

# Works Approval

Works approval number W6840/2023/1

Works approval holder Onslow Iron Pty Ltd

**ACN** 649 012 395

20 Walters Drive Registered business address

**OSBORNE PARK WA 6017** 

DWER file number DER2023/000551

**Duration** 25/01/2024 to 25/01/2029

Date of issue 25/01/2024

West Pilbara Iron Ore Project **Premises details** 

M08/480, M08/484, G08/88, L08/67, L08/68, L08/69

and L08/181 **CANE WA 6710** 

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> )	Assessed production / design capacity
Category 54: Sewage facility	425 m³/day of treated effluent, plus 274 m³/day of RO reject
Category 73: Bulk storage of chemicals, etc.	330 m <sup>3</sup> (4,030 m <sup>3</sup> in aggregate with Works Approval W6739/2023/1)

This works approval is granted to the works approval holder, subject to the attached conditions, on 25 January 2024, by:

**Abbie Crawford** A/MANAGER, WASTE INDUSTRIES **REGULATORY SERVICES** 

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

## Works approval history

Date	Reference number	Summary of changes
25/01/2024	W6840/2023/1	Works approval granted for Category 54 and 73 activities.

## Interpretation

In this works approval:

- (a) the words 'including', 'includes' and 'include' in conditions mean "including but not limited to", and similar, as appropriate;
- (b) where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or other grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
- (c) where tables are used in a condition, each row in a table constitutes a separate condition:
- (d) any reference to an Australian or other standard, guideline, or code of practice in this works approval:
  - (i) if dated, refers to that particular version; and
  - (ii) if not dated, refers to the latest version and therefore may be subject to change over time;
- (e) unless specified otherwise, any reference to a section of an Act refers to that section of the EP Act; and
- (f) unless specified otherwise, all definitions are in accordance with the EP Act.

**NOTE:** This works approval requires specific conditions to be met but does not provide any implied authorisation for other emissions, discharges, or activities not specified in this works approval.

# Works approval conditions

The works approval holder must ensure that the following conditions are complied with:

## **Construction phase**

### Infrastructure and equipment

- **1.** The works approval holder must:
  - (a) construct and/or install the infrastructure and/or equipment;
  - (b) in accordance with the corresponding design and construction / installation requirements; and
  - (c) at the corresponding infrastructure location,
  - as set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Design and construction / installation requirements

Infra	astructure	Design and construction / installation requirements	Infrastructure location
1. Res	ommodation sort WWTP Irrigation ay Field	<ul> <li>WWTP:</li> <li>2 x 200 m³/day MBR containerised modular system</li> <li>Installed on either concrete or compact ground</li> <li>Installed with systems to monitor tank volume levels</li> <li>Flowmeters shall be installed on the irrigation pump to monitor volumes discharged to the irrigation spray field</li> <li>Components of the WWTP fitted with alarms to warn of high-water levels in the tank or if a pump failure occurs</li> <li>Aerobic/MBR tank fitted with an emergency overflow which discharges to the screened influent lift station</li> <li>Operating freeboard maintained on the treated effluent tank to allow TDS correction if required</li> <li>Combined discharge of up to 400m³/day of treated effluent and up to 260m³/day of RO Reject</li> <li>Chemicals shall be stored in impermeable bunds or be stored in self-bunded tanks/containers.</li> <li>Be able to treat sewage to the following output emissions standards:</li> </ul>	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 2 As shown in Schedule 1, Figure 4

	Infrastructure	Design and construction / installation requirements		Infrastructure location
		BOD	<20 mg/L	
		TSS	<30 mg/L	
		Total Nitrogen	<20 mg/L	
		Total Phosphorus	<3 mg/L	
		E.coli	<1,000 cfu/100 mL	
		Residual free chlorine	0.2 – 2.0 mg/L	
		рН	6.5 – 8.5 pH units	
		Irrigation Spray Field to	consist of:	
		Above ground sprii	nklers	
		Fencing with safety	y signage	
		Minimum size of 2 <sup>r</sup> buffer	1.9 ha + 5 m spray drift	
		<u>WWTP</u> :		
		• 25 m³/day sequend	ce batch reactor system	
		Installed on either ground	concrete or compact	
		Installed with system     volume levels	ems to monitor tank	
		<ul> <li>Flowmeters shall be irrigation pump to redischarged to the interest.</li> </ul>		And a large
2.	CPF WWTP and Irrigation		ge of up to 25 m3/day of d up to 14 m3/day of RO	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 2
	Spray Field	<ul> <li>Chemicals shall be bunds or be stored tanks/containers.</li> </ul>	e stored in impermeable I in self-bunded	As shown in Schedule 1, Figure 5 and Figure 6
		Be able to treat ser output emissions s	wage to the following tandards:	
		BOD	<20 mg/L	
		TSS	<30 mg/L	
		Total Nitrogen	<30 mg/L	
		Total Phosphorus	<8 mg/L	

