



## Application for Licence

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

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<b>Licence Number</b>	L7827/2001/6
<b>Applicant</b>	Abbotts Liquid Salvage Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	125 634 004
<b>File Number</b>	DWERVT7258
<b>Premises</b>	Abbotts Liquid Salvage 35494 Albany Highway DROME WA 6330 Being Part of Lot 4638 on Plan 157018  As defined by the Premises maps in Schedule 1 and coordinates in Schedule 2 of the Licence
<b>Date of Report</b>	14 January 2021
<b>Decision</b>	Licence granted

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## 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to renew the Licence for Abbotts Liquid Salvage Pty Ltd at Abbotts Liquid Salvage (the Premises) on part of Lot 4638 on Plan 157018, Albany Highway, Drome, for a period of 5 years. The renewal is administrative in nature and therefore a risk assessment of the emissions and discharges associated with the Premises has not been undertaken.

The Decision Report for the previous Licence, L7827/2001/5, 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 Assessment framework

In completing the assessment documented in this Decision 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>.

The scope of this renewal is also influenced by Industry Regulation's internal work instruction *Covid-19 Licensing Position* which specifies that where practicable, renewals should be administrative only and constitute no further environmental assessment. Noting this, this renewal will be administrative only to address any administrative errors on the Licence and provide a new commencement and expiry date.

### 2.2 Renewal application summary

On 30 November 2020, Abbotts Liquid Salvage Pty Ltd (Applicant) for the Abbotts Liquid Salvage (the Premises) submitted to the department an application to renew Licence L7827/2001/5. The renewal application sought an extension to the Licence expiry date only.

### 2.3 Administrative changes

The obligations of the Licence Holder have not changed in correcting administrative errors on the Licence. The department has not undertaken any additional risk assessment of the Premises related to these changes.

In updating the Licence, the department has:

- updated the format and appearance of the Licence;
- revised Licence condition numbers and removed any redundant conditions;
- realigned condition numbers for numerical consistency; and
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

The full list of updates to the Licence are detailed in Section 5.1 of this Decision Document.

## 3. Background

The Premises is licensed under Category 61 – liquid waste facility and Category 67A – compost manufacturing and soil blending premises. The Premises accepts, processes, composts, stores and discharges waste materials as detailed in Tables 1 and 2 of the Licence.

The Licence Holder has provided a letter of consent from the landowner to allow occupancy of the Premises.

## 4. Consultation

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

**Table 1: Consultation**

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Application advertised on the department's website (10/12/2020)	Nil.	N/A
City of Albany consulted on 05/01/2021 (A1969019)	The Coordinator Planning Services responded on 14/01/2021 and has advised that the subject site is zoned Priority Agriculture under the City's Local Planning Scheme No.1 and has provided a copy of development approvals P215233 and P2150273 to DWER which currently apply to the site. It is also noted that odour complaints have previously been received by the City however further details have not been provided due to the administrative nature of this licence renewal.  (DWERDT401936)	Noted.
Landowner consulted on 05/01/2021 (A1969018)	The landowner has requested that the 20-year proposed licence extension be reduced to 5 years.  (DWERDT400245 and DWERDT400583)	A letter of consent has been provided to DWER from the landowner stating authorisation for this prescribed premises to operate on the land on an ongoing lease arrangement.  As there is no official lease that has been provided and at the request of the landowner, the Delegated Officer will extend this licence expiry for 5 years with a new expiry date of 19 January 2026.
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 24/12/2020 (A1967607)	<u>Compost windrow size</u>  The applicant has advised that the 3m x 3m windrow size restriction listed in 'Table 2: Waste Processing' is impractical as the equipment being used is a 6m wide Scarab compost turner.	<u>Compost windrow size</u>  The Department considers restrictions on composting windrow size necessary on a case by case basis for fire management purposes. It is noted in an email from the Applicant on 21/11/2016 that the equipment being used at this time only produced windrows no greater than 2m high and 3m wide which would ensure easy access to any potential fires within the windrow.  As this Licence renewal is administrative in nature to extend the expiry date, the Applicant is advised to submit a Licence

