



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V*

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L8039/1993/3	Licence file number:	2010/003340
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Geraldton North Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• section C;</li><li>• section D if required; and</li><li>• sign the declaration in Section F.</li></ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• section C;</li><li>• section D if required;</li><li>• section E; and</li><li>• sign the declaration at Section F.</li></ul>

Section C – Statement of Actual Production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
<b>Prescribed Premises Category</b>	<b>Actual Production Quantity</b>
54	Estimated Inflow 725 m <sup>3</sup> /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.	
<b>Prescribed Premises Category</b>	<b>Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity</b>
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:	11 (e)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	01/05/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 11 (e) Vegetation and floating debris (emergent or otherwise) is prevented from encroaching onto pond surfaces or inner pond embankments.</i></p> <p>Pond 1 and 3 have floating debris (sludge) present on their surface and require desludging.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p><b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p> <p>No environmental impact detected.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Lack of inlet screens, sludge accumulation over time and limited size of sludge drying bed area.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Additional desludging is awaiting prioritisation and the removal of geobags present on site. Following this, a licence amendment will be requested to extend the sludge drying bed area to allow a greater amount of area to be desludged within the afflicted ponds.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing (AACR)		Date: 01/10/2024	

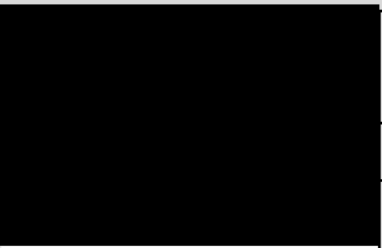
Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	7 (b)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2024, 30/06/2023 & 30/06/2022
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 7 (b) The Licensee shall only allow waste to be accepted on to the Premises if (b) the quantity accepted is below any limit listed in Table 1.3.1.</i></p> <p>Quantity limit in Table 7 is 690m<sup>3</sup>/day.</p> <p>Annual average daily inflow to WWTP was 725m<sup>3</sup>/day in the 2023-2024 reporting period.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p><b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
No suspected environmental impact			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The treatment capacity of the plant is approximately 1,100m <sup>3</sup> /day, the cause of the non-compliance is failure to complete the relevant investigations in order to obtain a licence amendment in sufficient time to prevent exceedance.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Following a previous request to increase licensed capacity at the WWTP, DWER requested additional studies be undertaken to assess the environmental impact of increased infiltration of treated wastewater. The environmental studies are nearing completion, and a licence amendment request will be made to DWER to increase the licensed capacity of the plant to align with treatment capacity.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing (N1 Notification)		Date: 04/08/2022	

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:	22 (Table 7)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2023 & 30/06/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 22 Table 7 Licence holder must undertake monitoring in Table 7 according to specifications in that table.</i></p> <p>Outflow Meter M2 and M3 fault has returned during FY 2023-24.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p><b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
No environmental impact detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Issue was believed to have been resolved but ongoing fault with outflow meters has continued.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>A water balance has been used to calculate outflow for the year.</p> <p>Further investigations are to take place to ascertain the cause of the fault.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing (AACR)		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:	33 (Table 11)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	27/05/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
Condition 33 (Table 11) The licence holder must ensure that the parameters listed in Table 11 are notified to the CEO at the Contact Address and in accordance with the notification requirements of the table.			
On review of annual data it was discovered that DWER was not notified of discharge to Overflow Collection Area.			
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 environmental impact suspected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Communication breakdown between operations and environmental support. DWER were notified of a discharge (12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024) that would occur in preparation for maintenance works that required lowering of treatment ponds, however, lowering had already started in the weeks prior on 27 May 2024.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Operations team reminded of licence conditions and notification requirements.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing (AACR)		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<sup>1</sup>. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

Signature <sup>2</sup> :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	24/09/2024	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.