



Application for Works Approval Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6714/2022/1
Works Approval Holder	BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd
ACN	008 700 981
Application Number	APP-0031843
Premises	<p>Mt Whaleback/Orebody 29/30/35</p> <p>Tenements E52/2009-1, ML244SA, G52/19-G52/274, G52/276, G52/277, G52/279; and Special Leases K858923 and N088235</p> <p>NEWMAN WA 6753</p> <p>As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 2 attached to the Revised Works Approval</p>
Date of Report	19 December 2025
Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6714/2022/1. The amendments 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).

The decision report for the existing works approval 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 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 Amendment summary

Works Approval W6714/2022/1 is held by BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd (Works Approval) to undertake construction works relating to tailings lifts at Mt Whaleback/Orebody 29/30/35 (the Premises). The tailings storage facilities (TSFs) are approximately 4.5 km southwest of Newman.

The premises relates to category 5 and assessed production / design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in the existing works approval W6714/2022/1. The infrastructure and equipment relating to the premises category and any associated activities which the department has considered in line with *Guideline: Risk Assessments* (DWER 2020) are outlined in works approval W6714/2022/1.

On 9 October 2025, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6714/2022/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to correcting the mining tenement number in the original works approval; and to extending the works approval expiry date in order to complete the construction of the remaining six meters lift to TSF1 and TSF3 tailings lifts at Mt Whaleback/Orebody 29/30/35.

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 1 December 2025. On 2 December 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 - Premises	Mining tenement number changed from G52/19-G52/27 to G52/19-G52/274.
Cover page - Duration	Extended to 02/02/2027.
History	Added current amendment to Works Approval history table.

References

1. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2019, *Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. DWER 2020, *Guideline: Risk Assessments*, Perth, Western Australia.
3. Application to amend Works Approval (BHP, received 9 October 2025)