



## Application to renew a licence

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

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Licence Number	L7461/2000/10
Licence Holder	Water Corporation
ABN	28 003 434 917
File Number	2012/006666-1
Premises	Leonora Water Resource Recovery Facility Crown Reserve 41956, Steel Street LEONORA WA 6537 Being Lot 1273 on Plan 190076 as depicted in Schedule 1
Date of Report	30 November 2023
Decision	To grant a licence

Senior Environmental Officer, Industry Regulation

An officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

## 1. Decision summary

Under the regulatory framework the Delegated Officer decided to process the application to renew licence L7461 without conducting any additional risk assessment.

The licence can be issued for 20 years, which is consistent with the *Guidance Statement on Licence Duration 2016*. In renewing the licence the Delegated Officer has determined to:

- update the format and appearance of the licence;
- remove redundant conditions;
- revised licence conditions; and
- corrected clerical mistakes, unintentional errors.

As a result of the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L7461/2000/10, subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

## 2. Scope of assessment

### 2.1 Application summary

On 7 September 2023 Water Corporation (licence holder) applied to renew licence L7461, as the licence is due to expire on 29 November 2023. The licence was granted to the licence holder for the premises located at Lot 1273 on Steel Street, Leonora WA 6537 (Premises).

The licence relates to prescribed premises categories as described in Table 1.

**Table 1: Premises category description and production design capacity**

<b>Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i>)</b>	<b>Production / design capacity</b>
Category 54: <i>Sewage facility: premises</i> – (a) On which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks); or (b) From which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters	Not more than 225 m <sup>3</sup> per day

The licence holder proposed change in name of the facility from “Leonora Wastewater Treatment Plant” to “Leonora Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)”.

This facility is located approximately 500m west of the Leonora town site, consists of three treatment ponds (in series), and a large storage pond. Treated wastewater (TWW) from Pond 3 is disinfected using chlorination at the reuse pump station prior to being pumped to the Shire storage tank for irrigation of Leonora shire sports oval.

All treated wastewater produced at the facility is reused by the Shire of Leonora for irrigation purposes.

### 3. Regulatory framework

The Delegated Officer has not conducted a full review and risk assessment of emissions and discharges from the Premises in line with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (department) *Work Instruction: Regulatory Services, COVID-19 licensing position* October 2021.

In granting the licence, the Delegated Officer has considered and given due regard to the department's regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

### 4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

#### 4.1 Compliance and enforcement actions

There have been no complaints received and no incidents reporting during the 2021-22. There have been no enforcement actions taken against the occupier in the last 5 years regarding the licence.

#### 4.2 Legal occupancy

The licence holder has demonstrated legal occupancy of the Premises.

#### 4.3 Categories of the licence

The requested categories and the corresponding maximum production capacities for the renewal of the licence are consistent with the categories for which the licence holder currently holds a licence and which was previously assessed.

#### 4.4 Planning approval

The licence holder is a corporation and hold a licence under Part V of the EP Act. No construction of new infrastructure is proposed and the renewal would be as per existing licence.

### 5. Summary of changes to the licence conditions

Section 62 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) provides the legal power to attach conditions to licences. Most licences are issued with conditions as per *Guidance Statement – Setting Conditions* (October 2015) to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution or environmental harm as a result of the emissions and/or discharges from the premises in question.

Table 1 summarises the changes from the expiring licence into the new licence including changes made to licence conditions where required and the rationale for changes made.

**Table 1: Licence conditions changes, description and rationale**

Current condition / table	Summary of current condition	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
1-9		1-9	Reinstated without any change
10			Redundant condition removed from Licence
11		10	Reinstated without any change
12		11	Reinstated without any change
13	Records and reporting	12	Corrected for a typo mistake in condition containing 14(d)

Current condition / table	Summary of current condition	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
14	Compliance	13	Reworded for reporting submission date 1 October as per notice of amendment reporting requirements
15	AER	14	
16 to 18		15 to 17	Reinstated without any change
N/A	Schedule 1	Schedule 1	Maps
N/A	Schedule 2		Deleted Forms

## 6. Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as per Table 2.

**Table 2: Consultation**

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer's response
Application advertised on the department's website on 30 October 2023	No comments received.	N/A
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 3 November 2023	N/A	N/A