



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6538/2021/1
Works Approval Holder	BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd
ACN	004 184 598
File Number	APP-0026325
Premises	BHP Nickel West Leinster Nickel Operations Legal description - Mining tenements ML255SA, M36/4, M36/87, M36/102, M36/103, M36/131, M36/156, M36/230, M36/389, M36/439, L36/93, G36/49, G36/50 and G36/51 LEINSTER WA 6437
Date of Report	24 February 2025
Proposed Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6538/2021/1. The amendments are administrative in nature therefore they do 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).

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the works approval, 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>.

2.2 Application summary

Works Approval W6538/2021/1 is held by BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the BHP Nickel West Leinster Nickel Operations (the Premises), located at Leinster Mine Rd, Shire of Leonora.

The Premises relates to the category and the assessed design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Works Approval W6538/2021/1.

On 7 November 2024, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6538/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending the works approval expiry date.

W6538/2021/1 provides approval for the applicant to construct multiple embankment raises across several stages. Some of the raises have not yet commenced the construction phase and may be required in the event of a future restart of operations.

The applicant has suspended all mining and processing activities related to Works Approval W6538/2021/1 and is seeking a 3-year extension to Works Approval to support the potential transition out of temporary suspension.

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 14 February 2025. On 17 February 2025 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended works approval will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

4.1 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 works approval as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Cover page	Changed licence expiry date to 18 August 2029

References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, *Guideline: Environmental Siting*, Perth, Western Australia.
3. DWER 2020, *Guideline: Risk Assessments*, Perth, Western Australia.
4. BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd, *Application Form - Works Approval Amendment, BHP Nickel West Leinster Nickel Operations*, Perth WA 6000.