



Application for Licence Amendment

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

Licence Number	L6818/1997/11
Licence Holder	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
Application Number	APP-0029450
Premises	<p>Bridgetown Waste Management Facility Lot 903 Bridgetown – Boyup Brook Road BRIDGETOWN WA 6255</p> <p>Legal description – Part Lot 903 on Plan 189961</p>
Date of Report	16 September 2025
Decision	Revised licence granted

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1. Decision summary

Licence L6818/1997/11 is held by Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes (Licence Holder) for the Bridgetown Waste Management Facility (the Premises), located at Lot 903 Bridgetown-Boyup Brook Road, Bridgetown.

This Amendment Report documents the assessment of potential risks to the environment and public health from proposed changes to the emissions and discharges during the operation of the Premises. As a result of this assessment, Revised Licence L6818/1997/11 has been granted.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In completing the assessment documented in this Amendment Report, 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

A landfill post closure plan was developed by the Licence Holder in 2012. The plan proposed a final landfill profile which proposed new landfill cells and the need for drainage and stormwater controls to help control erosion on the elevated batters.

The assessment of an amendment to licence L6818/1997/11 conducted in 2016 resulted in conditions being placed on the licence requiring the Licence Holder to submit a new final landfill profile and post-closure capping plan to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department) by 3 December 2018. This plan was to include a geotechnical stability report.

The 2018 deadline was not met. The Licence Holder requested an extension with a revised due date of 28 January 2023, which the department granted on 28 July 2022.

Despite the extension, the required documentation was not submitted. The Licence Holder requested a second extension with a new due date of 31 July 2025, which the department granted on 14 May 2024.

On 20 June 2025, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L6818/1997/11 under section 59 and 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The Licence Holder advised the post-closure capping plan has been delayed due to internal review, Council consultation, and forward planning to transition the premises to a transfer station following consultant advice that closure is the most cost-effective option. A recent internal restructure also shifted waste management responsibilities, requiring re-engagement with consultants. The geotechnical survey and subsequent report was delayed due to expanded scope and incomplete fieldwork. A revised quote exceeded the available budget, and a formal procurement process is now underway, pending approval of the 2025/26 budget in August.

The Licence Holder is seeking a third extension to the due date for the post-closure capping plan and an alternative due date for the geotechnical stability survey and subsequent report.

The requested new date for provision of the geotechnical stability report is 31 December 2025 and the requested extension date for the capping plan is the end of 31 August 2026.

3. Compliance

Non-compliance with licence condition 28 requiring submission of the final landfill profile and post-closure capping plan will be referred to the Department's Assurance Branch for investigation.

4. Consultation

Table 1 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 1: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Licence Holder was provided with draft amendment on 22 August 2025	On 16 September 2025, the licence holder confirmed that they have no comments regarding the draft documents	Noted.

5. 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.

The Department has granted the extension as the Shire has demonstrated ongoing commitment to progressing the work, and the revised timeframes are considered reasonable under the circumstances.

5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised Licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 2: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 22 Table 11	Extension to the due dates for action item 1 for the ground-based geotechnical survey and action item 2 for the subsequent report to 31 December 2025.
Condition 28	Extension to the due date for the final landfill profile and post closure plan to 31 August 2026.

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.