	Infrastructure	Design and construction / installation requirements		Infrastructure location
		E.coli	<1,000 cfu/100 mL	
		Residual free chlorine	0.2 – 2.0 mg/L	
		рН	6.5 – 8.5 pH units	
		Irrigation Spray Field to	consist of:	
		Above ground sprir	nklers	
		Fencing with safety	v signage	
		<ul> <li>Minimum size of 3. drift buffer</li> </ul>	65 ha plus a 5 m spray	
		Accommodation Resort	Bulk Fuel Facility:	
		• 2 x 110,000 L self of tanks	contained diesel storage	
	Accommodation 3. Resort Bulk Fuel Facilities	<ul> <li>Horizontal, double interstitial leakage system fitted and fi and mechanical ov</li> </ul>	monitoring probes tted with overfill alarms	At the location shown in
3.		<ul> <li>Constructed in account of Standard (AS) 169.</li> </ul>	ordance with Australian 2-2006	Schedule 1, Figure 7
		<ul> <li>Above ground stee transfer and deliver</li> </ul>		As shown in Schedule 1, Figure 8
		Bollards or earthen protection where re-	bunds for pipework equired	
		<ul> <li>Storage area imper collection sump wit containment bund</li> </ul>	rmeable and graded to a thin secondary	
		CPF Bulk Fuel Facility:		
		• 1 x 110,000 L diese	el storage tank	
		Horizontal, double	walled tanks.	
	4. CPF Bulk Fuel Facilities	Constructed in account Standard (AS) 169.	ordance with Australian 2-2006	At the location
4.		<ul> <li>Above ground stee transfer and deliver</li> </ul>		shown in Schedule 1, Figure 7
		Bollards or earthen protection where re-	bunds for pipework equired	As shown in Schedule 1, Figure 8
		Performance in accommanufacturer specification		
			and Integrity tested in anufacture specifications	

#### **Compliance reporting**

- 2. The works approval holder must within 30 calendar days of an item of infrastructure or equipment required by condition 1 being constructed and/or installed:
  - (a) undertake an audit of their compliance with the requirements of condition 1; and
  - (b) prepare and submit to the CEO an Environmental Compliance Report on that compliance.
- **3.** The Environmental Compliance Report required by condition 2, must include as a minimum the following:
  - (a) certification by a suitably qualified engineer that the items of infrastructure or components thereof, as specified in condition 1, have been constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in condition 1;
  - (b) as constructed plans and a detailed site plan for each item of infrastructure or component of infrastructure specified in condition 1: and
  - (c) be signed by a person authorised to represent the works approval holder and contains the printed name and position of that person.

### **Environmental commissioning phase**

#### **Environmental commissioning requirements**

- 4. The works approval holder may only commence environmental commissioning of an item of infrastructure listed in condition 5 once the Environmental Compliance Report has been submitted for that item of infrastructure in accordance with condition 2 of this works approval.
- **5.** Any environmental commissioning activities undertaken for an item of infrastructure specified in Table 2 may only be carried out:
  - (a) in accordance with the corresponding commissioning requirements; and
  - (b) for the corresponding authorised commissioning duration.

**Table 2: Environmental commissioning requirements** 

Infrastructure	Commissioning requirements	Authorised commissioning duration
WWTPs	Volumetric flow meters are maintained on each WWTP outlet to the irrigation spray fields	
WWWIFS	All WWTP units maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements as specified in condition 1	For a period not exceeding 90 calendar days for
Irrigation	Maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements as specified in condition 1	each WWTP
Irrigation Spray Fields	Irrigation is managed to prevent ponding and pooling of effluent on the ground surface of the irrigation spray field	

**6.** During environmental commissioning, the works approval holder must ensure that the emissions specified in Table 3, are discharged only from the corresponding discharge points and only at the corresponding discharge point locations.

