

# Licence

## Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Licensee: Shire of Carnarvon

Licence: L7066/1997/15

**Registered office:** 3 Francis Street

**CARNARVON WA 6701** 

Premises address: Coral Bay Landfill Site

Crown Reserve 44763 Sanctuary Road CORAL BAY WA 6701

Being Lot 530 on Plan 64057 as depicted in Schedule 1

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### **Prescribed premises category**

Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987.

Category number	Category description	Category production or design capacity	Approved Premises production or design capacity
64	Class II putrescible landfill site: premises on which waste ( as determined by reference to the waste type set out in the document entitled "Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996" published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time) is accepted for burial.	20 tonnes or more per year.	10,000 tonnes per annual period.
62	Solid waste depot: premises on which waste is stored, or sorted, pending final disposal or re-use.	500 tonnes or more per year.	500 tonnes per annual period.

#### **Conditions**

This Licence is subject to the conditions set out in the attached pages.

Date signed : 05 January 2017

**Steve Checker** 

MANAGER LICENCING (WASTE INDUSTRIES)

Officer delegated under section 20

of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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### Introduction

This Introduction is not part of the Licence conditions.

### **DER's industry licensing role**

The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) is a government department for the state of Western Australia in the portfolio of the Minister for Environment. DER's purpose is to advise on and implement strategies for a healthy environment for the benefit of all current and future Western Australians.

DER has responsibilities under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the Act) for the licensing of prescribed premises. Through this process DER regulates to prevent, control and abate pollution and environmental harm to conserve and protect the environment. DER also monitors and audits compliance with works approvals and licence conditions, takes enforcement action as appropriate and develops and implements licensing and industry regulation policy.

#### Licence requirements

This Licence is issued under Part V of the Act. Conditions contained within the Licence relate to the prevention, reduction or control of emissions and discharges to the environment and to the monitoring and reporting of them.

Where other statutory instruments impose obligations on the Premises/Licensee the intention is not to replicate them in the licence conditions. You should therefore ensure that you are aware of all your statutory obligations under the Act and any other statutory instrument. Legislation can be accessed through the State Law Publisher website using the following link: <a href="http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/default.html">http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/default.html</a>

For your Premises relevant statutory instruments include but are not limited to obligations under the:

- Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004 these Regulations make it an offence to discharge certain materials such as contaminated stormwater into the environment other than in the circumstances set out in the Regulations.
- Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 these Regulations place obligations on you if you produce, accept, transport or dispose of controlled waste.
- Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 these Regulations require noise emissions from the Premises to comply with the assigned noise levels set out in the Regulations.

You must comply with your licence. Non-compliance with your licence is an offence and strict penalties exist for those who do not comply.

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Licence holders are also reminded of the requirements of section 53 of the Act which places restrictions on making certain changes to prescribed premises unless the changes are in accordance with a works approval, licence, closure notice or environmental protection notice.

#### Licence fees

If you have a licence that is issued for more than one year, you are required to pay an annual licence fee prior to the anniversary date of issue of your licence. Non-payment of annual licence fees will result in your licence ceasing to have effect meaning that it will no longer be valid and you will need to apply for a new licence for your Premises.

#### **Ministerial conditions**

If your Premises has been assessed under Part IV of the Act you may have had conditions imposed by the Minister for Environment. You are required to comply with any conditions imposed by the Minister.

### **Premises description and Licence summary**

The Coral Bay Landfill Site (the Landfill) is located one kilometre south-east of Coral Bay on Sanctuary Road. The Landfill is situated on Reserve 44763 (Lot 530, Plan 64057) and is approximately 6.9 hectares in area. Coral Bay currently has a permanent population of 250 business operators and workers, with the population peaking at around 4,000 during peak tourist times (April – November). The premises is Licenced as a Class II Putrescible landfill which is owned by the Shire of Carnarvon (Shire) and managed by an external contractor (Coral Bay Contracting).

The Landfill is manned for a limited period each day, open to the public from 8:30am to 5:30pm, seven days a week.

The site accepts approximately 3,000 tonnes per annum of putrescible waste. The Landfill also accepts an estimate of 1,500 tonnes per annum of Type 1 and Type 2 inert waste. Fish offal is covered daily in a separate disposal trench with collections reduced to every second day during the low season. The Landfill is also licenced to accept asbestos waste and special waste. The increased volumes of inert waste have been due to the closure of 'Kenya' residences which are currently being broken down and disposed of onsite. An Asbestos Management Plan was developed sand submitted to DER in November 2015 due to the risks associated with the acceptance of contaminated construction and demolition waste from the demolition of the informal 'Kenya' residence settlements. Clinical waste was previously forwarded to Exmouth as per Department of Health requirements, however the Shire of Carnarvon (the Shire) has requested to dispose of clinical waste for Ambulance and Royal Flying Doctor Service (WA) needs in the Coral Bay Landfill. The volumes to be received are considered low.

The Shire has classified the landfill as a "dry landfill" with no significant leachate or methane gas expected.

Depth to groundwater at the premises is unknown. A desktop assessment of bores north west of the premises showed depth to groundwater varying approximately from 1.6 - 41m. Total dissolved solids varied from 5,571 - 20,400 mg/L (saline to highly saline). Evaporation rates have been shown to be more than eleven times the average annual rainfall rates ('Coral Bay Waste Management Facility – Waste Management Plan 2014').

The closest sensitive residential receptor is the town of Coral Bay and the caravan park approximately 305 m and 490 m north west, respectively, from the premises boundary. The premises is approximately 704 m south east of the Indian Ocean.

The town of Coral Bay coastline forms part of the Ningaloo Reef Marine Park which is Australia's largest fringing coral reef system, and includes the 'Maud Sanctuary Zone' which offers the highest level of protection to marine ecosystems.

The primary emissions expected from the operation of the landfill include fugitive emissions in the form of odour and dust, noise and leachate emissions.

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This Licence is the result of an amendment sought by the Licensee to include Category 62 – Solid waste depot for the storage and recycling (baling) of permitted waste types at the premises. Additional administrative changes have been incorporated into the licence amendment process.

The licences issued for the Premises, since 28/07/2000, are:

Instrument log				
Instrument	Issued	Description		
L7066/1997/6	28/07/2000	First licence issue		
L7066/1997/7	28/07/2001	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/8	28/07/2002	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/9	28/07/2002	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/10	28/07/2003	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/11	02/02/2004	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/12	17/01/2005	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/13	17/01/2008	Licence re-issue		
L7066/1997/14	17/01/2011	Licence re-issue and amendment		
L7066/1997/15	17/01/2014	Licence reissue to new format		
L7066/1997/15	8/10/2015	Licence amendment to change throughput/ design capacity		
L7066/1997/15	05/12/2017	Licence amendment to include Category 62		

#### Severance

It is the intent of these Licence conditions that they shall operate so that, if a condition or a part of a condition is beyond the power of this Licence to impose, or is otherwise *ultra vires* or invalid, that condition or part of a condition shall be severed and the remainder of these conditions shall nevertheless be valid to the extent that they are within the power of this Licence to impose and are not otherwise *ultra vires* or invalid.

**END OF INTRODUCTION** 

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### Licence conditions

### 1 General

- 1.1 Interpretation
- 1.1.1 In the Licence, definitions from the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* apply unless the contrary intention appears.
- 1.1.2 For the purposes of this Licence, unless the contrary intention appears:
- 'Act' means the Environmental Protection Act 1986:
- **'ACM'** means asbestos containing material and has the meaning defined in the Guidelines for Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos Contaminated Sites, Western Australia, (DOH, 2009);
- 'Acceptance Criteria' has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended December 2009), published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time;
- 'Annual Audit Compliance Report' means a report in a format approved by the CEO as presented by the Licensee or as specified by the CEO from time to time and published on the Department's website
- 'annual period' means a 12 month period commencing 1 January until 31 December in the same year;
- **'asbestos'** means the asbestiform variety of mineral silicates belonging to the serpentine or amphibole groups of rock-forming minerals and includes actinolite, amosite, anthophyllite, chrysotile, crocidolite, tremolite and any mixture containing 2 or more of those;
- **'asbestos fibres'** has the meaning defined in the Guidelines for Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos Contaminated Sites, Western Australia, (DOH, 2009);
- 'averaging period' means the time over which a limit is measured or a monitoring result is obtained;
- 'CEO' means Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment Regulation;
- 'CEO' for the purpose of correspondence and notification means;

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- **'Clean Fill'** has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended December 2009), published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time;
- 'Contaminated Solid Waste' has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended December 2009) published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time;
- 'controlled waste' has the definition in Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004:

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- **'Department'** means the department established under s.35 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* and designated as responsible for the administration of Division 3 Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- **'DER Asbestos Guidelines'** means the document titled "Guidelines for managing asbestos at construction and demolition waste recycling facilities", published by the Department of Environment and Conservation, as amended from time to time;
- 'designated burning area' means an area of a landfill site that has been designated by the occupier of the site as a designated burning area;
- 'Fire Control Officer' in relation to a landfill means a person who has qualifications in fire fighting or fire control as are approved, appointed to that position by the occupier of the landfill site;
- 'green waste' means waste that originates from flora and which does not contain or has not been treated or coated with, preserving agents, biocides, fire retardants, paint, adhesives or binders;
- 'hardstand' means a surface with a permeability of 10<sup>-9</sup> metres/second or less;
- 'Licence' means this Licence numbered L7066/1997/15 and issued under the Act;
- 'Licensee' means the person or organisation named as Licensee on page 1 of the Licence;
- 'Premises' means the area defined in the Premises Map in Schedule 1 and listed as the Premises address on page 1 of the Licence;
- 'Putrescible Waste' has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended December 2009), published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time;
- **'rehabilitation'** means the completion of the engineering of a landfill cell and includes capping and/or final cover;
- 'Schedule 1' means Schedule 1 of this Licence unless otherwise stated:
- 'Schedule 2' means Schedule 2 of this Licence unless otherwise stated;
- **'Special Waste Type 1'** has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended December 2009) published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time;
- **'Special Waste Type 2'** has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended December 2009) published by the Chief Executive Officer and as amended from time to time;
- 'tipping area' means the area of the landfill in which waste other than cover material is being deposited; and
- **'spot sample'** means a discrete sample representative at the time and place at which the sample is taken; and
- **'usual working day'** means 0800 1700 hours, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in Western Australia.
- 1.1.3 Any reference to an Australian or other standard in the Licence means the relevant parts of the standard in force from time to time during the term of this Licence.

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1.1.4 Any reference to a guideline or code of practice in the Licence means the current version of the guideline or code of practice in force from time to time, and shall include any amendments or replacements to that guidelines or code of practice made during the term of this Licence.

#### 1.2 General conditions

- 1.2.1 The Licensee must operate and maintain all water tankers/ sprays, water tanks and firefighting equipment to the manufacturer's specification.
- 1.2.2 The Licensee shall immediately recover, or remove and dispose of any hydrocarbon spills outside an engineered containment system (lined containment infrastructure).
- 1.2.3 The Licensee must ensure that the proposed Works specified in Column 1 of Table 1.2.1 are designed and constructed to meet or exceed the specifications in Column 2 of Table 1.2.1 for the infrastructure in each row of Table 1.2.1.
- 1.2.4 The Licensee must not depart from the specifications in Table 1.2.1 except:
  - (a) where such departure is minor in nature and does not materially change or affect the infrastructure; or
  - (b) where such departure improves the functionality of the infrastructure and does not increase risks to public health, public amenity or the environment;

and all other Conditions in this Licence are still satisfied.

Table 1.2.1: Column 1 Infrastructure	Works specifications Column 2 Specifications (design and construction)
Installation of baler	<ol> <li>The Licensee must ensure that the baler:</li> <li>is installed for the purpose of recycling paper, cardboard and used plastics only.</li> <li>is located within the premises boundary within an area not accessible to the general public;</li> <li>is permanently housed within an enclosed shed.</li> </ol>

- 1.2.5 If any departures from the specifications in Table 1.2.1 occur, then the Licensee must provide the CEO with a list of departures which are certified as complying with Condition 1.2.4 at the same time as the certifications under Condition 1.2.7.
- 1.2.6 The Licensee must submit a construction compliance document to the CEO, within one month, following the construction of the Works and prior to operating the new works at the premises.
- 1.2.7 The Licensee must ensure the construction compliance document:
  - is certified that each item of infrastructure specified in Condition 1.2.3, Table 1.2.1 has been constructed in accordance with the Conditions of the Licence with no material defects; and
  - (b) be signed by a person authorised to represent the Licensee and contain the printed name and position of that person within the company.

### 1.3 Premises operation

- 1.3.1 The Licensee must only accept waste onto the landfill if:
  - (a) it is of a type listed in Table 1.3.1;
  - (b) the quantity accepted is below any quantity limit listed in Table 1.3.1; and
  - (c) it meets any specification listed in Table 1.3.1.

### Table 1.3.1: Waste acceptance

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Waste type	Waste code	Quantity limit tonnes/ year	Specification <sup>1</sup>
Inert Waste Type 1	N/A		<ul> <li>C&amp;D waste, concrete, metal and processed timber only.</li> </ul>
Inert Waste Type 2	T140		Tyres and plastic only.
Special Waste Type 1	N/A	Combined total of up to 10,000	<ul> <li>ACM or Cement bonded asbestos.</li> <li>No fibrous asbestos shall be accepted.</li> </ul>
Special Waste Type 2	N/A	tonnes per annual period.	<ul> <li>Clinical and biomedical waste;</li> <li>Accepted from Ambulance and Royal Flying Doctor Service (WA) only.</li> </ul>
Putrescible waste (including green waste)			None specified.
Clean Fill	N/A	N/A	

Note 1: Additional requirements for the acceptance of controlled waste (including asbestos and tyres) are set out in the *Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004*.

- 1.3.2 The Licensee must ensure that where waste does not meet the waste acceptance criteria set out in condition 1.3.1 it is removed from the Landfill by the delivery vehicle or, where that is not possible, stored in a quarantined storage area or container and removed to an appropriately authorised facility as soon as practicable.
- 1.3.3 The Licensee must ensure that wastes accepted onto the Landfill are only subjected to the process(es) set out in Table 1.3.2 and in accordance with any process limits described in that Table.

Table 4.0.0 Waste		
Table 1.3.2: Waste Waste type	Processing Process(es)	Process limits <sup>1, 2</sup>
All waste types	Receipt, handling and disposal of waste by	<ul> <li>(a) Waste is to be totally covered with cover material when disposed of to the landfill trenches so that no waste is left exposed.</li> <li>(b) No waste shall be temporarily stored or landfilled within trenches within 35 metres (m) from the boundary of the premises;</li> <li>(c) Waste in the tipping area is restricted to a maximum tipping length of 60m;</li> <li>(d) The separation distance between the base of the landfill and the highest groundwater level shall not be less than 3m;</li> <li>(e) No landfilling activities are to occur on an exposed face exceeding 2 m in vertical height.</li> </ul>
2) Inert Waste Type 1 (concrete, timber, metal including vehicle wrecks)	landfilling	<ul> <li>(a) Inert waste Type 1 stored within a designated disposal area;</li> <li>(b) Vehicle wrecks shall be stored and/ or compacted prior to disposal offsite;</li> <li>(c) Vehicle wrecks to be stored within a designated storage area with a five metre fire break maintained around the storage area.</li> </ul>
3) Inert Waste Type 2 (Tyres & plastics)		<ul> <li>(a) Tyres to be disposed of within trenches in piles of up to 100 tyre units with a 6m separation distance between piles;</li> <li>(b) No more than 100 tyres stored above ground at any given</li> </ul>

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4) Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos waste)	time.  (c) Baling of plastic for the purposes of recycling is permitted;  (d) Recycled waste to be stored within an enclosed shed prior to reuse, baling and disposal offsite to an appropriate facility.  (a) Only to be disposed of within a trench, into a designated asbestos disposal area within the landfill;  (b) Not to be deposited within 2 m of the final tipping surface of the landfill; and  (c) No works shall be carried out on the landfill that could lead to a release of asbestos fibres. The disposal area(s) for any more than one cubic metre of asbestos material is defined by grid references on the site plan;  (d) A copy of the site plan marked with the locations used for asbestos disposal should be kept as a permanent record and made available for viewing;  (e) A representative of the licensee is available to witness the burial of the asbestos waste; and  (f) Any disposal of asbestos is to be recorded in the asbestos register within 2 hours of burial to attest that it has been buried in accordance with these procedures.
5) Special Waste Type 2 (Biomedical/ clinical)	<ul> <li>(a) Only to be disposed of within a trench designated within the biomedical waste disposal area within the landfill;</li> <li>(b) Ensure that the original waste transport certificate is signed and note any discrepancies between waste declared and waste received;</li> <li>(c) A record of the waste transport certificate to be kept for at least three years;</li> <li>(d) Define the disposal area(s) by grid references on a site plan;</li> <li>(e) Ensure the disposal areas are not excavated or uncovered during subsequent landfill operations;</li> <li>(f) Restrict access to the landfill site where the waste is buried to authorised personnel only; and</li> <li>(g) Make any information that is recorded available for viewing or copying during any inspection of the premises.</li> </ul>

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6) Putrescible	Receipt,	Storage and handling of non-green waste only:
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waste (Class II)	handling,	(a) Baling of paper and cardboard for the purposes of recycling
<ul><li>non-green</li></ul>	storage and	is permitted;
waste and	disposal of	(b) All non-recycled material (excluding green waste) to be
green waste	waste by landfilling,	disposed of within trenches within a designated putrescible waste burial area;
	recycling or	(c) Recycled waste to be stored within an enclosed shed prior to
	burning	reuse, baling and disposal offsite to an appropriate facility;
		(d) The baling of any permitted waste type must only occur as
		follows:
		(i) Monday to Friday only;
		(ii) Between the hours of 7am to 5pm; and
		(iii) By staff trained in the operation of the baler.
		Storage and handling of green waste only:
		(e) Green waste must be stored within a designated area with at
		least a 3 m separation distance to all other waste types;
		(f) Green waste shall be stored on site within windrows no
		greater than 2 m high x 4 m wide x 20 m long.
		Divining of passes weeks only
		Burning of green waste only:
		(g) To be dried and seasoned for at least 2 months before
		burning;
		(h) Take place in a designated burning area at least 25m from
		the boundary of any active disposal areas;
		(i) To take place in trenches or windrows;
		(j) To take place only when an adequate supply of water is
		available to effectively manage the burning process; and
		(k) Two persons with approved firefighting qualifications are in
		attendance until Fire Control Officer declares the area safe.
		a are act out in Part 6 of the Environmental Protection Regulations

- Note 1: Requirements for landfilling tyres are set out in Part 6 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations*
- Note 2: Additional requirements for the acceptance and landfilling of controlled waste (including asbestos and tyres) are set out in the *Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004*.
- 1.3.4 The Licensee must manage the landfilling activities to ensure:
  - (a) waste is levelled and compacted as soon as practicable after it is discharged;
  - (b) waste is placed and compacted to ensure all faces are stable and capable of retaining rehabilitation material; and
  - (c) rehabilitation of a trench takes place within 6 months after disposal in that trench has been completed.
- 1.3.5 The Licensee must ensure that cover is applied and maintained on landfilled wastes in accordance with Table 1.3.3 and that sufficient stockpiles of cover are maintained on site at all times.

Table 1.3.3: Cover requirements <sup>1</sup>					
Waste Type Material		Depth	Timescales		
Special Waste Type 1		300mm	As soon as practicable after deposit and prior to compaction.		
Special Waste Type 2	Type 1 Inert waste or	1000mm	By the end of the day in which the asbestos waste and clinical waste was deposited.		
Inert Waste Type 2	soil	100mm	By the end of the working day in which the waste was deposited.		
			Plastic waste with the potential to become		

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			windblown shall be covered as soon as practicable after deposit.
Class II Putrescible Waste	Soil	500 mm	As soon as practicable after deposit (minimum weekly) and prior to compaction.
Inert Waste Type 1	1 No cover required		

Note 1: Additional requirements for the covering of tyres are set out in Part 6 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987*.

- 1.3.6 The Licensee must implement the following security measures at the site:
  - (a) maintain suitable fencing to prevent unauthorised access to the site;
  - (b) ensure that any entrance gates to the premises are securely locked when the premises is closed; and
  - (c) regular inspections of all security measures and repair damage as soon as practicable.
- 1.3.7 The Licensee must ensure that wind-blown waste is contained within the boundary of the landfill and that wind-blown waste is returned to the tipping area on at least a monthly basis.
- 1.3.8 The Licensee must maintain a sign at the entrance to the Landfill which clearly displays the following information:
  - (a) contact telephone number for information and complaints or notification of fires;
  - (b) list of materials accepted at the Premises;
  - (c) list of waste types not accepted at the Premises and contact telephone number for alternative disposal options; and
  - (d) a warning indicating penalties for people lighting fires.
- 1.3.9 The Licensee must ensure that there are appropriate procedures and equipment in place at the Premises so that any unauthorised fire is extinguished promptly.

## 2 Monitoring

#### 2.1 Monitoring of inputs and outputs

2.1.1 The Licensee must undertake the monitoring in Table 2.1.1 according to the specifications in that table.

Table 2.1.1: Monitoring of inputs and outputs							
Input/Output Parameter			Averaging	Frequency			
			period				
Waste Inputs	Inert Waste Type 1, Inert	_		Weekly (estimates			
	Waste Type 2, Special	$m^3$		recorded during weekly			
	Waste 1, Special Waste 2,		Monthly	inspections).			
	Clean Fill and Putrescible		-				
	Waste.						
Waste	Waste type as defined in the		Monthly	Each load leaving or			
Outputs	Landfill Definitions	m <sup>3</sup>	iviontniy	rejected from the Premises.			

#### 2.2 Monitoring of ambient environmental quality

2.2.1 The Licensee shall undertake the monitoring in Table 2.3.1 according to the specifications in that table.

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Table 2.2.1: Monitoring of groundwater							
Emission point reference	Parameter	Units	Averaging period	Frequency			
Monitoring bores (two	Electrical conductivity	L/s m <sup>3</sup> /day	Spot sample	Annually, commencing			
down gradient	Nitrate-nitrogen	mg/L		prior to 30			
and one up	Total nitrogen	g/day		September			
gradient of the	Manganese			2017			
premises)	Chloride						
	Total potassium						
	Zinc						
	Chromium						
	Copper						
	Nickel						
	Lead						
	Total dissolved solids						
	Ammonia-nitrogen						
	Cadmium						
	Standing water level (SWL)	mBGL					
	pH <sup>1</sup>	-					

Note 1: In-situ non-NATA accredited sampling permitted.

#### 3 Information

#### 3.1 Records

- 2.2.2 All information and records required by the Licence must:
  - be leaible: (a)
  - (b) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and subsequent amendments remain legible or are capable of retrieval;
  - (c) except for records listed in 3.1.1(d) be retained for at least 6 years from the date the records were made or until the expiry of the Licence or any subsequent licence; and
  - (d) for those following records, be retained until the expiry of the Licence and any subsequent licence:
    - off-site environmental effects; or
    - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land or waters.
- 2.2.3 The Licensee must submit to the CEO at the end of the annual period, an Annual Audit Compliance Report indicating the extent to which the Licensee has complied with the Condition of this Licence for the annual period.
- 2.2.4 The Licensee must implement a complaints management system that as a minimum records the number and details of complaints received concerning the environmental impact of the activities undertaken at the Premises and any action taken in response to the complaint.
- 2.2.5 The Licensee must maintain a register of Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos waste) and Special Waste Type 2 (Biomedical and clinical waste) disposed of at the Premises which shall include a plan showing the position of Special Waste Type 1 (Asbestos waste) and Special Waste Type 2 (Biomedical and clinical waste) disposed of at the Premises.

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### 2.3 Reporting

2.3.1 The Licensee must submit to the CEO an Annual Environmental Report by 1 March in each year. The report must contain the information listed in Table 3.2.1 for the previous annual period in the format or form specified in that table.

Table 3.2.1: Annual	Table 3.2.1: Annual Environmental Report				
Condition or table (if relevant)	Parameter	Format or form <sup>1</sup>			
-	Summary of any failure or malfunction of any pollution control equipment and any environmental incidents that have occurred during the annual period and any action taken.	None specified			
Table 2.2.1	Summary of monitoring of inputs and outputs.	None specified			
3.1.4	Complaints summary	None specified			
3.1.5	Summary of annual special waste type 1 and 2 disposed.	None specified			

Note 1: Forms are in Schedule 2

### 2.4 Notification

2.4.1 The Licensee must ensure that the parameters listed in Table 3.3.1 are notified to the CEO in accordance with the notification requirements of the table.

Table 3.3.1: N	lotification requirements		
Condition or table (if relevant)	Parameter	Notification requirement <sup>1</sup>	Format or form <sup>2</sup>
1.3.1	Breach of any limit specified in the Licence	Part A: As soon as practicable but no later than 5pm of the next usual working day.	N1
-	Any failure or malfunction of any pollution control equipment or any incident which, has caused, is causing or may cause pollution.	Part B: As soon as practicable	
1.3.10	Unauthorised fire	Within 14 days of unauthorised fire	None specified

Note 1: Notification requirements in the Licence shall not negate the requirement to comply with s72 of the Act

Note 2: Forms are in Schedule 2

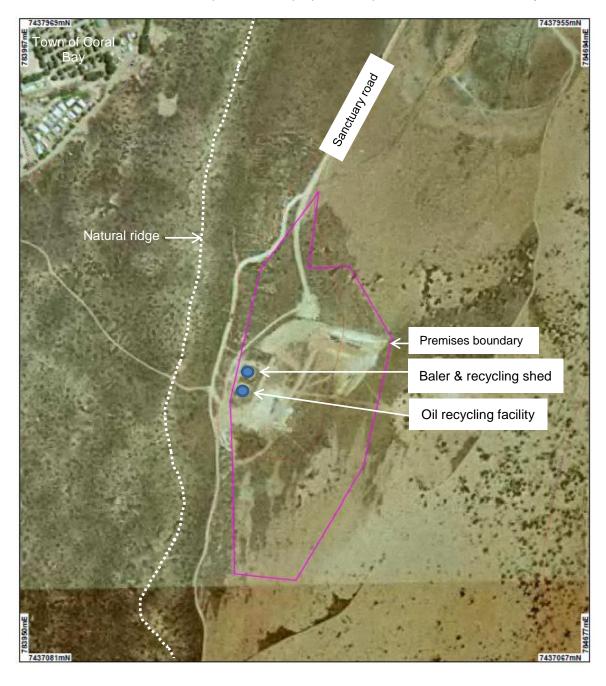
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# Schedule 1: Maps

### **Premises map**

The Premises is shown in the map below. The purple line depicts the Premises boundary.