	<p><u>Wastewater spillages (oils)</u></p> <p>The Applicant has advised that a requirement listed for the non-conforming load tank in 'Table 3: Containment infrastructure' is not preferred as it states that the concrete hardstand area shall direct wastewater spillages to the receival tank for anaerobic ponds.</p> <p>The Applicant does not want any oil spillages being returned into the treatment ponds and prefers capturing any spills into a spill tub which is then drained back into the non-conforming load tank instead of the receival tank or waste ponds.</p> <p><u>Leachate pond liner material</u></p> <p>The Applicant advised that the leachate pond requirements listed in 'Table 3: Containment infrastructure' incorrectly refer to a synthetic liner. The applicant has advised that a clay lined pond that meets the required permeability is in place.</p> <p>(DWERDT398743)</p>	<p>amendment application with the information necessary to support any proposed changes.</p> <p><u>Wastewater spillages (oils)</u></p> <p>The department considers any changes to containment infrastructure and operational requirements to be outside of the scope of this administrative licence renewal.</p> <p>The Applicant is advised to submit a Licence amendment application to the department with the information necessary to support any proposed changes.</p> <p><u>Leachate pond liner material</u></p> <p>The department notes that Works Approval W5905/2015/1 permitted either a clay liner or a HDPE liner to be installed subject to the specifications listed. A structural engineers report submitted to the department on 16/06/2016 indicated that a clay liner had been installed to the specifications listed in W5905/2015/1.</p> <p>As this is an administrative error, 'Table 3: Containment infrastructure' in L7827/2001/6 has been updated to include the clay liner in place.</p>
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## 5. Conclusion

The Delegated Officer has assessed the Licence renewal application and has determined to grant Licence L7827/2001/6 for a period of 5 years, expiring 19 January 2026. The renewal of this Licence is administrative in nature only, with no changes to the operations or activities of this Premises.

### 5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 provides a summary of administrative updates made to the Licence and will act as a record of implemented changes.

**Table 2: Administrative changes to conditions in this Licence renewal**

Existing condition	Condition summary	Revised licence condition	Conversion notes
1.1.1 1.1.2	Interpretation and definitions	N/A Interpretation section, Definitions in Table 14	Redundant condition. Revised to current licensing format.
1.1.3	Australian or other standard	N/A Interpretation section	Redundant condition. Revised to current licensing format.
1.1.4	Guideline or code of practice	N/A	Redundant condition. Revised to current licensing format.
1.2.1 Table 1.2.1	Waste acceptance	Condition 1 Table 1	New numbering.
1.2.2	Non-confirming waste	Condition 2	New numbering.
1.2.3 Table 1.2.2	Waste processing	Condition 3 Table 2	New numbering.
1.2.4 Table 1.2.3	Containment infrastructure	Condition 4 Table 3	New numbering.
1.2.5	Security measures	Condition 5	New numbering.
1.2.6	Wastewater treatment ponds	Condition 6	New numbering.
1.2.7	Leachate discharge	Condition 7	New numbering.
1.2.8	Treated wastewater irrigation	Condition 8	New numbering.
1.2.9	Burning of green-waste or compost	Condition 9	New numbering.
1.2.10	Equipment requirements	Condition 10	New numbering.
2.1.1	Record and investigate exceedances of limits or targets	N/A	Redundant condition. Deleted from Licence
2.2.1 Table 2.2.1	Emissions to land	Condition 11 Table 4	New numbering.
2.2.2 Table 2.2.2	Emission limits to land	Condition 12 Table 5	New numbering.

Existing condition	Condition summary	Revised licence condition	Conversion notes
3.1.1	Sampling requirements	Condition 13	New numbering.
3.1.2	Monitoring requirements	Condition 14	New numbering.
3.1.3	Equipment calibration	Condition 15	New numbering.
3.1.4	Calibration discrepancy reporting requirements	Condition 16	New numbering.
3.2.1 Table 3.2.1	Monitoring of emissions to land	Condition 17	New numbering.
3.3.1 Table 3.3.1	Monitoring of inputs and outputs	Condition 18 Table 7	New numbering.
3.4.1 Table 3.4.1	Process monitoring	Condition 19 Table 8	New numbering.
3.4.2	Compost product testing	Condition 20	New numbering.
3.4.3	Compost classification and product specifications	Condition 21	New numbering.
3.5.1 Table 3.5.1 Table 3.5.2	Monitoring of ambient groundwater quality Monitoring of ambient soil quality	Condition 22 Table 9 Table 10	New numbering.
4.1.1	Record-keeping	Condition 23	New numbering.
4.1.2	Annual Audit Compliance Report	Condition 24	New numbering and new format – submission of AACR to be within 60 days of the end of the annual period.
4.1.3	Complaints management	Condition 25	New numbering and new format.
4.1.4	Additional record-keeping	Condition 26	New numbering.
4.2.1 Table 4.2.1	Annual Environmental Report	Condition 27	New numbering and new format – submission of AER to be within 60 days of the end of the annual period.
4.2.2	Reporting assessment of previous results	Condition 28	New numbering.
4.2.3 Table 4.2.2	Non-annual reporting requirements	Condition 29 Table 12	New numbering.

