



Department initiated Amendment

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

Licence Number	L4893/1992/14
Licence Holder	Water Corporation
ABN	28 033 434 917
File Number	2010/006078-1
Premises	Harvey Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve 34796 Davis Rd WOKALUP, WA 6221 Legal description – Lot 270 on Deposited Plan 157787, Lot 271 on Deposited Plan 27968, and Lot 272 on Deposited Plan 5634 As defined by the premises map attached to the revised licence
Date of Report	9 September 2024
Decision	Revised licence granted

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an officer delegated under section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA)

1. Decision summary

The delegated officer has determined to make amendments to licence L4893/1992/14. 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 licence will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

1.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the licence, 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>.

1.2 Amendment summary

Licence L4893/1992/14 is held by Water Corporation (licence holder) for the Harvey Wastewater Treatment Plant (the premises), located at Reserve 34796 Davis Road, Wokalup WA.

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 Licence L4893/1992/14.

The department considers there to be insufficient time to complete a licence renewal prior to the current licence expiry. Therefore, the licence duration will be extended for a short period to ensure the current licence continues to remain in force until a full assessment is able to be completed.

On 11 July 2024, the department initiated an amendment to licence L4893/1992/14. The amendment is limited to extending the licence expiry date, renumbering of conditions, updating the annual and biennial reporting periods, typographical errors, updating/deletions/inclusion of definitions, and updating premises maps.

In extending the licence duration, the revised licence has been granted in a new format. The delegated officer notes that the new format does not accommodate the Treatment Plant Performance section within the preamble, which, has instead been incorporated into condition 4 of the revised licence. The delegated officer notes that the Treatment Plant Performance targets are not consistent with the current regulatory framework and considers that further risk assessment should be conducted at the next opportunity.

2. Consultation

The licence holder was provided with the draft amendment report on 7 August 2024. The licence holder responded on 26 August 2024 with comments as summarised in Appendix 1.

3. 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 licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to 'licensee' replaced with 'licence holder'; • Reference to 'shall' replaced; • Reference to 'Director' replaced with 'CEO'; • Condition numbering updated to reflect new template; and • Minor wording changes to update conditions into current licensing format with no changes to requirements or intentions of conditions.
Cover page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect ACN removed; • Street address added: <i>Reserve 34796 Davis Rd WOKALUP, WA 6221</i> • Category description and assessed design capacity moved to cover page.
Duration	Extended to 23/10/2030
Preamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redundant section deleted; • Category description and assessed design capacity moved to cover page; and • "Treatment Plant Performance" included in condition 4.
Definitions	Definitions updated: 'AS/NZS 5667', 'AS3780', 'premises'
	Definitions removed: 'advise' and 'inform', 'Director', 'licensee'
	Definitions added: 'ACN', 'annual audit compliance report', 'annual period', 'biennially', 'books', 'CEO', 'department; DWER', 'discharge', 'emission', 'EP Act', "EP Regulations", 'licence', 'licence holder', 'prescribed premises', 'waste', ' <i>Western Australian Guidelines Biosolid Management</i> '
Licence History	Added to licence
Interpretation	Added to licence
Condition G1	Updated to condition 14. Reporting requirements updated in accordance with Notice of amendment and schedule of licences with amended reporting conditions (2022). Reporting date has been updated to 1 October every two years. Removed requirements that were not applicable.
Condition G2	Updated to condition 13. Reporting date has been updated to 1 October each year.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition W1	Updated to condition 1, Table 1, Row 1 (a)-(d) and (f)
Condition W2	Updated to condition 1, Table 1, Row 2
Condition W3	Updated to condition 6. Updated to included non-NATA accredited sampling permitted for pH
Condition W4(a)	Incorporated into condition 6, Table 5
Condition W4(b)	Updated to condition 7. Revised to current wording.
Condition W5	Updated to condition 8. Amended reporting requirement to biennial.
Condition W6(a)	Updated to condition 1, Table 1, Row 3
Condition W6(b)	Updated to condition 1, Table 1, Row 4
Condition S1(a)	Updated to condition 1, Table 1, Row 1 (e)
Condition S1(b)	Updated to condition 12
Condition S1(c)	Updated to condition 5
Attachment 1 - Premises map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated to Schedule 1, Figure 1; • Inclusion of map of infrastructure added as Figure 2; and • Inclusion of process schematic added as Figure 3.
Attachment 2 - AACR form	Deleted. AACR form is available from www.dwer.wa.gov.au
Condition 2	Waste acceptance table included as a standard condition
Condition 3	Authorised discharge points incorporated as a condition (from preamble)
Condition 9	Inclusion of standard complaints conditions
Condition 10 and 11	Inclusion of standard record keeping / books condition

Appendix 1: Summary of Licence Holder's comments on draft amendment

Condition	Summary of Licence Holder's comment	Department's response
Cover page	The licence holder advised the ACN number should be an ABN number, and that there was a typo in the ABN number.	ABNs are not included on the licence. Incorrect ACN removed.
Duration	The licence holder requested a 20 year licence extension.	The department initiated an amendment to extend the licence as it was identified that there was insufficient time to undertake a licence renewal. The department does not consider it appropriate to extend the licence for 20 years without a full assessment. The licence has been extended until 23 October 2026.
Condition 1, Table 1, Row 1(c)	The licence holder requested the word "discernible" be kept.	The department considers the word discernible to be redundant. The word has been removed.
Condition 2, Table 2	The licence holder requested the addition of "or tankered to the WWTP during emergency events or maintenance work only" in the waste acceptance specification.	Small quantities (less than 100 tonnes per annual period) of tankered sewage waste are permitted to be accepted under Category 54. Condition 2 has been updated as requested. Note that tankered sewage waste must be tracked as a controlled waste (K130) as set out in the <i>Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004</i> .
Condition 4	The licence holder requested the wording "parameter do not exceed the corresponding limit" be changed to "parameter must be targeted at or below the corresponding target".	Wording changed from limit to target as requested.
Condition 4, Table 4	The licence holder requested the word "limit" be changed to "target".	Wording changed from limit to target as requested.
Condition 6, Table 5	The licence holder advised there was a typo in AS/NZS 5776. This should be AS/NZS 5667.	Corrected to AS/NZS 5667.
Definitions	The licence holder requested the "annual period" be kept at 1 July to 30 June, in line with the current annual period on the licence.	Annual period kept at 1 July to 30 June.

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Schedule 1: Maps	The licence holder provided an updated map of prescribed premises infrastructure.	Figure 2: Map of prescribed premises infrastructure updated.