### **Schedule 2: Notification form**

Licence: L7066/1997/15 Licensee: Shire of Carnarvon Form: N1 Date of breach:

### Notification of detection of the breach of a limit.

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

### Part A

Licence Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Premises	
Time and date of the detection	

Notification requirements for the breach of a limit		
Emission point reference/ source		
Parameter(s)		
Limit		
Measured value		
Date and time of monitoring		
Measures taken, or intended to		
be taken, to stop the emission		

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### Part B

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to	
prevent a recurrence of the incident.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify,	
limit or prevent any pollution of the environment	
which has been or may be caused by the emission.	
The dates of any previous N1 notifications for the	
Premises in the preceding 24 months.	
Name	
Post	
Signature on behalf of	
Shire of Carnarvon	
Date	



## **Decision Document**

### Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

**Proponent:** Shire of Carnarvon

Licence: L7066/1997/15

Registered office: 3 Francis Street

CARNARVON WA 6701

Premises address: Coral Bay Landfill

Crown Reserve 44763 Sanctuary Road CORAL BAY WA 6701 Being Lot 530 on Plan 64057

**Issue date:** Thursday, 9 April 2014

Commencement date: Friday, 17 January 2014

**Expiry date:** Wednesday, 16 January 2036

#### **Decision**

Based on the assessment detailed in this document, the Delegated Officer has decided to issue an amended licence. The Delegated Officer considers that in reaching this decision, all relevant considerations have been taken into account.

Decision Document prepared by: Caroline Conway-Physick

Licensing Officer

Decision Document authorised by: Steve Checker

**Delegated Officer** 

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### 1 Purpose of this Document

This Decision Document explains how the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Delegate has assessed and determined the application and provides a record of the CEO Delegate's decision-making process and how relevant factors have been taken into account. Stakeholders should note that this document is limited to the CEO Delegate's assessment and decision making under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986.* Other approvals may be required for the proposal, and it is the proponent's responsibility to ensure they have all relevant approvals for their Premises.

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# 2 Administrative summary

Administrative details				
Application type	Works App New Licend Licence am Works App	ce nendment		nt
	Category r			Assessed design capacity
Activities that cause the premises to become prescribed premises	64 – Class landfill site		ible	10,000 tonnes per annual period.
	62 – Solid	waste dep	oot	500 tonnes per annual period.
Application verified	Date: 17 O	ctober 20	16 (let	ter sent)
Application fee paid	Date: 22 N	November	2016	
Works Approval has been complied with	Yes	No	N/A	
Compliance Certificate received	Yes□	No□	N/A	$\setminus \boxtimes$
Commercial-in-confidence claim	Yes	No⊠		
Commercial-in-confidence claim outcome	N/A			
Is the proposal a Major Resource Project?	Yes	No⊠		
Was the proposal referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986?	Yes□	No⊠	Mana	rral decision No:
				ssed under Part IV
Is the proposal subject to Ministerial Conditions?	Yes□	No⊠	Minis	terial statement No:
is the proposal subject to Ministerial Conditions:	165	NO	EPA	Report No:
Does the proposal involve a discharge of waste	Yes	No⊠		
into a designated area (as defined in section 57 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> )?	Departmen	nt of Wate	r cons	ulted Yes 🗌 No 🛛
Is the Premises within an Environmental Protection	Policy (EPF	P) Area Y	∕es□	No⊠
If Yes include details of which EPP(s) here.				
Is the Premises subject to any EPP requirements?	Yes□	No⊠		
If Yes, include details here, eg Site is subject to SC	1 <sub>2</sub> requireme	nts of Kwi	inana	EPP.



### 3 Executive summary of proposal and assessment

This Decision Document is the result of an amendment sought by the Licensee to include Category 62 – Solid waste depot for the storage and recycling of permitted waste types at the premises. The Licensee proposes to store and recycle the following waste types with the use of a mobile baler:

- Paper;
- Cardboard; and
- Plastics.

Additional administrative changes have been incorporated into the licence amendment process.

### Location and siting

The Coral Bay Landfill Site (the Landfill) is located one kilometre south-east of Coral Bay on Sanctuary Road. The Landfill is situated on Reserve 44763 (Lot 530, Plan 64057) and is approximately 6.9 hectares in area. Coral Bay currently has a permanent population of 250 business operators and workers, with the population peaking at around 4,000 during peak tourist times (April – November).

The landfill is located within a 'public utilities services' land use area under the Department of Lands, and falls within Town Planning Scheme No. 11.

Depth to groundwater at the premises is unknown. A desktop assessment of multiple bores north west of the premises showed depth to groundwater varying approximately from 1.6 – 41 mBGL. Total dissolved solids varied from 5,571 - 20,400 mg/L (saline to highly saline). Evaporation rates have been shown to be more than eleven times the average annual rainfall rates ('Coral Bay Waste Management Facility – Waste Management Plan 2014'). The landfill does not fall within any 'Public Drinking Water Source Area' which is found approximately 343 m south of the premises boundary for the town of Coral Bay (Groundwater licence No. 156265(1)).

Soils within the Coral Bay area are considered to consist of coastal flats and dunes, underlain by a series of calcarenites and limestone formations, which are karstic in nature.

The closest residential sensitive receptor is the town of Coral Bay and the caravan park approximately 305 m and 490 m north west, respectively, from the premises boundary. The premises is approximately 704 m south east of the Indian Ocean.

### **Primary activities**

The premises is Licenced as a Category 64 - Class II Putrescible landfill which is vested in the Shire of Carnarvon (Shire) and managed by an external contractor (Coral Bay Contracting).

The Landfill is manned for a limited period each day, open to the public from 8:30am to 5:30pm, seven days a week.

The site accepts approximately 3,000 tonnes per annum of putrescible waste. The Landfill also accepts an estimate of 1,500 tonnes per annum of Type 1 and Type 2 inert waste. Fish offal is covered daily in a separate disposal trench with collections reduced to every second day during the low season. The Landfill is also licenced to accept asbestos waste and special waste. The increased volumes of inert waste have been due to the closure of 'Kenya' residences which are currently being broken down and disposed of. An Asbestos Management Plan was developed and submitted to DER in November 2015 due to the risks associated with the acceptance of contaminated construction and demolition waste from the demolition of the informal 'Kenya' residence settlements. Clinical waste was previously forwarded to Exmouth as per Department of Health requirements, however the Shire of Carnarvon (the Shire) has requested to dispose of clinical waste for Ambulance and Royal Flying

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Doctor Service (WA) needs only in the Coral Bay Landfill. The volumes to be received are considered low.

The inclusion of Category 62 within the Licence will permit the recycling of paper and cardboard (putrescible waste) and recyclable plastics (inert waste type 2) only and storage of permitted waste types for later recycling opportunities. The recycled waste types will be stored within an enclosed shed along with the baler which will compact the recycled material for later disposal to an appropriate recycling facility off site.

The baler will be used on an 'ad hoc', intermittent basis dependent of adequate volumes of waste being received for baling.

The Delegated Officer considers the disposal of waste types through recycling appropriate to assist in:

- Reducing waste volumes being buried within trenches which takes up limited landfill area within the premises;
- Gives opportunity for reuse and revenue generation in support of the Shire's ongoing landfill management activities, in support of the town of Coral Bay;
- Reduces the potential risk of groundwater or subsequent surface water contamination from landfilling activities.

The premises holds a 3,000 litre water tank which is mounted on a truck with hose and pump to assist in the management of any unauthorised fires occurring at the landfill. The local fire brigade is within close proximity (<10 minutes) to assist at the landfill as well.

