# Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A - Licence	e Details			
Licence number:	L8338/2009/2		Licence file number:	DER2018/000016
Licence holder:	Ausvision Rural Services Pty Ltd			
Trading as:	Ausvision Rural Services			
ACN:	106 075 763			
Registered address:	CANNING VALE	NA 6	LOBE BD, Unit 6, 78-84 6155 ephone Lane Baldivis W	
Reporting period:	01 /04 /2022	to	31 /03 /2023	

# 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.

# Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached. Prescribed Premises Category Actual Production Quantity Throughput of 180,826 animals during the review period Held a maximum of 53,158 animals at any one time during the review period

this reporting period. Supporting
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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:	7	Date(s) of non- compliance:	Winter 2022
		compliance.	

## Details of non-compliance:

The diversion work requested by DWER to prevent runoff from flowing into the historical drains unintentionally increased runoff to the evaporation pond. To maintain the integrity of the pond and ensure a 500 mm freeboard during winter, irrigation became necessary. However, on 27 May 2022, two months before heavy rainfall, Daniel Hartnup (Snr Environmental Officer at DWER) requested irrigation on-site to not start until further notice, hence putting us in a catch-22 situation. Starting any irrigation activities would breach the licence, while delaying it would result in the pond overtopping, also leading to a breach.

To address this urgent issue, we made the decision to implement irrigation between July and September 2022, specifically on non-rainy days, non-flooded areas and vegetated ground. This approach allowed us to manage the winter load while avoiding the pond overtopping. We carefully considered the environmental impact and concluded that controlled irrigation has minimal to no impacts compared to uncontrolled wastewater overtopping.

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.

As described in Section 8.3.2 of the AER, taking into account the perched nature of the aquifer in the irrigation area, which consists of a thick layer of Guildford Clay with low permeability, and considering the water quality sourced from the pond, which is deemed suitable for irrigation purposes (Section 4.3 of the AER), the potential for negative impacts on the underlying Superficial aquifer through leaching was extremely low or negligible.

### Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

As mentioned earlier, the diversion work requested by DWER to prevent runoff from flowing into the historical drains unintentionally increased runoff to the evaporation pond. To maintain the integrity of the pond and ensure a 500 mm freeboard during winter, irrigation became necessary.

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

To prevent future non-compliance, we urge the department to authorise irrigation on site. As outlined in Sections 4.3 and 8.3.1 of the AER, the water quality of the pond is deemed adequate for irrigation whilst the separation distance to groundwater within the irrigation area exceeds 0.5 m during winter and 2 m during the summer months in the perched aquifer, while minimum separation distance to the Superficial aquifer during winter is at 1.6 to 2 m based on DWER Perth Groundwater Map. Given the geology and characteristics of the irrigation area, such as the presence of a perched aquifer and dense clay soil extending to the western boundary of Lot 1, acting as barriers to nutrient export, irrigation is considered suitable year-round provided that the irrigation area is adequately vegetated, not flooded and that the irrigation occurs on non-rainy days.

# Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?						
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☐ Yes, and						
☐ Reported to DWER verbally Date: / /						
Reported to DWER in writing						
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)						
Position: Position: Position:						
Date: 29.05.2023 Date:						
Seal (if signing under seal):						

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.