the underlying soil consists of clay with groundwater being at least 40 m deep. Under these conditions, leaching to the sensitive resource is highly unlikely.			
It is also noted that the runoff management of the outdoor pens have been further improved since October 2022. This is explicitly discussed in the licence amendment application submitted on October 4th.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			

Section E (2/2) – Details of non-compliance with licence condition	
Similarly, up until the submission of the Licence renewal application, we were not aware of being non-compliant. The temporary keeping of animals in the outdoor pens has been a legacy activity which never raised any issues up until recently.	
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:	
On 4 October 2022, a licence amendment to include the activity was submitted to DWER. The amendment application presents an improved runoff management.	
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally	Date: / /
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing	Date: 04 / 10 / 2022

Section F – Declaration

I / We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’s (DWER) website.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	Managing Director	Position:	
Date:	01/02/2023	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.