Table 3: Authorised discharge points during commissioning

Emission	Discharge point	Discharge point location
Blended effluent (treated effluent + RO reject)	Irrigation Spray Field	As shown in Schedule 1, Figure 3
Treated effluent	Irrigation Spray Fields	As shown in Schedule 1, Figure 6

7. During environmental commissioning, the works approval holder must ensure that the emissions from the discharge point listed in Table 4 do not exceed the corresponding limit when monitored in accordance with condition 8.

Table 4: Emission and discharge limits during environmental commissioning

Discharge point	Parameter	Limit
Accommodation Resort irrigation spray field	TDS	3,500 mg/L
CPF irrigation spray field	TDS	2,500 mg/L

#### Monitoring during environmental commissioning

**8.** The works approval holder must monitor emissions during environmental commissioning in accordance with Table 5.

Table 5: Emissions and discharge monitoring during environmental commissioning

Discharge point	Monitoring location	Parameter	Frequency	Averaging Period	Unit	Method
	Flow meter at Accommodation Resort WWTP and CPF WWTP	Volume discharged to irrigation spray field	Continuous	Cumulative	kl /dov	Flow
Irrigation Spray Fields	Flow meter at each RO plant	Volume of RO reject to treated effluent tank	Continuous	daily	kL/day	meter device
As depicted in Schedule 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 6	Final treatment tank sampling tap at Accommodation	BOD TSS Total Nitrogen Total Phosphorus E.coli	Weekly	Spot sample	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L cfu/100 mL	AS/NZS 5667.1 AS/NZS
	Resort WWTP and CPF WWTP	pH <sup>2</sup> Residual free chlorine <sup>2</sup>	Continuous Continuous	N/A N/A	pH units mg/L	5667.10
		TDS	Weekly	Spot sample	mg/L	

Note 1: All units are referenced to STP dry and 5% O<sub>2</sub>.

Note 2: In-field non-NATA accredited analysis permitted.

- **9.** The works approval holder must ensure that all monitoring equipment used to comply with condition 8 is calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- 10. The works approval holder must ensure that all non-continuous sampling and analysis undertaken pursuant to condition 8 is undertaken by a holder of a current accreditation from the NATA for the methods of sampling and analysis relevant to the corresponding relevant parameter.
- **11.** The works approval holder must record the results of all monitoring activity required by condition 8.

#### **Compliance reporting**

- 12. The works approval holder must submit to the CEO an Environmental Commissioning Report within 30 calendar days of the completion date of environmental commissioning for each item of infrastructure specified in Table 2.
- **13.** The works approval holder must ensure the Environmental Commissioning Report required by condition 12 of this works approval includes the following:
  - (a) a summary of the environmental commissioning activities undertaken, including timeframes:
  - (b) monitoring results for the WWTPs recorded in accordance with condition 8 with a comparison against the output emission standards for each WWTP specified in condition 1; and the TDS emission limit in condition 7;
  - (c) copies of laboratory reports for the monitoring results recorded in accordance with condition 8;
  - (d) a review of the works approval holder's performance and compliance against the conditions of this works approval; and
  - (e) where they have not been met, measures proposed to meet the manufacturer's design specifications and the conditions of this works approval, together with timeframes for implementing the proposed measures.

## Time limited operations phase

#### **Commencement and duration**

- **14.** The works approval holder may only commence time limited operations for an item of infrastructure identified in condition 16:
  - (a) where the item of infrastructure is not authorised to undertake environmental commissioning, the Environmental Compliance Report as required by condition 2 has been submitted by the works approval holder for that item of infrastructure; and
  - (b) where the item of infrastructure is authorised to undertake environmental commissioning under condition 5, the Environmental Commissioning Report for that item of infrastructure as required by condition 12 has been submitted by the works approval holder.

- **15.** The works approval holder may conduct time limited operations for an item of infrastructure specified in condition 16:
  - (a) for a period not exceeding 180 calendar days from the day the works approval holder meets the requirements of condition 14 for that item of infrastructure; or
  - (b) until such time as a licence for that item of infrastructure is granted in accordance with Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, if one is granted before the end of the period specified in condition 15(a).

### **Time limited operations requirements**

**16.** During time limited operations, the works approval holder must ensure that the premises infrastructure and equipment listed in Table 6 and located at the corresponding infrastructure location is maintained and operated in accordance with the corresponding operational requirement set out in Table 6.

