Changes to Prescribed Activities under the Environment Protection Act 1993 (SA)

Administrative changes to Environment Protection Act 1993 (EP Act), Schedule 1 – Prescribed activities of environmental significance, were made by the Governor on 17 January 2019 and came into effect on 1 June 2019.

Schedule 1 of the EP Act sets out the activities that require an authorisation (usually a licence) from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), to be undertaken lawfully.

The changes made will not affect who needs to have a licence or its requirements (except for fish processors who will have a reduced number of works that require licensing).

Licence fee rates and the conditions of licences will not change as a result of these amendments.

You will see changes to licence activity reference numbers and/or phrasing, with greater delineation of waste-related activities in particular. The amendments are being implemented to:

- better reflect modern terminology
- clarify language to aid understanding of when an environmental authorisation is required
- better delineate between different waste activities to aid simpler regulation and ability to report on industry character
- take into account various or amended definitions and concepts introduced into the EP Act by the Environmental Protection (Waste Reform) Amendment Act 2017.

Summary of the upcoming changes and further information

Consequential changes have also been made to related legislation:

- Environment Protection (Waste Reform) Variation Regulations 2019
- Development Variation (Waste Reform) Variation Regulations 2019
- Environment Protection (Water Policy) Policy Variation Notice 2019
- Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy Variation Notice 2019