#### **Potential emissions**

The primary emissions expected from the operation of the landfill include fugitive emissions in the form of odour and dust, noise and leachate emissions. Fire is a high risk for the premises due to large volumes of green waste stored for extended periods due to high wind speeds and poor weather conditions impacting the effective management of green waste at the landfill. The increase in storage of recycled waste types for extended periods further increases the potential risk of fire if not adequately managed at the premises.

#### Consultation

No consultation has been identified within the application supporting documentation to have been undertaken by the Shire of Carnarvon in regard to the proposed changes to operation.

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### 4 Decision table

The overarching legislative framework of this assessment is the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and the *Environmental Protection Regulations* 1987 (EP Regulations). DER Guidance Statements which inform the assessment in accordance with the legislation include:

DER Guidance Statement: Regulatory Principles (July 2015) DER Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions (October 2015)

DER Guidance Statement: Licence and works approvals process (September 2015)

DER Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions (October 2015)
DER Guidance Statement: Land Use Planning (October 2015)
DER Guidance Statement: Licence Duration (November 2015)

Where other references have been used in making the decision they are detailed in the decision document.

Works Condition Approval / Licence L= Licence section		Condition Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant) number			
Front page	-	An application for a licence amendment under Section 59 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> 1986 was received by DER on 16 September 2016, for the inclusion of Category 62 within the premises Licence L7066/1997/15.	Application supporting documentation		
Interpretation	L1.1.1-L1.1.4	Conditions 1.1.1–1.1.4 requires that terminology used within the Licence is referenced to the appropriate definitions where applicable and that any reference to a standard or guideline is to the most current version of that standard or guideline. Definitions have been updated to align to the new format licence conversion undertaken through this amendment process.  Operation is subject to the general provisions of the EP Act. Category 64 falls under Schedule 1 Part 1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 1987</i> , and is subject to Licence. The premises currently operates under Licence L7066/1997/15.			
		Previous Condition 1.1.5 has been removed from the Licence:			



DECISION TAE	DECISION TABLE					
Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents			
		"Nothing in the Licence shall be taken to authorise any emission that is not mentioned in the Licence, where the emission amounts to:  (a) pollution; (b) unreasonable emission; (c) discharge of waste in circumstances likely to cause pollution; or (d) being contrary to any written law."				
		The Delegated Officer considers this condition an explanatory statement not an enforceable condition and is already stated within the EP Act and is therefore redundant.				
General conditions	L1.2.1-L1.2.8	General administrative changes have been included within this section of the Licence through the amendment process to remove redundant conditions or to update the context of certain conditions to become more site specific.	General provisions of the <i>Environmental Protection Act, 1986</i> .			
		Condition 1.2.1 has been amended to specify the types of pollution control equipment used at the premises.				
		Condition 1.2.2 has been amended to specify the types of liquids that may cause a risk as a result of a spill occurring within the premises boundary, through the operation of the premises. The premises receives and stores used waste oil within a bunded, lined hardstand area that contains the metal oil recycling facility within the premises, and stores vehicle wrecks. Both of these used oil sources supply hydrocarbons which require capture and appropriate disposal to the oil recycling facility.				
		Previous Condition 1.2.3 has been removed from the Licence:  "The Licensee must:  (a) implement all practical measures to prevent stormwater run-off becoming contaminated by the activities on the Premises; and  (b) treat contaminated or potentially contaminated stormwater as necessary prior				



DECISION TAR	BLE		
Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents
		to being discharged from the Premises. <sup>1</sup> Note1: The Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004 make it an offence to discharge certain materials into the environment."	
		The condition is considered redundant and does not specify what stormwater infrastructure is required. The premises does not incorporate or operate any stormwater infrastructure. All waste that requires burial is placed in the trench and covered and compacted on day of receipt. Rainfall is very low within the general area with very high evaporation rates and very sandy soils. The landfill is located on a relatively flat area of land with stormwater infiltrating quickly through the soil profiles or evaporates. Stormwater pooling or ponding and contamination is not an issue at the premises. The Delegated Officer considers that this condition is not required within the Licence as a regulatory control for the premises and the Licensee does not have any stormwater mitigation measures in place at the premises.  Conditions 1.2.4-1.2.8 relate to the establishment of a baling plant, as applied for under this licence amendment application. A risk assessment for the baler is detailed under 'Premises operation' below.	
		Condition 1.2.4 requires the proponent to ensure that construction meets or exceeds the standards defined within Table 1.2.1. These specifications are consistent with the application requirements submitted by the proponent for the construction of the works.  Condition 1.2.5 relates to potential deviations/ departures from the proposed upgrade construction requirements (as based upon any variations to the works specifications, Table 1.2.1), and how these should be addressed.	
		Condition 1.2.6 requires upgrades or minor departures from the defined construction requirements to be listed and submitted through to DER within the construction compliance document, stated within condition 1.2.8. This ensures that departures from the approved works can be assessed and actioned as required.	



DECISION TAI	BLE		
Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents
		Conditions 1.2.7 and 1.2.8 require the submission of a construction compliance document prior to operation of the premises upgrade. This will ensure that upgrades undertaken (installation of the irrigation area) are certified as having been constructed in accordance with the Licence requirements, and that the appropriate testing has been conducted by the proponent for inclusion within the compliance report document.	
Premises operation	L1.3.1-L1.3.10	See Appendix 1 of the Decision Document for the risk assessment for 'Premises operation'.	Application supporting documentation.  Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004.  Environmental Protection (Rural Landfill) Regulations 2002.  Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations, 2004.
Odour emissions	-	Emission Description  Emission: Odour emissions from landfilling operations through the additional handling and disposal of odorous waste types (putrescible) received to the premises.  Impact: Nuisance odour emissions, interference with the health and amenity of surrounding	1.123.1.1.10, 200 11



Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents
		communities.  Controls: The proponent compacts and covers waste received daily. The Shire has a complaints management system in place for the effective reporting and recording of issues related to the operation of the premises which assists in continuous improvement and management of the premises operation. No additional volumes of waste are being received to the premises as a result of the additional category 62 inclusion.	
		Assessment of DER's Incident and Complaints Management System (ICMS) from 2010 to 2016 identified that one odour complaint was noted in July 2010. Fish offal causes the greatest odour issues at the landfill and is buried on the same day as delivery to the premises. Fish offal causes intermittent, localised odour issues at the premises only.	
		The careful reuse of nil to low odour waste streams (paper, cardboard, recyclable plastics) proposed will not result in any significant odour forming and will reduce waste volumes at the premises, and assist in supplying additional revenue for the Shire through recycling initiatives.	
		The premises is located within an isolated setting with the nearest sensitive receptor being the Mungullah Power Station which is located approximately 370 m west of the premises boundary and a closest sensitive residential receptor is approximately 1.4 km north of the premises boundary.	
		Risk Assessment Consequence: Slight Likelihood: Unlikely Risk Rating: Low	
		Regulatory Controls  No additional regulatory controls have been proposed through this amendment process.	