Table 6: Infrastructure and equipment requirements during time limited operations

	Site infrastructure and equipment	Operational requirement	Infrastructure location
5	WWTPs	<ul> <li>Volumetric flow meters are maintained on each WWTP outlet to the irrigation spray fields</li> <li>All WWTP units maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements as specified in condition 1</li> </ul>	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 2
6	Irrigation spray fields	<ul> <li>Maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements as specified in condition 1</li> <li>Irrigation is managed to prevent ponding and pooling of effluent on the ground surface of the irrigation spray field</li> </ul>	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 2
9	Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities	<ul> <li>Chemicals and hydrocarbons stored in a manner consistent with AS 1940</li> <li>Operated in accordance with the <i>Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004</i></li> <li>Hydrocarbons stored in impermeable bunds or self bunded tanks/containers constructed in accordance with AS 1692</li> <li>Storage tanks shall not be overfilled</li> <li>Concrete aprons flowing into sumps to collect potential spillage and into oily water separator systems</li> </ul>	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 7

**17.** During time limited operations, the works approval holder must ensure that the emissions specified in Table 7, are discharged only from the corresponding discharge points and only at the corresponding discharge point locations.

**Table 7: Authorised discharge points** 

Emission	Discharge point	Discharge point location
Blended effluent (treated effluent + RO reject)	Irrigation Spray Fields	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 2
Treated effluent	Irrigation Spray Fields	At the location shown in Schedule 1, Figure 2

**18.** During time limited operations, the works approval holder must ensure that the emissions from the discharge point listed in Table 8 do not exceed the corresponding limit when monitored in accordance with condition 19.

Table 8: Emission and discharge limits during time limited operations

Discharge point	Parameter	Limit
Accommodation Resort irrigation spray field	TDS	3,500 mg/L
CPF irrigation spray field	TDS	2,500 mg/L

#### **Monitoring during time limited operations**

**19.** The works approval holder must monitor emissions during time limited operations in accordance with Table 9.

Table 9: Emissions and discharge monitoring during time limited operations

Discharge point	Monitoring location	Parameter	Frequency	Averaging Period	Unit	Method
Irrigation Spray Fields As depicted in Schedule 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 6	Flow meter at each WWTP	Volume discharged to irrigation spray field	Continuous	Monthly cumulative	kL/day	Flow meter device
	Flow meter at RO plant	Volume of RO reject to treated effluent tank				
	Final treatment tank sampling tap at Accommodation Resort WWTP and CPF WWTP	BOD	Monthly	Spot sample	mg/L	AS/NZS 5667.1 AS/NZS 5667.10
		TSS			mg/L	
		Total Nitrogen			mg/L	
		Total Phosphorus			mg/L	
		E.coli			cfu/100 mL	
		pH <sup>1</sup>	Continuous	N/A	pH units	
		Residual free chlorine <sup>1</sup>	Continuous	N/A	mg/L	
		TDS	Monthly	Spot sample	mg/L	

Note 1: In-field non-NATA accredited analysis permitted.

- **20.** All sample analysis must be undertaken by laboratories with current NATA accreditation for the relevant parameters, unless otherwise specified in Table 9.
- **21.** The works approval holder must record the results of all monitoring activity required by condition 19.

#### **Compliance reporting**

- 22. The works approval holder must submit to the CEO a report on the time limited operations within 30 calendar days of the completion date of time limited operations or 30 calendar days before the expiration date of the works approval, whichever is the sooner.
- **23.** The works approval holder must ensure the report required by condition 22 includes the following:
  - (a) a summary of the time limited operations, including timeframes and amount of material and ore processed;
  - (b) a summary of the environmental performance of all infrastructure as constructed or installed (as applicable), which includes records detailing the volumes of wastewater processed;
  - (c) monitoring results for the WWTPs recorded in accordance with condition 19 with a comparison against the output emission standards for each WWTP specified in condition 1; and the TDS emission limit in condition 18;
  - (d) a review of performance and compliance against the conditions of the works approval; and
  - (e) where the manufacturer's design specifications and the conditions of this works approval have not been met, what measures will the works approval holder take to meet them, and what timeframes will be required to implement those measures.