Existing condition	Condition summary	Revised licence condition	Conversion notes
4.3.1 Table 4.3.1	Notification requirements	Condition 30 Table 13	New numbering.
Schedule 1: Maps	Premises map Map of emission points Map of monitoring locations Map of storage locations Premises boundary	Premises map Map of storage areas, emission points and monitoring locations Map of monitoring bore locations	Premises map aerial capture has been updated. Duplication of maps have been removed from the Licence. Coordinates table moved into Schedule 2.
N/A	Schedule 2: Premises boundary	Table 15: Premises boundary coordinates	Coordinates updated from WKID: 4326 Lat/Long to GDA 2020 Zone 50. Reference points added.
N/A	Schedule 3: Reporting & notification forms	N1 form	N1 form added to the Licence for reporting requirement where required as per Table 13 of the Licence

## References

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4. DWER, June 2019. *Guideline: Decision Making*. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Perth. Accessed at [www.dwer.wa.gov.au](http://www.dwer.wa.gov.au)
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## Appendix 1: Application validation summary

SECTION 1: APPLICATION SUMMARY (as updated from validation checklist)					
<b>Application type</b>					
Works approval	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relevant works approval number:		None	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Has the works approval been complied with?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Has time limited operations under the works approval demonstrated acceptable operations?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Environmental Compliance Report / Critical Containment Infrastructure Report submitted?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Date Report received:			
Renewal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Current licence number:	L7827/2001/6		
Amendment to works approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current works approval number:			
Amendment to licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current licence number:			
		Relevant works approval number:		N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current works approval number:		None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date application received		30 November 2020			
<b>Applicant and Premises details</b>					
Applicant name/s (full legal name/s)		Abbotts Liquid Salvage Pty Ltd			
Premises name		Abbotts Liquid Salvage			
Premises location		35494 Albany Hwy DROME WA 6330			
Local Government Authority		City of Albany			
<b>Application documents</b>					
HPCM file reference number:		DER2014/001082-1			
Key application documents (additional to application form):		Application form			
<b>Scope of application/assessment</b>					
Summary of proposed activities or changes to existing operations.		Licence renewal – Administrative in nature. No risk assessment. Operation of category 61 - Liquid waste facility and 67A - Compost manufacturing and soil blending			

**Category number/s (activities that cause the premises to become prescribed premises)**

**Table 1: Prescribed premises categories**

Prescribed premises category and description	Assessed production or design capacity
Category 61: Liquid waste facility	20,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 67A: Compost manufacturing and soil blending	7,500 tonnes per annual period

**Legislative context and other approvals**

Has the applicant referred, or do they intend to refer, their proposal to the EPA under Part IV of the EP Act as a significant proposal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Referral decision No: Managed under Part V <input type="checkbox"/> Assessed under Part IV <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the applicant hold any existing Part IV Ministerial Statements relevant to the application?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial statement No: EPA Report No:
Has the proposal been referred and/or assessed under the EPBC Act?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference No:
Has the applicant demonstrated occupancy (proof of occupier status)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of title <input type="checkbox"/> General lease <input type="checkbox"/> Expiry: Mining lease / tenement <input type="checkbox"/> Expiry: Other evidence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expiry: N/A
Has the applicant obtained all relevant planning approvals?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	DWERDT401936
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing EP Act clearing permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CPS No: N/A No clearing is proposed.
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing CAWS Act clearing licence in relation to this proposal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application reference No: N/A Licence/permit No: N/A No clearing is proposed.
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing RIWI Act licence or permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application reference No: Licence/permit No: Licence / permit not required.

Does the proposal involve a discharge of waste into a designated area (as defined in section 57 of the EP Act)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Marbellup Brook catchment Area abuts premises)	Name: N/A Type: Proclaimed Groundwater Area/Surface Water Area Has Regulatory Services (Water) been consulted? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Regional office: Swan Avon / Mid-West Gascoyne / Kwinana Peel / North West / South West / Goldfields / South Coast
Is the Premises situated in a Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: N/A Priority: P1 / P2 / P3 / N/A Are the proposed activities/ landuse compatible with the PDWSA (refer to <u>WQPN 25</u> )? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the Premises subject to any other Acts or subsidiary regulations (e.g. <i>Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004, Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004, State Agreement Act xxxx</i> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Premises within an Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) Area?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Premises subject to any EPP requirements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Premises a known or suspected contaminated site under the <i>Contaminated Sites Act 2003</i> ?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> CSS_SITE_ID 639 Albany Irrigated Tree Farm, Timewell Rd, Albany	Classification: Awaiting classification Date of classification: N/A