DECISION TAI	DECISION TABLE					
Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents			
		The Delegated Officer considers that:  • the additional handling of permitted waste types at the premises includes waste streams of a low odour generating potential (cardboard, paper and plastics); and  • low risk odour emissions are able to be adequately managed through section 49 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.				
		Residual Risk Consequence Slight Likelihood: Unlikely Risk Rating: Low				
Noise emissions	-	Emission Description Emission: Noise emissions from the operation of the mobile baling plant used for the recycling of Putrescible waste (paper, cardboard and recyclable plastics). Impact: Interference with the amenity of surrounding communities. Controls: The Shire has a complaints management system in place for the effective reporting and recording of issues related to the operation of the premises which assists in continuous improvement and management of the premises operation. The baler will be stored and operated within a shed on an intermittent/ 'ad hoc' basis dependent on adequate volumes of waste being received for baling.	Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.			
		The closest sensitive receptor is the town of Coral Bay and the caravan park approximately 305 m and 490 m north west, respectively, from the premises boundary. The premises is approximately 704 m south east of the Indian Ocean, and separated by a natural vegetated ridge which forms a natural barrier between the town of Coral Bay and the landfill.				
		The premises is located in a very low density, rural setting on the outskirts of the town of Coral Bay, and is considered isolated with no sensitive receptors adjacent to or in close proximity to the landfill. The landfill is located within a windy location able to readily				



DECISION TABL	.E		
Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents
		disseminate any noise generated at the premises.	
		The Licensee did not undertake any noise assessment or modelling as part of the proposed operational changes defined under this amendment process.	
		Risk Assessment Consequence: Slight Likelihood: Unlikely Risk Rating: Low	
		Regulatory Controls  No additional noise control measures have been proposed.	
		The Delegated Officer considers the provisions of the <i>Environmental Protection (Noise)</i> Regulations 1997 sufficient to regulate any low risk noise emissions from the premises.	
		Residual Risk Consequence Slight Likelihood: Unlikely	
Monitoring of inputs and outputs	L2.1.1	Risk Rating: Low  Condition 2.1.1, table 2.1.1, (previously condition 3.6.1) has been retained within the licence which includes the monitoring of waste types leaving or rejected from the premises. The Delegated Officer considers this condition a relevant and appropriate regulatory control in the management and reporting of operations for the premises.	Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (as amended).
Ambient environmental quality monitoring	L2.2	See Appendix 2 of the Decision Document for the risk assessment for 'Ambient environmental quality monitoring'.	



Works Approval /	Condition number	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents
Licence section	L= Licence		dodamonto
Improvements	L3.1.1	Section 3 'Improvements' has been removed from the licence as a result of this amendment process. An improvement programme 'IR1' included during the last amendment process (as amended 8 October 2015) for the development of an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) by the Shire has been removed. The AMP was received by DER in November 2015.	Guidelines for managing asbestos at construction and demolition waste recycling facilities,
		No further improvement conditions are pending and this section has subsequently been removed from the Licence.	2012, section 3.
Information	L4.1	General administrative changes have been included within this section of the Licence through the amendment process. Previous Section 4 'Information' has been renumbered Section 3 as a result of the removal of 'Improvements' (as above) from the licence.	
		Previous Condition 4.1.2 has been removed from the licence: "The Licensee shall ensure that:	
		<ul> <li>(a) any person left in charge of the Premises is aware of the conditions of the Licence and has access at all times to the Licence or copies thereof; and</li> <li>(b) any person who performs tasks on the Premises is informed of all of the conditions of the Licence that relate to the tasks which that person is performing."</li> </ul>	
		The Delegated Officer considers that it is not a valid defence under the EP Act for the Licensee or its agents to claim they are unaware of the conditions of the licence. Compliance to the conditions of a prescribed premises licence is a requirement of the EP Act.	
		Previous Condition 4.1.3 has been renumbered 3.1.3, and has had an administrative change to the wording of the condition. There is no material change to the context or reporting requirements of the condition.	
		Previous Condition 4.1.4 has had an administrative change and has been renumbered 3.1.4.	



DECISION TAE	BLE		
Works Approval / Licence section	Condition number L= Licence	Justification (including risk description & decision methodology where relevant)	Reference documents
		Previous Condition 4.1.5 has had an administrative change and has been renumbered 3.1.5.	
		Previous Condition 4.2.1 has had an administrative change and has been renumbered 3.2.1. Correlating condition numbers have also been updated within the related table.	
Schedule 1: Maps	-	The map within Schedule 1: Maps has been retained with minor administrative changes to include additional detail within the premises map.	
Schedule 2	-	An administrative change has been undertaken with the removal of the AACR form template. The required AACR form has been updated and is now accessed online. The Licensee is able to utilise the form template for the Compliance report as per DER website <a href="https://www.der.wa.gov.au">www.der.wa.gov.au</a> , should they wish to use the online format.	
		Schedule 2 now contains only the template for notification requirements under Form 'N1'.	
Licence Duration	N/A	The Licence duration was extended as part of a DER 'Strategy and Reform' process on 29 April 2016, changing the expiry date from 16 January 2019 to 16 January 2036. The Licensee was notified by DER in writing.	
		The licence duration has been amended to reflect this change through an administrative change as a result this amendment process, on page 1 of the licence.	



## 5 Advertisement and consultation table

Date	Event	Comments received/Notes	How comments were taken into consideration
25/11/2016	Proponent sent a copy of draft instrument	Two comments received from Alan Hobbs (Environmental Health Officer, Shire of Carnarvon) via email on 14/12/2016 as follows:  CORAL BAY WASTE SITE.  1. Delete all references to 'mobile' because funding requirements are for <b>fixtures only</b> .  2. Item 2.2.1 + Table 2.2.1 Request an extension of time for compliance due to:  (a) No provision for costs in the 2016—2017 budget.  (b) Proposed boundary changes (attached) will result in new areas being designated for the various waste streams. If we sink bores in relation to the present disposal areas may not be positioned effectively for new designated disposal areas.	Steve Checker (Manager Licensing Waste Industries) contacted Alan Hobbs with the following outcomes based on the comments received: 1. All reference to "mobile plant" changed to "fixture"; 2. Extension given until 30 September 2017.



### 6 Risk Assessment

Note: This matrix is taken from the DER Corporate Policy Statement No. 07 - Operational Risk Management

### **Table 1: Emissions Risk Matrix**

Likelihood	Consequence				
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe
Almost Certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
Possible	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme
Unlikely	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Rare	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High



## Appendix 1

### **Emission Description**

Emission: Fugitive emissions (dust and odour) and windblown waste from landfilling operations. Dust emissions from soil disturbance from the construction of new cells or operations (covering waste or baling activities) is expected to cause intermittent, low intensity, localised dust dispersal around the premises. Potential exists for asbestos particulates to become airborne/ mobile within the highly windy environment. Odour emissions from the receival of fish offal and putrescible waste. Impact: Nuisance dust and odour emissions, and interference with the health and amenity of surrounding communities. Contamination of surrounding land. Potential impacts on the surrounding groundwater or surface water from leachates from the unlined putrescible waste burial trenches/ cells. Controls: The proponent compacts and covers waste received daily. Weekly waste collection is undertaken for windblown waste and returned to the tipping area for compaction and disposal. The Shire has a complaints management system in place for the effective reporting and recording of issues related to the operation of the premises which assists in continuous improvement and management of the premises operation. The mobile plant will be housed within a shed and only operated intermittently when sufficient supplies have been stockpiled. Baled materials will be stored within the shed prior to disposal off site. Volumes received to the premises are considered low. The premises is manned for a portion of each day to ensure that waste is buried and adequately covered or stored on the day received, and to ensure appropriate management of the facility.

