



Department initiated Amendment

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

Licence Number	L5989/1991/11
Licence Holder	Water Corporation
File Number	2010/003537-1
Premises	Northam Waste Resource Recovery Facility Crown Reserve 25729 Legal description – Lot 29316 on Deposited Plan 221054 Lot 500 and Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 76392 NORTHAM WA 6401 As defined by the Premises map attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	21/11/2023
Decision	Revised licence granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L5989/1991/11. The amendments are administrative in nature therefore they do not alter the risk profile of the Premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

As a result of this assessment, Revised Licence L5989/1991/11 has been granted. This Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

The decision report for the Existing Licence will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the licence, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

2.2 Amendment summary

Licence L5989/1991/11 is held by the Water Corporation (Licence Holder) for the Northam Wastewater Treatment Plant (the Premises), located at Crown Reserve 25729, Northam. This licence is due to expire on 3 December 2023.

The Licence Holder submitted an application for a licence renewal on 7 September 2023. The department is currently conducting a thorough risk assessment on the licence renewal, with a decision report to be published in due course.

To enable sufficient time for this review, the department has initiated an amendment to Licence L5989/1991/11 under section 59 and 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). This amendment is limited to a 12 month extension to the licence expiry date to facilitate continued operation of the WWTP, while providing additional time for the department to assess the licence renewal application.

There are no requested changes to Category 54 activities from the previously assessed Existing Licence, as outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Approved production capacity

Category	Approved production capacity
Category 54 sewage facility: premises – a) on which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks) or b) from which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters.	1 500 m ³ per day

3. Consultation

Table 2 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 2: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Licence Holder provided with draft amendment on 9/11/2023	No comments received	N/A

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that a Revised Licence will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, *Guideline: Environmental Siting*, Perth, Western Australia.
3. DWER 2020, *Guideline: Risk Assessments*, Perth, Western Australia.