



## Application to replace expiring licence

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

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<b>Licence number</b>	L2/2008/3
<b>Licence holder</b>	Charla Downs Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	008 671 083
<b>File number</b>	2010/010797
<b>Premises</b>	Oakford Farm – Charla Downs Cattle Feedlot Coronation Road WAROONA WA 6215
	Legal description – Lot 37 on Plan 228592 and Lot 38 on Plan 119205
<b>Date of report</b>	31 March 2022
<b>Status of report</b>	Final

# 1. Scope of assessment

## 1.1 Application summary

### Background

Charla Downs Pty Ltd (licence holder) has submitted an application to replace expiring licence L2/2008/2, issued under Division 3 Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), which is due to expire on 16 April 2022.

The licence relates to the operation of a cattle feedlot located 1 km west of the Waroona townsite. The premises comprises an open-air, outdoor feedlot with an assessed holding capacity of 5,000 animals.

### Licence replacement

Due to time constraints the department has been unable to conduct a detailed review and risk assessment of emissions and discharges from the premises. Therefore, the department has determined to undertake an administrative renewal of the licence only.

The licence requires review due to the age of the existing licence and the absence of a current risk assessment of the existing feedlot, including an assessment of the construction and operation against the *National Guidelines for Beef Cattle Feedlots in Australia* (MLA 2012) and the *National Beef Cattle Feedlot Environmental Code of Practice* (MLA 2012).

In replacing the licence, the department has considered and given due regard to its regulatory framework and relevant policy documents available at <http://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

## 2. Decision

The delegated officer has determined to grant replacement licence L2/2008/3 with administrative changes and without conducting any additional assessment, on the grounds of time constraints, and that it does not change the obligations of the licence holder.

The replacement licence will be issued for a short-term period of two years, in which the department intends on initiating a review of the licence before the next expiry, to ensure the risks to public health and the environment from activities on the premises are acceptable.

In replacing the expiring licence, the delegated officer has determined to:

- update the format and appearance of the licence;
- removed redundant conditions and included additional conditions considered necessary for the effective administration of the licence (i.e. record keeping and reporting requirements);
- revised licence condition numbers and realigned condition numbers for numerical consistency; and
- transferred all existing regulatory controls and conditions to the replacement licence.

In preparation for the licence review, the licence holder is encouraged to commence a self-audit against the *National Guidelines for Beef Cattle Feedlots in Australia* (MLA 2012) and the *National Beef Cattle Feedlot Environmental Code of Practice* (MLA 2012).

The self-audit should include an appraisal of compliance with the construction and operational aspects of the existing feedlot, with any non-compliances identified and proposed actions to rectify those non-compliances, including timeframes and works required.

### 3. Consultation

The draft replacement licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 21 March 2022. The licence holder responded on the 30 March 2022 requesting that the manure storage and wash down facilities be changed to reflect current practices, i.e., raw manure is not stored and composted but rather spread straight to paddock, and external truck washing facilities are used in addition to those on the premises.

The delegated officer advises any changes to existing conditions require further risk assessment, and it would need to be demonstrated how the changes are consistent with the *National Guidelines for Beef Cattle Feedlots in Australia* (MLA 2012) and the *National Beef Cattle Feedlot Environmental Code of Practice* (MLA 2012).

Additionally, approval is not required under the licence to use truck washing facilities that are not on the premises.

### 4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this report, the delegated officer has determined to grant replacement licence L2/2008/3, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

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