



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info-der@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

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Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L6270/1991/10	Licence file number:	DER2013/000796-1
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Kununurra Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 6007		
Reporting period:	01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025		

Section B – Statement of Compliance with Licence Conditions
Did you comply with all your licence conditions during the reporting period? (Please tick the appropriate box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C.• section D if required; and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C.• section D if required.• section E; and• sign the declaration at Section F.

Section C – Statement of Actual Production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Production Quantity
54	1,828 m ³ /day

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity	
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity
N/A	

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Condition 4 (f)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	13/02/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Duckweed was found to be impeding upon performance of ponds. High levels of duckweed in majority of ponds onsite was causing oxygen depletion in the pond system.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Degradation of water quality.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Duckweed has been an ongoing issue for Kununurra WWTP due to its prolific nature and rapid growth rate. During times of low wind, duckweed has been seen to cover the whole surface area of the pond, which can in turn stifle the pond of oxygen and light for organic processes to occur.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Temporary pumps installed to assist with aerating the pond system. A maintenance strategy is under development to more appropriately manage removal of duckweed onsite.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:	

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Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Condition 4 (e)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	22/11/24 and 30/01/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Floating debris (sludge, weeds, rags) and an algal bloom outbreak was identified on majority of ponds. Deceased birds identified onsite.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Degradation of water quality and botulism event resulting in bird deaths.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
High temperatures and lack of pond aeration were likely contributing factors to the algal bloom. The link between the algal bloom and botulism outbreak was assumed but not confirmed. The presence of floating debris is a likely influencing factor as floating debris on the surface and edges of the treatment ponds likely created a pathway for birds to consume potentially toxic bacteria and algae.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed dead birds. • Dosed affected area (and floating debris) with sodium hypochlorite. • Installed exyjets in ponds to increase aeration. • Undertook water sampling • Reviewed Water Corporation bird death procedure. • Worked with local vet and DPIRD to understand potential causes of death • An internal request has been raised to desludge Ponds 1A, 1B, 2B and 3B This project is awaiting funding. 			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 22/11/24 and 30/01/2025	

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Condition no:	Condition 3 (Table 3)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	13/02/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
During a routine inspection, rags were noted drying on pond embankments instead of within containment infrastructure as specified in the licence.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
No actual or suspected environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
There is an ongoing issue relating to lack of inlet screens causing high rag loading in ponds. Operations have been trying to remove large rags to aid the ponds but have not put them in the appropriate location to dry then disposed to an appropriate landfill.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Discussed the need to remove rags from embankments with Operations. There is a long-term capital project in place looking at the installation of inlet screens that aims to remove these rags prior to entering the ponds.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, this is a repeat non-compliance		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2023	

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Condition no:	Condition 4(b) and (c)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	13/02/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Erosion/washout of the banks of ponds 1A, 1B and 2B was identified during an inspection. This is resulting in lack of freeboard and is undermining the integrity of the containment infrastructure.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
No actual or suspected environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The ponds are subject to a significant amount of impact from weather due to extensive rainfall, strong winds etc. that have caused erosion overtime.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
An internal request has been raised to repair the banks of these ponds. This project is awaiting funding.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, this is a repeat non-compliance		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2023	

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Condition no:	Condition 4 (a)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	12/03/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Wastewater overtopped the embankment and overflowed from Pond 1A to environment due to a high rainfall event.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
No suspected environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
A high amount of rainfall inundated the system, and the plant could not cope with inflow volumes.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
The overflow was contained to the immediate area inside the WWTP. Crews cleared, cleaned up and disinfected the area. This was not reported to DWER at the time of the incident as it was under the reporting threshold, however it is deemed a non-compliance as this was not considered an extreme rainfall event.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: N/A	

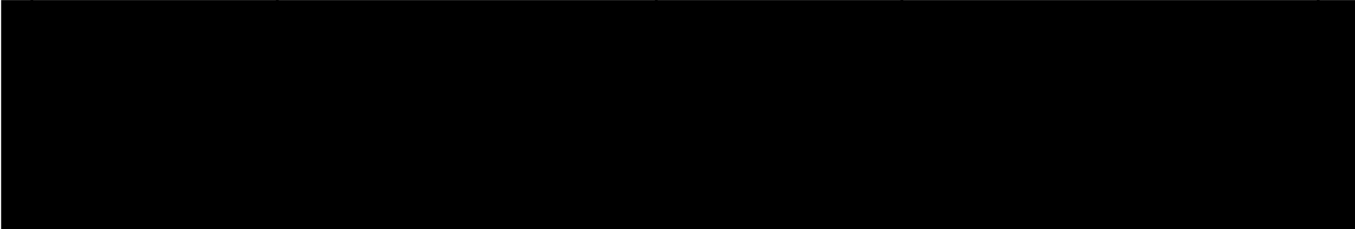
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Condition no:	Condition 13 (Table 7)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	14/01/25 and 11/02/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
E. coli was not collected or analysed for requirements at S2, SW1, SW3-SW7 and SW8-SW9			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
No actual or suspected environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
E.Coli was missed due to an error in programming			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
E. coli was correctly programmed and sampled from March 2025 onward.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
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Condition no:	Condition 13 (Table 7)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	12/03/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Ambient Surface Water Monitoring samples were missed for SP Kununurra WWTP Post Chlorination and SP Kununurra WWTP Final Effluent.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
No actual or suspected environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Samples leaving KNX airport were bumped from the plane by the airline. They therefore didn't arrive for sampling at the lab on time.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Samples were rescheduled and taken. However, they were taken outside of licence tolerance (15 days) and are therefore deemed a non-compliance.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Condition 1 (Table 1)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	10/09/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
Approximately 400 L of fluoride saturator waste was disposed to Kununurra WWTP ponds, which is licensed to accept sewage waste (Category 54) only.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Potential degradation of water quality.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
There was a misunderstanding of what waste type could be accepted onsite by Operations.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
New work instructions and maintenance plans are in development to enable the correct management of fluoride waste producing assets as a result of their maintenance.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: N/A	

Section F – Declaration

I/We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.



Date:	1 October 2025	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.

Section F – Declaration