## **Records and reporting**

- 24. The works approval holder must record the following information in relation to complaints received by the works approval holder (whether received directly from a complainant or forwarded to them by the Department or another party) about any alleged emissions from the premises:
  - (a) the name and contact details of the complainant, (if provided);
  - (b) the time and date of the complaint;
  - (c) the complete details of the complaint and any other concerns or other issues raised; and
  - (d) the complete details and dates of any action taken by the works approval holder to investigate or respond to any complaint.
- **25.** The works approval holder must maintain accurate and auditable books including the following records, information, reports, and data required by this works approval:
  - (a) the works conducted in accordance with condition 1;
  - (b) any maintenance of infrastructure that is performed in the course of complying with conditions of this works approval;
  - (c) monitoring programmes undertaken in accordance with conditions 8 and 19; and
  - (d) complaints received under condition 24.

- **26.** The books specified under condition 25 must:
  - (a) be legible;
  - (b) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original versions and any subsequent amendments remain legible and are capable of retrieval;
  - (c) be retained by the works approval holder for the duration of the works approval; and
  - (d) be available to be produced to an inspector or the CEO as required.

## **Definitions**

In this works approval, the terms in Table 10 have the meanings defined.

**Table 10: Definitions** 

Term	Definition		
AS 1940	means Australian Standard AS 1940-2004 The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids.		
AS/NZS 5667.1	means the Australian Standard AS/NZS 5667.1 Water Quality – Sampling – Guidance on the design of sampling programs, sampling techniques and the preservation and handling of samples.		
AS/NZS 5667.10	means the Australian Standard AS/NZS 5667.10 Water Quality – Sampling – Guidance on sampling of waste waters.		
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand.		
books	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.		
CEO	means Chief Executive Officer.		
	CEO for the purposes of notification means:		
	Director General Department administering the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> Locked Bag 10 Joondalup DC WA 6919		
	info@dwer.wa.gov.au		
cfu/100 mL	means colony forming units per 100 millilitres.		
CPF	Central Processing Facility.		
Department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> and designated as responsible for the administration of Part V Division 3 of the EP Act.		
discharge	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.		
emission	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.		
environmental commissioning	means the sequence of activities to be undertaken to test equipment integrity and operation, or to determine the environmental performance, of equipment and infrastructure to establish or test a steady state operation and confirm design specifications.		
Environmental Commissioning Report	means a report on any commissioning activities that have taken place and a demonstration that they have concluded, with focus on emissions and discharges, waste containment, and other environmental factors.		
Environmental Compliance Report	means a report to satisfy the CEO that the conditioned infrastructure and/or equipment has been constructed and/or installed in accordance with the works approval.		
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA).		

Term	Definition			
EP Regulations	Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (WA).			
MBR	means Membrane Bioreactor.			
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities.			
premises	the premises to which this licence applies, as specified at the front of this licence and as shown on the premises map (Figure 1) in Schedule 1 to this works approval.			
prescribed premises	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.			
RO	Reverse Osmosis.			
STP	means standard temperature and pressure (0oCelsius and 101.325 kilopascals respectively), dry.			
suitably qualified	means a person who:			
engineer	(a) holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree recognised by the Institute of Engineers; and			
	(b) has a minimum of five years of experience working in the field of engineering;			
	or is otherwise approved in writing by the CEO to act in this capacity.			
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids.			
time limited operations	refers to the operation of the infrastructure and equipment identified under this works approval that is authorised for that purpose, subject to the relevant conditions.			
TSS	Total Suspended Solids.			
waste	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.			
works approval	refers to this document, which evidences the grant of the works approval by the CEO under section 54 of the EP Act, subject to the conditions.			
works approval holder	refers to the occupier of the premises being the person to whom this works approval has been granted, as specified at the front of this works approval.			
WWTPs	Wastewater Treatment Plants and refers to the Accommodation Resort WWTP and CPF WWTP.			

### **END OF CONDITIONS**

# Schedule 1: Maps

## **Premises map**

The boundary of the prescribed premises is shown in the map below (Figure 1).

