



Department initiated Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6504/2021/1
Works Approval Holder	Norton Gold Fields Pty Limited
ACN	112 287 797
File Number	APP-0031108
Premises	Binduli North Minesite Legal description - Mining tenements M26/115, M26/243, M26/387, M26/420, M26/430, M26/445, M26/446, M26/447, M26/468, M26/474, M26/629 and M26/833.
Date of Report	15 September 2025
Proposed Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval 6504/2021/1. 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).

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 summary

Works Approval W6504/2021/1 is held by Norton Gold Fields Pty Limited (works approval holder) for the Binduli North Minesites (the Premises), located at Mining tenements M26/115, M26/243, M26/387, M26/420, M26/430, M26/445, M26/446, M26/447, M26/468, M26/474, M26/629 and M26/833.

The Premises relates to the categories and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Works Approval W6504/2021/1.

On 15 September 2025, the department initiated an amendment to Works Approval W6504/2021/1. The amendment is limited to extending works approval expiry date, extending the time limited operation (TLO) duration and amending condition 11 to clearly reference the correct commencement of time limited operation period.

Background

During assessment of application APP-0028706 to amend the licence L9362/2022/1 to include the latest stage of operation of the heap leach pad in the licence conditions, it was identified by the applicant that TLO granted under works approval W6504/2021/1 for this facility was close to expiry. The delegated officer determined to carry out a CEO initiated amendment to extend the TLO period.

In calculating the period of time required for extending the TLO the delegated officer noted that condition 11 of the works approval was referencing conditions 1 and 8 of the instrument rather than conditions 10(a) and 10(b). Thus, the duration of the TLO was being calculated from a time of completion of commissioning rather than the submission date of the commissioning report. The date of the submission of the commissioning report was the date that should be used for the commencement of the TLO.

As the extension of the TLO had potential to cause the TLO for future construction under the works approval to exceed the expiry date of the instrument the delegated officer has determined to extend the expiry date from 21 July 2026 to 21 July 2027.

3. Consultation

The works approval holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 25 September 2025. On 15 September 2025 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period.

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 as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Cover page	Expiry updated
Duration	Extended to 21/07/2027
Condition 11	<p>Period of TLO update to <i>'not exceeding 350 days'</i>.</p> <p>The reference to <i>'the works approval holder meets the requirements of condition 1 or condition 8 for that item of infrastructure'</i>; is update to <i>'the works approval holder meets the requirements of condition 10(a) or condition 10(b) for that item of infrastructure'</i>.</p>