The premises is isolated and has no sensitive receptors adjoining or adjacent to the landfill, which is separated from the closest sensitive receptors by a vegetated sand dune (ridge) which forms a natural barrier to the town of Coral Bay and all other sensitive receptors.

Assessment of DER's Incident and Complaints Management System (ICMS) from 2010 to 2016 identified that:

- No complaints of dust have been received for the premises during this period;
- One complaint was received in November 2012 regarding litter;
- One odour complaint was noted in July 2010.

### Risk Assessment

Consequence: Minor Likelihood: Possible Risk Rating: Medium

#### Regulatory Controls

Condition 1.2.1 has been amended to be more specific regarding the pollution control requirements and requires the management of dust issues for the premises relating to water tankers/ sprays, water tanks.

Condition 1.3.1, table 1.3.1 'Specification' has had an administrative change to give more detail to the types of waste approved for receipt to the premises under each waste type category.

Condition 1.3.2 has been retained from the previous Licence and specifies the process for the receipt, handling and management of unauthorised waste types to the premises.

Condition 1.3.3, table 1.3.2 'Waste processing' has been amended to include additional process limits to assist in appropriate regulatory controls as a result of recycling of permitted waste types through the use of a baler, and storage of waste at the premises, as specified below:

1) All waste types (a) 'Disposal of waste by landfilling shall only take place within landfill trenches' has been removed from the licence and replaced with 'Waste is to be totally covered with cover material when disposed of to the landfill trenches so that no waste is left exposed'.

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2) Inert waste Type 1(a)-(c): specifies storage requirements;



- 3) Inert waste Type 2(a) and (b): specifies additional disposal and storage details;
- 4) Special waste Type 1(d) to (f): requires additional recording requirements;
- 5) Special waste Type 2(b) to (g): requires additional recording requirements;
- 6) Putrescible waste (a) to (f): requires additional storage and recycling details of non-green waste and additional storage and handling of green waste.

Additional above ground storage at the premises will place additional pressure on the landfill for subterranean burial area. The premises is already experiencing limitations and life expectancy of the current premises is short. The Shire of Carnarvon (Shire) has been investigating additional sites for use however this process has not been finalised. Although recycling will reduce the volume of waste burial and demand for land use, the storage of additional waste volumes (Inert waste Type 1) for extended periods, will further compound land availability issues at the premises. The Shire will be required to assess the ongoing capacity of the premises for any future expansion needs. Recycled wastes will be stored within the shed ensuring land area is not further compromised.

Conditions 1.3.4 to 1.3.9 have been retained within the licence as the Delegated Officer considers these conditions relevant and appropriate regulatory controls for the ongoing operation of the premises.

Condition 1.3.10 has been removed from the licence:

"The Licensee must ensure that an unauthorised fire on the Premises is extinguished as soon as possible."

The Delegated Officer considers this condition a duplication of requirements already defined within the details of condition 1.3.9 of the licence:

"The Licensee must ensure that there are appropriate procedures and equipment in place at the Premises so that any unauthorised fire is extinguished promptly."

Risk Assessment Consequence: Slight Likelihood: Possible

Risk Rating: Low

### **Appendix 2**

A risk assessment for 'Ambient environmental quality monitoring' has been included as potential leachate generation from the operation of the premises is possible. Historically, the Licence did not include any requirements for the management of leachates. The risk assessment is therefore proposing additional regulatory controls, as defined below:

### **Emission Description**

*Emission:* Leachates discharged from the burial of waste (putrescible waste including fish offal and carcases, contaminated containers and special waste type 1) within the landfill.

*Impact:* Potential contamination of groundwater (depth to groundwater at the premises is unknown) and potential discharge to surface water (Indian ocean, approximately 704 m south east).

Controls: Nil.

A desktop assessment of bores north west of the premises showed depth to groundwater varying approximately from 1.6 - 41m. Total dissolved solids varied from 5,571 - 20,400 mg/L (saline to highly saline). Evaporation rates have been shown to be more than eleven times the average annual rainfall rates ('Coral Bay Waste Management Facility – Waste Management Plan 2014').

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The landfill does not consist of any lined cells for solid waste disposal. The landfill has gradually grown in size and diversification of waste types disposed to the premises over time and recent discussions with the Shire (Alan Hobbs, EHO) has confirmed that the Shire are now looking to expand the premises boundary for greater landfilling potential into the near future.

The town of Coral Bay coastline forms part of the 'Ningaloo Reef Marine Park' which is Australia's largest fringing coral reef system and includes the 'Maud Sanctuary Zone' which offers the highest level of protection to marine ecosystems.

Department of Water (Water resource protection series No. 117) identifies that "Coral Bay depends entirely on groundwater for its water supply. Groundwater is sourced from the Birdrong aquifer, which is part of the Carnarvon Artesian Basin. This [Basin] is a confined sandstone aquifer that is recharged in the Gregory Range east of Coral Bay."

#### Risk Assessment

Consequence: Moderate Likelihood: Possible Risk Rating: Medium

#### Regulatory Controls

Additional regulatory controls have been included within this amendment process for the monitoring of groundwater quality within Section 2.2 of the Licence. The additional conditions 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 require the Licence to ensure monitoring of specific groundwater parameters is undertaken within ten months from the granting of this Licence amendment.

The Delegated Officer considers that although annual evaporation rates are more than eleven times the annual rainfall rates, which will assist in reducing mobility of leachates towards groundwater:

- The Coral Bay area is considered to consist of coastal flats and dunes with the landfill soil type described as 'calcarenites and limestone' formations (Department of Water, Water resource protection series No. 117), which are karstic in nature and readily allow for the mobility of leachates through the soil profile;
- · The landfill does not include any lined cells;
- The area has high tourism utilisation and economic value;
- Depth to groundwater and groundwater directional flow at the premises is unknown;
- The sensitivity of and potential risk to the marine environment requires additional regulatory controls within the premises Licence in order to assess potential emission risks to the receiving environment; and
- Potential expansion of the landfill and town exists.

The potential for leachate migration via the soil profile to impact groundwater exists and regulatory controls for groundwater monitoring are considered appropriate. Conditions 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 have therefore been included within the Licence. The Delegated Officer considers these conditions relevant and appropriate regulatory controls required for the monitoring of potential emissions as a result of operation of the prescribed premises categories.

Residual Risk

Consequence Moderate Likelihood: Possible Risk Rating: Medium

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