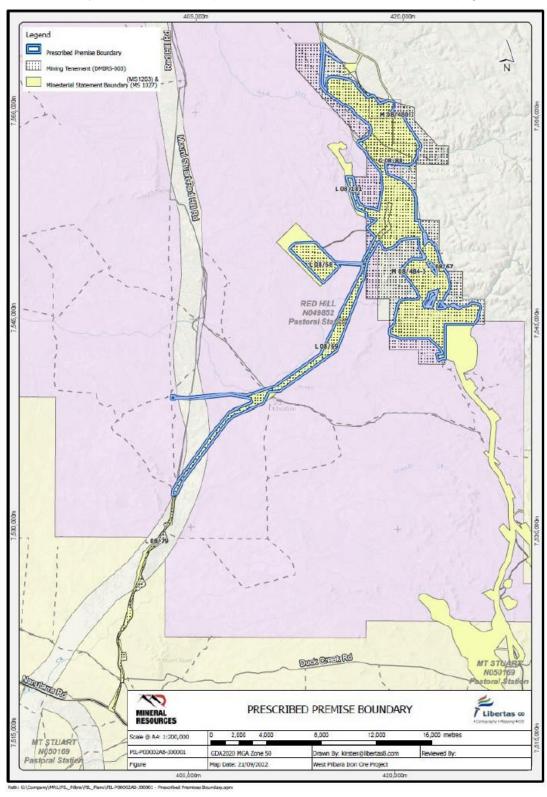


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the prescribed premises

#### Infrastructure

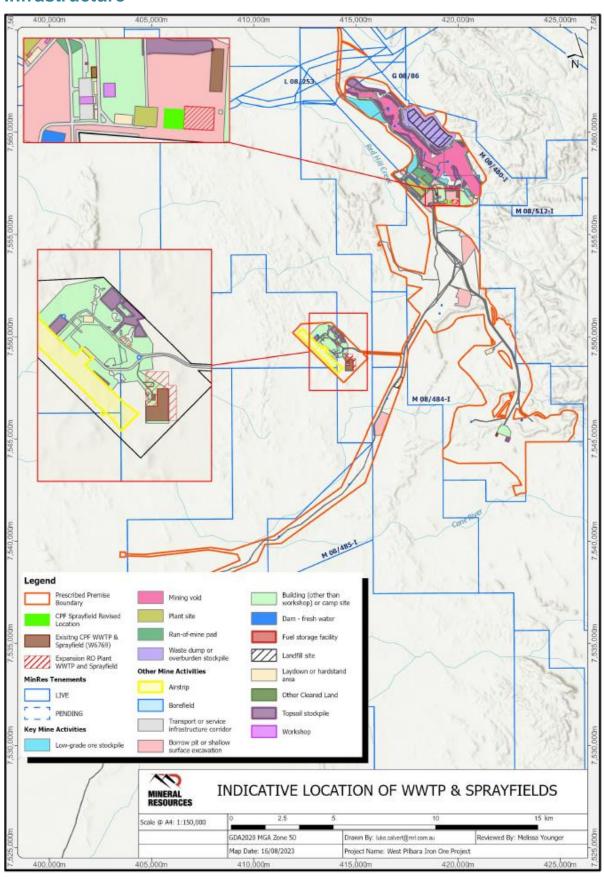


Figure 2: Location of infrastructure

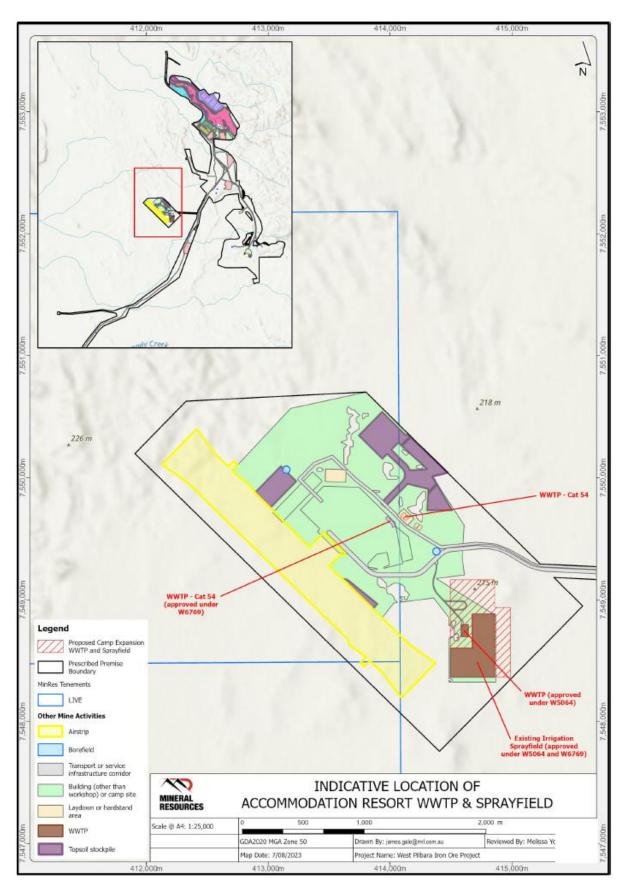


Figure 3: Location of Accommodation Resort WWTP expansion and spray field Expansion

