



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

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

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Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L8039/1993/3	Licence file number:	2010/003340
Licence holder name:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Geraldton North Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered business address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 600		
Reporting period:	01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025		

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">section C;section D (if required); andsign 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; andsign the declaration in 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	Estimated Inflow 882 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

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:	07/10/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 11 The licence holder must manage all wastewater treatment and infiltration ponds such that:</i></p> <p><i>(e) Vegetation and floating debris (emergent or otherwise) is prevented from encroaching onto pond surfaces or inner pond embankments.</i></p> <p>Vegetation was identified on the embankments by DWER during the 7 October 2024 audit.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – 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:			
Regular vegetation management activities were not sufficient to control growth of weed.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Additional vegetation management activities have been undertaken and vegetation removed.			
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		Date: 01/10/2025	


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, 08/10/24 & 17/12/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 11 The licence holder must manage all wastewater treatment and infiltration ponds such that:</i></p> <p><i>(e) Vegetation and floating debris (emergent or otherwise) is prevented from encroaching onto pond surfaces or inner pond embankments.</i></p> <p>Floating Debris is present in Ponds 1 and 3.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – 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 however, excess sludge will decrease capacity of plant.</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:			
A licence amendment has been requested to extend the sludge drying bed area to allow a greater amount of area to be desludged within the affected ponds.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/10/2024	

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
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Condition no:	7 (b) & 8	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2025, 30/06/2024, 30/06/2023 & 30/06/2022
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 7 The Licensee shall only allow waste to be accepted on to the Premises if:</i></p> <p><i>(b) the quantity accepted is below any limit listed in Table 1.3.1.</i></p> <p><i>Condition 8 The licence holder must ensure that the wastes accepted onto the premises are only subjected to the process(es) set out in Table 2 and in accordance with any process requirements described in that table.</i></p> <p>Quantity limit in Table 7 is 690m³/day.</p> <p>Annual average daily inflow to WWTP was 882 m³/day in the 2024-2025 reporting period, following the installation of the new sewer pump station on Glenfield Beach Drive increasing the daily average.</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>Marine investigations conducted have indicated that an increase to inflows of 1.1 ML are expected to have low impact to sensitive receptors.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Disposal capacity investigations have put on hold an amendment for an increase to licence capacity of 1.1 ML.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Water Corporation has been undertaking infiltration testing and refinement of the desilting and infiltration procedures to ensure Infiltration Ponds are running optimally. Results have indicated that the WWTP has a current hydraulic disposal capacity is estimated at 900m³/day.</p> <p>Long-term planning is underway to investigate feasibility of several options to redistribute sewer flows or upgrade existing facility.</p> <p>Desludging of Treatment Ponds in FY2025/26 is expected to alleviate some of the disposal capacity issues.</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		Date: 04/08/2022	

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Condition no:	2, 19, 22 (Table 7) & 31	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2023, 30/06/2024 & 30/06/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>Condition 2 The licence holder must operate and maintain all pollution control and monitoring equipment to the manufacturer's specification or any relevant and effective internal management system.</i></p> <p><i>Condition 19 The licence holder must ensure that all monitoring equipment used on the premises to comply with the conditions of this licence is calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of the licence.</i></p> <p><i>Condition 22 Table 7 Licence holder must undertake monitoring in Table 7 according to specifications in that table.</i></p> <p><i>Condition 31 The licence holder must ensure that the Annual Environmental Report also contains: (a) any relevant process, production or operational data recorded under condition 19; and (b) an assessment of the information contained within the report against previous monitoring results and licence limits and/or targets.</i></p> <p>Outflow Meter M2 and M3 fault is ongoing in FY 2024-25.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – 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:			
Investigations have concluded that weir submergence post-calibration resulted in the ongoing data issues.			
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>New outflow monitoring equipment is set to be installed in early Q1 2025-26.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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Condition no:	33 (Table 11)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	27/05/2024 & 17/12/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Failure to notify DWER before a discharge of treated wastewater. On inspection of Geraldton North WWTP to discharge to the Overflow Collection Area (OCA) was witnessed. This had been ongoing intermittently since 17 December 2024 with a total of 27,702 kL sent to the OCA over this timeframe averaging at 141 kL/day.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p> <p>No environmental impact suspected.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Notification of discharged had been communicated internally but had not reached environmental support staff who were unaware. A notification to DWER was then provided on 14 July 2025.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
The OCA will continue to be used as hydraulic disposal capacity issues remain. Desludging of Ponds 1A and 2A in FY2025- 26 will alleviate issue.			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 12/06/2024	

Section F – Declaration

<p>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.</p> <p>I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.</p>			
Signature ² :			
Name: (printed)			
Position:			
Date:	15 September 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 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.