



ERA 20 Metal recovery transition

Environmental Protection Regulation 2019

MTAQ





Agenda

- Regulatory changes
 - ERA framework
 - Local government administration
- ERA 20 definition
- ERA 62 definition
- Fees
- Transition process – what this means for operators?

Changes to environmental regulation



- Two stages to changes to environmentally relevant activities (ERAs)
 - Stage 1: 23 November 2018
 - Stage 2: **1 July 2019**
- Stage 1
 - new (renamed) ERA 53 (*Organic material processing*) regulations
 - new ERA 60 (*Waste disposal*) regulations
 - new ERA 62 (*Waste transfer station operation*) tyre storage threshold for environmental authorities (EAs)
 - Additional details on the department's [information sheet](#)
- Stage 2—all the other ERA changes

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Changes to environmental regulation

- From commencement EA holder is taken to have equivalent new ERA
 - Stage 1: from 23 November 2018 (ERA 53 and ERA 60)
 - Stage 2: from **1 July 2019** (ERA 62 and others)
- Fees
 - Up until 15 November 2019 pay old annual fee unless substantially amend the EA
 - First anniversary day after 15 November 2019 pay new annual fee
- Applications made before the commencement date are issued with the new ERA

ERA 20 – Metal Recovery



Metal recovery consists of recovering metal by operating –

- a) a scrap metal yard; or
- b) a facility for dismantling automotive or mechanical equipment, including de-bonding brake or clutch components.

Threshold	Aggregate environmental score	3
1 recovering less than 100t of metal in a day	no score	C
2 recovering 100t or more of metal in a day, or 10,000t or more of metal in a year—		
(a) without using a fragmentiser	19	C
Threshold	Aggregate environmental score	3
(b) using a fragmentiser	51	C

ERA 62 – Resource recovery and transfer facility operation

1. Resource recovery and transfer facility operation consists of operating a facility for –
 - a) Receiving and sorting, dismantling or baling waste: or
 - b) Receiving and temporarily storing waste before it is moved to a waste facility.
2. The relevant activity does not include –
 - a) Exclusions as per EP Reg 2019

Threshold	Aggregate environmental score	3
1 operating a facility for receiving and sorting, dismantling, baling or temporarily storing—		
(a) scrap metal, non-putrescible waste or green waste only	6	
(b) general waste	14	C
(c) category 2 regulated waste	26	C
(d) category 1 regulated waste	35	C
2 operating a facility for receiving and sorting, baling or temporarily storing end-of-life tyres only	14	C

Exclusions

- In transit
- Local government <11,000t in a year
- Disaster situation
- <28 days under product stewardship scheme
- Clinical waste under Australian standards
- Chemically treated power poles
- Container refund
- Thresholds for each waste type e.g. 6m³ general, 4 of cat 2 and 1 of cat 1.



Annual fee calculations

- Fees assigned to the former ERA 20 activity were varied.
- Local Government administered – range from \$0 to \$674.00
- Waste Reform included a review of Aggregate Environmental Scores from which annual fees are based.
- AES for (1) (a) scrap metal, non-putrescible waste or green waste only is 6 = \$1662.60
- AES for (1) (b) general waste is 14 = \$3879.40
- Whole vehicle wreckers require threshold (1) (b) due to additional, high hazard wastes being received.

Transitional process

- Actions undertaken to date to transition activities:
 - Local government contact
 - Engagement with existing operators
 - Seek transitional information from existing operators
- Planned actions:
 - Complete transition in DES system for existing operators
 - Expiration dates
 - Registered suitable operators
 - Condition updates
- Future plans?



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Report littering or illegal
dumping



DES Pollution Hotline: 1300 130 372 (option 2)

