



## Application to renew a licence

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

---

<b>Licence Number</b>	L8237/2008/3
<b>Licence Holder</b>	Water Corporation PTY LTD
<b>ABN</b>	28 003 434 917
<b>File Number</b>	DEC7562/1
<b>Premises</b>	Corrigin Water Resource Recovery Facility Reserve 27018 CORRIGIN WA 6375 Being Reserve 27018 as depicted in Schedule 1.
<b>Date of Report</b>	08/12/2023
<b>Decision</b>	To grant a licence

Senior Environmental Officer, Industry Regulation  
Officer delegated 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 L8237/2008/2 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;
- include conditions considered necessary for the effective administration of the licence (i.e. record keeping and reporting requirements);
- revise licence conditions and consolidate existing pollution control conditions;
- include all infrastructure into condition 1, *Table 1: infrastructure and equipment requirements*;
- correct clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- transfer all existing regulatory controls and conditions to the new licence.

As a result of the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L8237/2008/3, subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

## 2. Scope of assessment

### 2.1 Application summary

On 14 September 2023 Water Corporation (licence holder) applied to renew licence L8237/2008/2 as the licence is due to expire on 9 December 2023. The licence was granted to the licence holder for the premises located at the Crown Reserve 27018 (Premises).

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

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

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> )	Production / design 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.	100 cubic meters or more per day

Water Corporation operates the Corrigin Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and the Premises are located approximately 600m south west of the Corrigin Township. The facility consists of two oxidation ponds and treats up to 290 m<sup>3</sup> per day.

## 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 2022.

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 incidents or complaints identified at the Premises by the department in the last five years. 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 has informed the department that it has planning approval for the activities on the Premises.

## 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
Design and layout	-	-	Updated to latest DWER format
Contents	-	-	Removed to conform to new licence format
Introduction	-	-	
Definitions			Definitions removed: AS/NZS 5667.10, discharge, emission, NATA and NATA accredited.
1.2 General conditions			Removed to conform to new licence format
1.3.4	Containment Infrastructure	1 – Infrastructure and equipment	

Current condition / table	Summary of current condition	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
1.3.2	Waste acceptance	2	Updated to latest DWER format
1.3.3	Waste processing	3	
1.3.6	Security	5	Updated to latest DWER security requirement
2.1	General monitoring		Removed
-	Monitoring requirements	8-11	Addition of new monitoring requirements
		12	Additional of complaints monitoring system as per Department requirements
3.1.3	Annual Audit Compliance Report	15	Updated to latest DWER format
Reporting	Annual Environmental Reporting	-	
Forms			Removed Notification Form N1, to be consistent with current licence format.

## 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 20 August 2023	None received	N/A
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 27 November 2023	None received	N/A