

Decision Report

Application to renew a licence

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Licence Number L8540/2011/2

Licence Holder Ausvision Rural Services Pty Ltd

ACN 106 075 763

File Number 2011/002681-1

Premises Wongan Feeds

Lot 3, Northam-Pithara Rd

LAKE NINAN WA 6603

Date of Report 28/06/2024

Decision To grant a licence

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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

1. Decision summary

Under the regulatory framework the Delegated Officer decided to process the application to renew licence L8540/2011/1 without conducting an 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;
- incorporate licence amendment/s issued prior to the replacement 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; and
- correct clerical mistakes and unintentional errors;

As a result of the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L8540/2011/2, subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Application summary

On 28 December 2023, Ausvision Rural Services Pty Ltd (licence holder), applied to renew licence L8540/2011/1, as the licence is due to expire on 1 July 2024. The licence was granted to the licence holder for the premises located at Lot 3 on Deposited Plan 24872 Northam - Pithara Road, Lake Ninan WA 6603 known as Wongan Feeds (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 23: Animal feed manufacturing.	Not more than 65,000 tonnes per annual period	

Wongan Feeds is in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. This facility is situated 4 km south of the town of Wongan Hills and approximately 150 km North-East of the Perth metropolitan area. The main activity undertaken at the site is animal feed manufacturing by blending raw materials such as straw bales, grains with hydrated lime and minerals. The facility operates 24 hours a day for 10 days and following a 4-day maintenance halt, manufacturing resumes. This cyclical process persists throughout the year.

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 DWER Regulatory documents | Western Australian Government (www.wa.gov.au)

4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

4.1 Compliance and enforcement actions

There have been no incidents or complaints recorded and no enforcement action taken by the department against the occupier or the premises in the last 5 years.

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 Risk Assessment

This licence renewal is deemed an administrative licence renewal and there is no additional risk assessment completed, therefore the delegated officer noted the previous relevant Environmental Assessment Report dated 22 June 2012 and includes in Appendix 1 a copy of the report for the purpose of consistency and transparency.

4.5 Planning approval

The licence holder has confirmed with the department they have 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 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 2: Licence conditions changes, description and rationale

Existing condition	Condition summary	Revised licence condition	Renewal notes	
N/A	Terminology	N/A	'Licensee' updated to 'Licence Holder' throughout document.	
N/A	Front Page	N/A	'Not more than' added to production or design capacity.	
N/A	Definitions	Definitions Table 1	Moved definitions from General section to new licence definitions in <u>Table 1</u>	

Existing condition	Condition summary	Revised licence condition	Renewal notes	
1 - 3	Processing of materials	1 - 3	Condition retained, reference and format updated.	
4 - 5	Emission to air	N/A	Removed as no longer relevant	
6 - 7		4 - 5	Condition retained, reference and format updated	
8	Noise emission	N/A	Removed as no longer relevant	
9	Processing of materials	6	Condition retained, reference and format updated	
10	Records and Reporting	7	Condition retained, reference and format updated	
9	Annual Monitoring Report	N/A	Removed as no longer relevant	
10	AACR	8	Condition updated in line with current formatting.	
N/A	Records and Reporting	9 and 10	New conditions updated to current licensing format.	
Schedule 1	Мар	Schedule 1	Updated map in line with current formatting.	

6. Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as $\operatorname{\mathsf{per}}$ Table .

Table 3: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer's response	
Application advertised on the department's website on 25 January 2024 with submissions closing on 16 February 2024.	No submission received.	Noted by Delegated Officer.	
Local Government Authority advised of application on 24 January 2024.	On 23 February 2024 the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu indicating no concerns with the licence renewal for Ausvision Rural Services.	Noted by Delegated Officer.	
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 17 May 2024.	Applicant replied on 28 May 2024 with no comments on the draft licence and proceeded to waive the remaining consultation period.	Noted by Delegated Officer.	