



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

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Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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Section A – Licence Details

Licence number:	L7685/1993/6	Licence file number:	2010/002604
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Dongara Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ACN:	28 033 434 917		
Registered address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 6007		
Reporting period:	01 / 07 / 2023 to 30 / 06 / 2024		

Section B – Statement of Compliance with Licence Conditions

Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period?
(please tick the appropriate box)

- ☐ Yes – please complete:
- section C;
 - section D if required; and
 - sign the declaration in Section F.
- ☒ No – please complete:
- 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	447 m3/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
Not Applicable	

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:	1.3.4 (Table 1.3.3)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	22/04/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>The Licensee shall ensure that waste material is only stored and/or treated within vessels or compounds provided with the infrastructure detailed in Table 1.3.3.</p> <p>1.3.4 (Table 1.3.3) <i>Infiltration – Pond 5 – Unlined, in-situ soils (not operational/pond not part of process)</i></p> <p>Backwash water from the re-use filter was directed to Pond 5 (Offline) instead of Pond 6.</p>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
<p>Likely no impact due to composition of water and amount sent to pond, however, it is possible that incident could have contributed to the rising nitrogen trends identified in bores 3/95 and 4/95. Will be investigated further.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Pipe was not correctly blocked off during decommissioning.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Works have been completed (May 2024) to revert the backwash to Storage Pond - Pond 6 as per Schedule 1: Maps “Premises process layout and bore locations” figure on licence</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01 / 10 / 2024	

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:	1.3.5 (e)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	19/06/2023
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>The licensee shall manage all wastewater treatment, evaporation, and storage ponds such that: <i>(e) there is no discernible seepage loss from the treatment ponds.</i></p> <p>Downstream increase of Total Nitrogen in bores 3/95 and 4/95 has increased steadily since 2019. No increase in Total Nitrogen upstream.</p>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
<p>ERA investigation noted the risk of seepage to receptors was low however there is still a data gap associated with the extent of impacts.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>A cause has yet to be identified, however, it is possible that historic use of pond, containment infrastructure issues or backwash infiltration may have contributed.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Dongara WWTP was reported as a suspected contaminated site under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 in April 2024 due to elevated nutrient concentrations present at on-site bores 3/95 and 4/95. Further investigations are required to assess the source and extent of any impacts.</p> <p>Monitoring frequency of bores increased from 6 monthly to quarterly.</p> <p>A water balance has suggested that is unlikely to be the result of pond seepage but has yet to be confirmed.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01 / 10 / 2023	

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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:	1.3.5 (c)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	01/08/2023
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 1.3.5 The Licensee shall manage all wastewater treatment and evaporation ponds such that <i>(c) the integrity of the containment infrastructure is maintained.</i></p> <p>Integrity of the Sewage Sludge Storage Area (Pond 7) has not been maintained and is non-compliant with specifications listed in licence.</p>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
Possible that incident could have contributed to the rising nitrogen trends identified in bores 3/95 and 4/95. Will be investigated further.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
High winds at the WRRF caused the liner to rip and expose the base of the pond.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Liner has been renewed and sandbags were used to weigh down the liner to reduce risk of a reoccurrence.</p> <p>An ongoing investigation into the rising trends in nearby bores 3/95 and 4/95 will ascertain any contribution from this event.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01 / 10 / 2024	

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:	3.6.1 (Table 3.6.1)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>The Licensee shall undertake monitoring the monitoring in Table 3.6.1 according to the specifications in that table.</p> <p><i>3.6.1 (Table 3.6.1) Inflow Meter (M1) – Continuous volumetric flow rate monitoring (m3/day) over a monthly averaging period.</i></p> <p>Inflow Meter (M1) Fault – On review of verified monitoring data fault was identified with inflow data.</p>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
No identified or suspected environmental impact for incident.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Failure of monitoring equipment.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Replacement parts have been ordered and inflow meter to be repaired.</p> <p>Water balance has been used for 2023-24 annual period.</p>			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01 / 10 / 2024	

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 particular ¹ .			
I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.			
Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	24/09/2024	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 particular.

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.