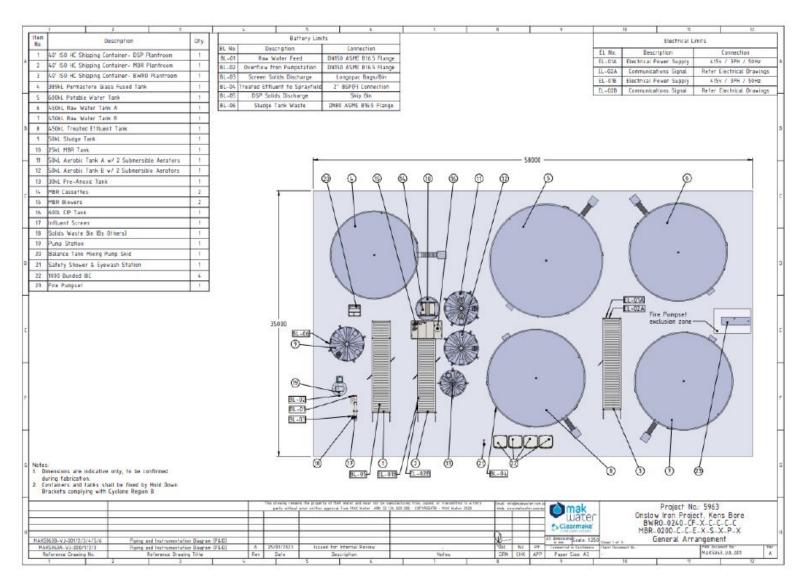


Figure 4: Accommodation Resort WWTP arrangement inclusive of RO infrastructure

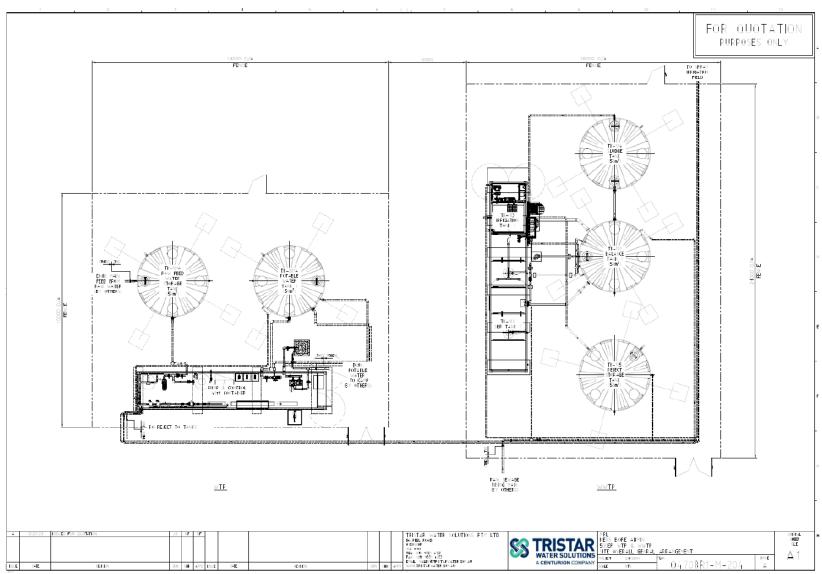


Figure 5: CPF Administration WWTP indicative arrangement inclusive of RO infrastructure

