



## CEO-initiated amendment to licence

### Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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<b>Licence number</b>	L7291/1995/10
<b>Licence holder</b>	Cockburn Cement Limited
<b>DWER file number</b>	APP-0026174
<b>Premises</b>	Dongara Lime Plant Kailis Drive DONGARA WA 6525  Legal Description – Mining Tenement M70/311 Victoria Location 11702 Kailis Drive DONGARA WA 6525
<b>Date of report</b>	07 April 2025
<b>Decision</b>	Revised licence granted

#### MANAGER, PROCESS INDUSTRIES

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

## 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make an amendment to licence L7291/1995/9. The amendment is administrative in nature therefore does not alter the risk profile of the premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

This Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

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 [DWER Regulatory documents](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/dwer-regulatory-documents) | [Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au).

### 2.2 Amendment summary

Cockburn Cement Limited (licence holder) currently hold licence L7291/1995/9, issued under Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

The existing licence operates under category 43 – cement or lime manufacturing and has an assessed production of 100,000 tonnes per year. Currently the licence holder utilises a mobile screening plant that removes organic matter from the lime sand within the cleared sand dunes as part of the lime manufacturing process with an existing annual throughput of 20,000 tonnes. The licence holder proposes to operate a second mobile screening plant to increase their screening of bulk lime sand extracted from the dunes in sandpits 3 and 4, and future sandpit 2. The screened lime sand will be blended with recovered lime kiln dust to produce Aglime for agricultural use or will be used within the existing lime manufacturing plant.

The existing licence is due to expire on 28/04/2025. The department considers that there is insufficient time to complete a licence renewal process therefore initiated an amendment to licence L7291/1995/10. The amendment is limited to extending the licence expiry date. No reassessment of risk has been undertaken at this time. The department intends to defer the review and renewal of the premises licence until a later date, and amend the licence expiry date to 28 April 2035.

## 3. Consultation

The draft licence and this report were provided to the licence holder on 20 March 2025 for comment and included a request to provide detail on Mining Tenement M70/311 (due to expire in 5 years). On 1 April 2025, the licence holder confirmed that the estimated remaining life of mine is 47 years and that Cockburn Cement Limited will be applying for a mining lease extension beyond the current expiry. The delegated officer notes that it remains the responsibility of the Licence Holder to ensure they have obtained appropriate approvals and land access requirements for the operations at the premises.

## 4. Decision

Section 63 of the EP Act prescribes that a licence shall continue in force for such period as is specified in the licence. Licence L7291/1995/9 is due to expire on 28 April 2025. The delegated officer considers it appropriate to extend the licence duration by ten years to 28 April 2035.

In determining to extend the duration of the licence by ten years, the following matters were considered by the delegated officer:

- the risk profile of the premises was last considered for the 2014 reissue of the licence and is considered to be low;
- one odour complaint was received and resolved by the department in 2022. There have been no enforcement actions taken against the occupier regarding the licence;
- an extension to the duration of the licence will not change the current risk profile of the premises, and the risks posed by ongoing emissions from the premises will continue to be subject to the existing licence conditions;
- the licence holder has committed to extend mining lease M70/311 as required, within the duration of the extension of the licence;
- *Guidance Statement: Licence duration* (2016) provides for licences to be issued for a term of up to 20 years; and
- in the event that risk issues arise in relation to the premises, the CEO may:
  - amend the licence conditions at any point; and
  - in the event of an alleged offence, exercise enforcement powers under the provisions of the EP Act.

## 5. Conclusion

### 5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 below provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised licence as part of the amendment process.

**Table 1: Summary of licence amendments**

Condition / table	Description
Front page of licence	Expiry date extended to 28 April 2035