

# **Annual Environmental Report**

## **Licence L8667/2012/1**

**Windarling Range Mine Operations**

**Reporting Period: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

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## 1. Introduction

This Annual Environmental Report (AER) has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Operating Licence L8667/2012/1, issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), to Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd for the Windarling Range Mine Operation.

In accordance with Condition 29 of the licence, this report covers the reporting period from 1 January 2025 until the 31 December 2025 and includes:

- An audit of compliance with all applicable Licence conditions during the reporting period;
- Submission of an Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR), in the approved form; and
- Submission of this Annual Environmental Report addressing the Licence conditions listed in **Error! Reference source not found.**, and providing information specified therein.

*Table 1-1: Summary Licence Conditions*

Licence Condition/Table	Requirement
Table 10	Monitoring of emissions to groundwater
Table 12	Monitoring of emissions to land
Table 13	Monitoring of inputs and outputs
Condition 30	Trend analysis against data from previous reporting periods

## 2. Site Overview

The Windarling Range Mine Operations comprises of eight (8) open pits, associated waste rock dumps (WRDs), run-of-mine pads (ROMs) and supporting infrastructure.

Operating Licence L8667/2012/1 allows for prescribed premises operation as summarised in Table 2-1. No amendments to the Licence were made during the reporting period.

*Table 2-1: Prescribed Premises Summary*

Category 6: Mine dewatering	3,420,000 tonnes per year
Category 12: Screening of materials	500,000 tonnes per year
Category 54: Sewage facility	210 cubic meters per day
Category 64: Class I or II putrescible landfill site	500 tonnes per year

The Project remained in an operational pause during the reporting period, with no mining or production activities undertaken. The dewatering infrastructure, sewage facility and landfill were not utilised during the reporting period. While the Project remained in an operational pause, environmental monitoring activities were undertaken on a limited and intermittent basis during the reporting period.

Exploration is being undertaken under separate approvals to inform future mine planning, no timeframe has been established for the recommencement of mining activities.

### **3. Environmental Incidents**

There were no environmental incidents, and no failures or malfunctions of pollution control equipment, during the reporting period.

### **4. Premise Operation**

No monitoring data was available for trend analysis due to the absence of discharge and limited monitoring undertaken during the reporting period.

#### **4.1. Mine Dewatering**

During the reporting period no dewatering activities were undertaken due to an operational pause. As a result, flow meters and dewatering pipeline were not monitored.

#### **4.2. Freeboard Monitoring**

Despite no dewatering activities occurring during the reporting period, freeboard monitoring of containment infrastructure was undertaken via visual inspections throughout the reporting period to verify compliance with minimum freeboard parameters of:

- Water Storage Dams – 300mm
- W2 and W3 – 4m
- Altair and Claw – 5m

#### **4.3. Discharge to Groundwater**

Due to no dewatering activities being undertaken during the reporting period, no emissions were discharged to groundwater.

#### **4.4. Water Quality**

Ambient water quality monitoring was scheduled to be undertaken on a quarterly basis during the reporting period. Monitoring of pit lake quality was not completed due to restricted access, with bunding in place preventing safe entry to the pit areas.

The site remained under an operational pause during the reporting period, with no dewatering discharge to lakes. In addition, limited or no standing water was observed within some pits. Based on these conditions, the potential for adverse environmental impact was considered low. This is due to the absence of discharge and limited water presence within monitored areas.

No adverse environmental impacts were identified during other monitoring activities undertaken during the reporting period.

To address this non-compliance, site conditions and operational status have been reviewed.

Monitoring will recommence where safe access can be established and / or where operational activities (including dewatering) resume, resulting in the presence of water requiring monitoring.

## **5. Landfill and Sewage Facilities**

### **5.1. Waste Acceptance**

During the reporting period, no waste was disposed of onto the landfill facility. The WWTP was not operational, therefore no sewage or wastewater was accepted processed on the premises.

## **6. Compliance**

### **6.1. Water Quality Monitoring**

Water quality monitoring was not undertaken in full accordance with licence requirements during the reporting period. Monitoring of pit lakes was not completed due to restricted access, with bunding in place preventing safe access to these areas. In addition, limited or no standing water was present within some pits during the reporting period.

The site remained under an operational pause, with no dewatering discharge to pit lake. As a result, the environmental risk associated with not undertaking routine monitoring was considered low.

Site conditions and operational status have been reviewed in the context of monitoring requirements. Monitoring will recommence where safe access can be established and/or where operational activities (including dewatering) resume, resulting in the presence of water requiring monitoring.

### **6.2. Dewatering Pipelines**

Daily inspections of the mine dewatering pipeline were not undertaken during the reporting period in accordance with licence requirements.

The site remained in an operational pause for the full reporting period, and no dewatering activities were undertaken. As a result, the dewatering pipeline was not in use and was not conveying water.

No leaks, failures or environmental impacts associated with the dewatering pipeline were identified. Given the pipeline remained inactive throughout the reporting period, the environmental risk associated with not undertaking daily inspections was considered low.

### **6.3. Annual Audit Compliance Report**

The Annual Audit Compliance Report for L8667/2012/1 is provided in Appendix A. Non-compliances identified during the reporting period are summarised in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this report.