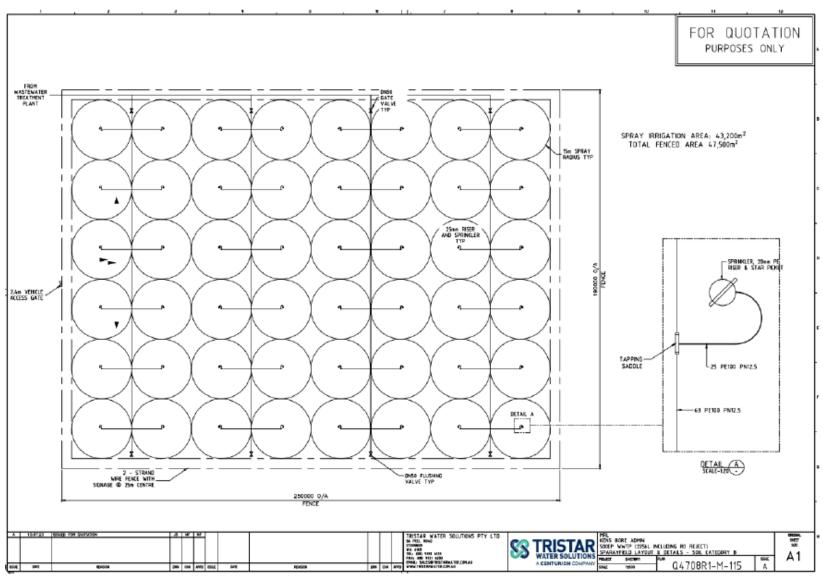


Figure 6: Indicative general arrangement of CPF irrigation spray field

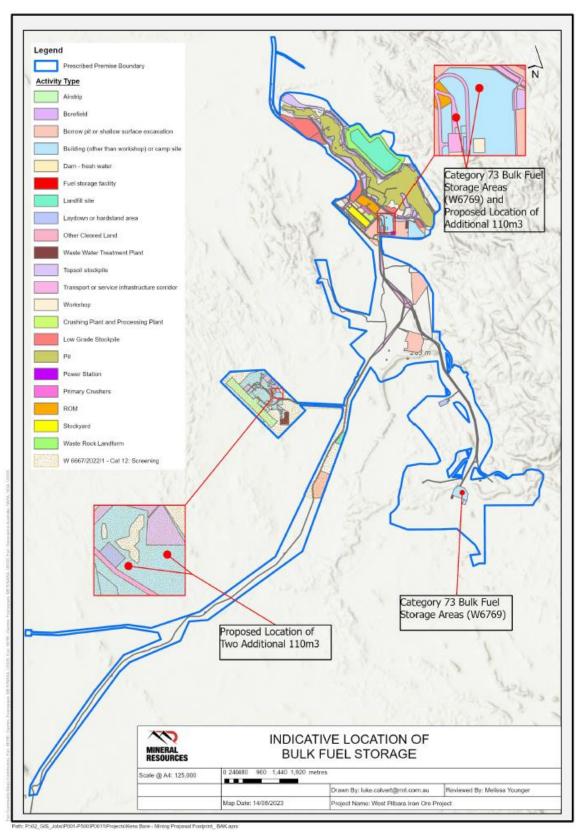


Figure 7: Location of additional bulk fuel storage

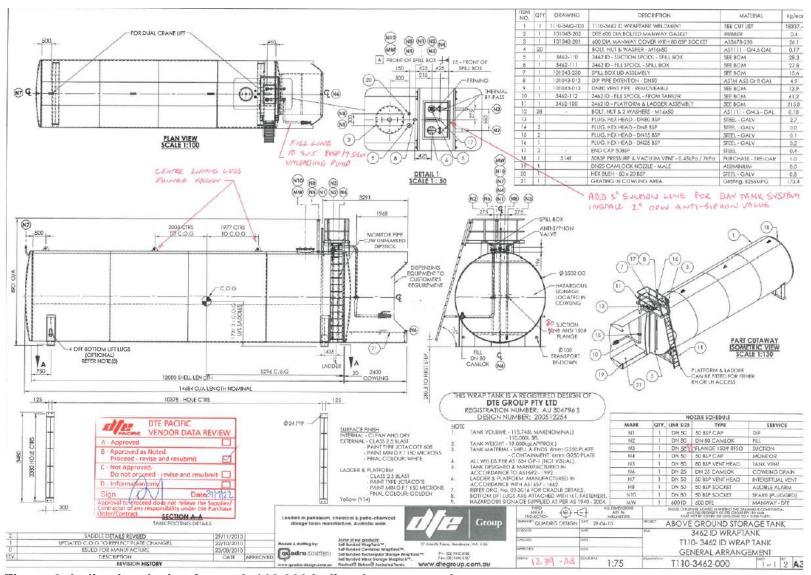


Figure 8: Indicative design for each 110,000 L diesel storage tank