



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V*

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

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation  
Locked Bag 33 Cloisters Square  
PERTH WA 6850

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L8141/2007/1	Licence file number:	DER2014/000427
Licence holder:	Mt Weld Mining Pty Limited		
Trading as:	Mt Weld Rare Earths Project		
ACN:			
Registered address:	Level 4, 1 Howard Street, Perth WA 6000		
Reporting period:	1 / 1 / 2025 to 31 / 12 / 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"><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.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Production Quantity
Cat 5: Processing. 443,000 tonnes/annum	324,621 dry tonnes
Cat 57: Used tyre storage. 500 tyres	350 max tyre storage
Cat 89: Putrescible landfill. 5,000 tonnes	756 tonnes landfill

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
Cat 5. Processing. Tailings Discharge	214,744 dry tonnes (658,539 wet tonnes)

**Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity**

Cat 89. Putrescible landfill.	756 tonnes landfill
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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	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Various 2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 3 of the Licence requires daily inspections of visual integrity and freeboard across pipeline corridors, TSFs, Evaporation Ponds and Return Water Ponds. During the reporting period, daily inspections were not completed on 42 of the 365 days (11%).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8% of inspections were not completed during major shutdowns</li> <li>- 3% of inspections were not complete outside of shutdown periods</li> </ul>			
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>			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>During 2025, the Mt Weld processing plant experienced several major shutdowns as the site transitioned from process plant configuration built in 2011 to the new process plant configuration built 2024-2025 approved under Works Approval 6753/2022. As a result, 30 of the 42 days where daily inspections were not undertaken coincided with periods of plant shutdown and commissioning, during which there was no discharge to the TSF or Evaporation Pond facilities. It is noted that daily inspections were not completed on a further 12 days outside of these shutdown periods, representing approximately 3% of the reporting year.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Since the transition to the new process plant, a renewed focus by Plant Operations has been applied to the completion of daily inspections. As a result, only one day of inspections was missed in the final 45-day period of 2025.</p> <p>As part of the review of this non-compliance, it was also identified that the daily logbook templates did not include a dedicated field to record freeboard observations for the Evaporation Ponds. The inspection records are being updated to address this gap and ensure all licence requirements are clearly captured.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally	Date: / /		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing	Date: / /		

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:	2	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Various
Details of non-compliance:			
Eight spills were reported during 2025 under section 72 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. These spills were immediately recovered in line with Condition 2 of this licence, but are recorded on this AACR for completeness. Dates: 21/1/25; 2/2/25; 27/2/25; 7/4/25; 12/6/25; 18/8/25; 12/10/25 x 2.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Nil, these spill were within the Processing Mill secondary containment systems and none were greater than 190m <sup>2</sup> or 5m <sup>3</sup> .			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
During 2025, the Mt Weld processing plant experienced several major shutdowns as the site transitioned from process plant configuration built in 2011 to the new process plant configuration built 2024-2025 approved under Works Approval 6753/2022. During this time there has been failure in older pumps, sensors and flanges and then commissioning implications with new plant layouts.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
As commissioning of the new plant has occurred and operational challenges identified, a list of improvements were developed and scheduled during future shutdowns to ensure these improvements are addressed on the basis of risk (and credible/ practical solutions being available).			
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: Various within 2 days of incident date	

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	Date(s) of non-compliance:	12/11/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Evaporation Pond #5 overtopped and impacted an area approximately 10,506m <sup>2</sup> with raffinate of approximately 53,400mg/L TDS.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? <b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
8,080m <sup>2</sup> of undisturbed vegetation has been potentially impacted by high salinity water. Vegetation monitoring (photographic) has commenced to track trends on vegetation health. Vegetation has appeared stressed with a number of potential fatalities.  The impacted vegetation is within an area approved for future clearing associated with evaporation pond activity.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
A number of contributing factors have been identified that include: (a) Less than adequate visual markers to assist in determining the 300mm freeboard during inspections; (b) change over to new process plant resulted in inspections reducing to daily (regulatory standard) rather than 12 hourly (internal standard).			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Increased focus on achieving the 12 hourly inspections (internal standard).  Installing visual markers within Evaporation Pond 5 to assist in identify freeboard during inspections. Ensuring the crest bund reinstated to original RL. Complete construction of new Evaporation ponds to provide additional capacity and options for operational teams. As of March 2026, the new evaporation ponds are constructed and will be commissioned mid-2026.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: 13/11/25	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 14/11/25	

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Condition no:	1 & 4	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Various
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Following the incident on 12 November 2025 an audit of the daily inspection logs and survey data has identified that freeboard condition may have been not complied on the following occasions:</p> <p>TSF2 – April, May and June 2025                      TSF3 (West) – April, May and September                      TSF3 (East) – January, July and August                      Evaporation Pond #4 – January, June to October</p> <p>On several occasions during the tailings deposition cycles between TSF cells, the minimum freeboard volume may not have been retained at the commencement of the deposition cycle. Following cessation of deposition, the minimum freeboard was re-established and achieved upon consolidation.</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>			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Less than adequate freeboard visual markers to assist in determining 300mm freeboard.                      Less than adequate review and follow up of survey data and freeboard levels.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>During 2026 install markers within critical infrastructure to assist visual identification of freeboard during inspections.                      Develop process including clear accountabilities to check survey data and freeboard levels.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	

**Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition**

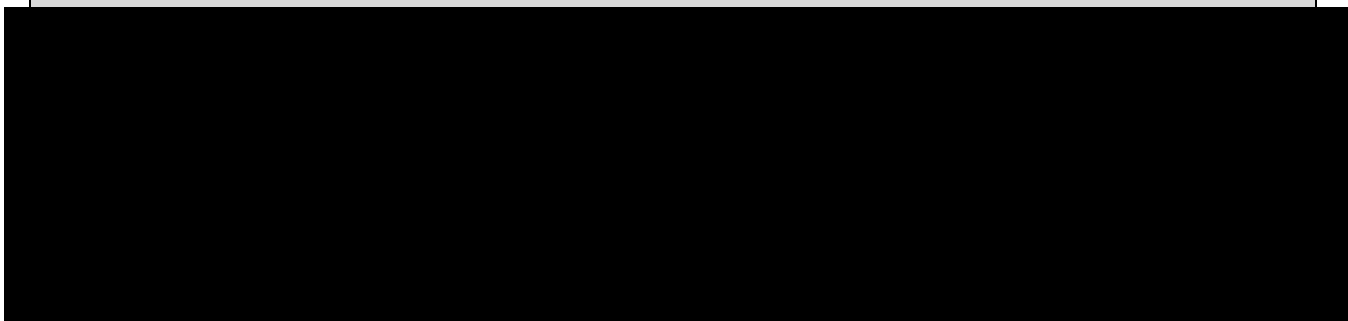
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Condition no:	5	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Various
Details of non-compliance:			
Inspections and audits identified that used tyre storage arrangements are not fully compliant. While fewer than 500 used tyres were stored on the premises, used tyres were not in the locations stipulated in Figure 4 of Schedule 1, and there was less than 1 m separation between tyres.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<b>NOTE</b> – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Inadequate spacing during tyre placement.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Review of tyre placement procedures. Additional signage provided to the area where tyres are stored prior to burial.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:	

**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.



Date:	31 March 2026	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.