## **7. Licence Condition Review**

The proponent considers that certain monitoring and reporting requirements may not appropriately reflect the level of environmental risk during periods when the project is in an operational pause.

It is requested that the frequency of standing water level monitoring and ambient water quality sampling be reduced during periods of non-operation, noting that the site is inactive, there are no

active disturbances or dewatering activities, and the risk to the surrounding environment is low. Currently, ambient water monitoring is required on a quarterly basis. A reduced monitoring frequency during non-operational periods would better align monitoring effort with environmental risk.

In addition, the proponent considers that the requirement for daily inspection of the mine dewatering pipeline during periods when dewatering is not occurring is not risk-based and does not align with site activities. It is proposed that the relevant licence condition be amended or reworded to require daily pipeline inspection only during periods when mine dewatering is operational, rather than when the pipeline is inactive.

Amending these requirements would ensure monitoring and inspection activities are targeted to periods of actual environmental risk, improve the practical implementation of the monitoring program, and maintain appropriate environmental protection outcomes.

## **8. Complaints**

Yilgarn Iron received no complaints in relation to the Windarling Range Mine Operations during the 2025 reporting period.

# Appendix A – Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR)



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V*

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L8667/2012/1	Licence file number:	2012/002038-2
Licence holder:	Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd		
ACN:	626 035 078		
Registered address:	12 Kings Park Road West Perth WA 6005		
Reporting period:	01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025		

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"><li>• section C;</li><li>• section D if required; and</li><li>• sign the declaration in Section F.</li></ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• section C;</li><li>• section D if required;</li><li>• section E; and</li><li>• sign the declaration at Section F.</li></ul>

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
06 - Mine Dewatering	0.00 tonnes
12 – Screening of Material	0.00 tonnes
54 – Sewage facility premises	0.00 m <sup>3</sup>
64 – Class II or II putrescible landfill site	0.00 tonnes

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
No Part 2 waste discharges	N/A

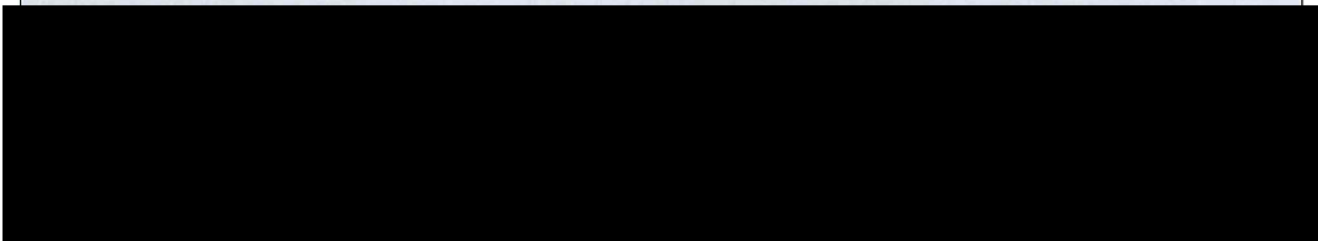
Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	11 (a) Table 5	Date(s) of non-compliance:	1/01/2025 to 31/12/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Daily inspections of the mine dewatering pipeline were not undertaken for the reporting period, resulting in a non-compliance with licence requirements. The non-compliance occurred as the project was in an operational pause for the entirety of the reporting period and no mine dewatering activities were undertaken. The dewatering pipeline was not in use or conveying water, and no leaks, failures, or environmental impacts were identified. Further details are provided in the Annual Environmental Report.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Environmental risk associated with the dewatering pipeline is considered low while the pipeline is inactive.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The non-compliance occurred due to the project being in an operational pause for the entirety of the reporting period, during which no mine dewatering activities were undertaken, and the dewatering pipeline was not in use. As a result, daily inspections required under the licence were not conducted.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
No adverse environmental effects were identified as the dewatering pipeline was not in use during the reporting period and no water was conveyed. Environmental risk associated with the inactive pipeline was therefore low. To prevent recurrence, the monitoring requirements applicable during periods of operational pause have been reviewed and a request for reduced monitoring requirements has been submitted to the regulator within the Annual Environmental Report. Monitoring and inspection regimes will be updated in accordance with the regulator's determination.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER? No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	

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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:	20	Date(s) of non-compliance:	March 2025, June 2025, Sept 2025, Dec 2025				
Details of non-compliance:							
<p>Water quality monitoring of the W2 and W3 pits lakes was not undertaken during the reporting period due to lack of safe access.                  Altair and Claw pits were not monitored as no water was present within these pits at the time of scheduled monitoring events.</p>							
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>							
<p>No environmental impact has been observed or is expected as a result of this non-compliance. The absence of dewatering discharge and lack of water with certain puts significantly reduces the potential for environmental harm.</p>							
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:							
<p>Access to W2 and W3 pit lakes was restricted due to bunding implemented during the operational pause, preventing safe access for monitoring activities.                  The absence of water Altair and Claw pits is a result of ceased dewatering activities.</p>							
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:							
<p>The Windarling operation entered into an operational pause in January 2025, with all dewatering discharge to pit lakes ceasing. As such, there is no ongoing discharge requiring monitoring. Monitoring will recommence once safe access is re-established and/or dewatering activities resume</p>							
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER? No							
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**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 particular<sup>1</sup>. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.



Date:	31/3/26	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.