

# **Application for Works Approval Amendment**

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Licence Number	W6593/2021/1
Licence Holder	Milne Agrigroup Pty Ltd
ACN	008 919 579
File Number	APP-0029531
Premises	Milne Feeds 'Oatway' Development 89 John Street
	WELSHPOOL WA 6106
	Legal description
	Lot 501 on Plan 53872, Lot 601 on Diagram Plan 404603 Welshpool Road and Lot 8 on Diagram 78445 John Street Welshpool, WA 6106
	As defined by the premises maps attached to the issued licence
Date of Report	17/07/2025
Decision	Revised works approval granted

## 1. Decision summary

The delegated officer has determined to make amendments to works approval W6593/2021/1. The amendments are administrative in nature therefore do not alter the risk profile of the premises providing the 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 of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER, the department) has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <u>DWER Regulatory documents | Western</u> <u>Australian Government</u>.

#### 2.2 Amendment summary

Works Approval W6593/2021/1 is held by Milne Agrigroup Pty Ltd (works approval holder, Milne) for the Milne Feeds 'Oatway' Development (the premises), located at 89 John Street, Welshpool.

The premises relates to categories 23 and 67 and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing works approval W6593/2021/1. The works approval authorises construction and time limited operation of a new feedmill facility within the boundary of Milne's existing feedmill on John Street. The existing feedmill operates under licence L7438/2000/9. Upon completion the Oatway Development will be included in the existing feedmill licence.

On 16 April 2025, the works approval holder submitted an Environmental Compliance Report (ECR) to the department to demonstrate completion of works for the feed mill as required by W6593/2021/1. On 10 June 2025, a site inspection of the new feed mill was conducted by DWER officers to validate the ECR and the works undertaken particularly relating to the installation/construction of infrastructure to mitigate dust.

The site inspection revealed that works are in the final stages of completion (commissioning and completion of stage 2 construction) for the new feed mill but are not yet complete. The works approval holder was advised by DWER officers that given works are not complete and time limited operations have not commenced an extension to the duration of the works approval is required as the works approval is due to expire on 4 August 2025.

Milne also submitted a licence amendment application for L7438/2000/9 to DWER on 27 March 2025 to include the Oatway Development on the existing feedmill licence. The application is currently on hold pending the completion of all works which are the subject of the application.

On 13 June 2025, the works approval holder submitted an application to the department to amend W6593/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment application is limited to extending the works approval expiry date by one year only. Additional time is required to complete the construction and commissioning of the premises infrastructure and the assessment of the related licence amendment application L7438/2000/9.

## 3. Consultation

The works approval holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 7 July 2025. On 16 July 2025 the works approval holder responded and waived the comment period.

## 4. Decision

Section 63 of the EP Act prescribes that a works approval shall continue in force for such period as is specified in the works approval. Works approval W6593/2021/1 is due to expire on 4 August 2025.

The delegated officer has determined that extending the works approval expiry date by 12 months is appropriate on the basis that the extension provides sufficient time for completion of construction and a time limited operational period of up to 180 calendar days. It will also allow for lawful operation of the infrastructure under the time limited operation period while assessment of the related licence amendment application is completed.

In determining to extend the duration of the works approval, the following matters were considered:

- an extension to the works approval duration will not change the current risk profile of the premises, or change the risks posed by ongoing emissions from the premises;
- the risks posed by emissions and discharges from the premises were assessed for the grant of the works approval and operational controls were applied in the works approval based on this assessment;
- the premises will continue to be subject to the conditions of the works approval;
- the works approval authorises time limited operation of the premises for up to 180 calendar days, subject to the submission of an Environmental Compliance Report for remaining infrastructure which was not completed at the time of the first report submission;
- in the event that risk issues arise in relation to the premises, the CEO may;
  - o amend the works approval conditions at any point; and
  - in the event of an alleged offence, exercise enforcement powers under the provisions of the EP Act.

The Delegated Officer has amended works approval W6593/2021/ in accordance with section 59(1) of the EP Act by extending the expiry date from 4 August 2025 to 4 August 2026.

## 5. 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.

#### 5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised works approval as part of the amendment process.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Front Page - Duration	Duration of works approval expiry has been extended from 4 August 2025 to 4 August 2026.

#### Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments