



# SECOND FORTUNE GOLD MINE

Prescribed Premises Licence: L9012/2016/1

Annual Audit Compliance Report

1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Prepared for Brightstar Resources Limited  
September 2025

Prepared by



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Second Fortune Gold Mine is an underground mining operation located within the Goldfields region of Western Australia and is approximately 220 km northeast of Kalgoorlie and 109 km south of Laverton in the Shire of Menzies (Figure 1).

Linden Gold Alliance Limited acquired the Second Fortune Gold Mine from Anova Metals Limited in September 2020. In June 2024, Brightstar Resources Limited acquired Linden Gold Alliance Limited and are the current owners/operators of Second Fortune.

Second Fortune is licenced as a Prescribed Premise L9012/2016/1 (**'the Licence'**), Table 1 lists the prescribed activities authorised under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987*.

**Table 1: Prescribed Activities**

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, Environmental Protection Regulations 1987)	Assessed production / design capacity
Category 5: Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	156,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 6: Mine dewatering	420,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 89: Class II or III putrescible landfill site	1,026 tonnes per annual period

The Licence was transferred to Linden Gold Pty Ltd on 01 April 2021 and is valid until 10 April 2037.

The Licence was amended 19 May 2022 to increase the throughput capacity for Category 6 (from 210,000), change groundwater monitoring requirements and to include Category 89.

### 1.1 Purpose and Scope - AACR

This Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR) has been prepared in accordance with Condition 14 of the Licence.

The 'annual period', as defined Table 12 of the Licence, is a 12 month period from 1 July until 30 June of the immediately following year. This AACR covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (the 2023/24 reporting period).

Condition 14(b) stipulates that licence holder must submit the AACR by no later than 90 days after the end of the annual period, therefore the AACR for the 2024/25 reporting period is due for submission by 28 September 2025<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> As per the Notice of Amendment of Licence Reporting Requirements issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 16 May 2022, the Licence is listed in Schedule 2 which only requires submission of an Environmental Report every two years (i.e. by 28/09/2023 and biennially thereafter), and submission of the AACR annually (i.e. by 28/09/2022 and annually thereafter).

## 2 PREMISES OVERVIEW

### **05 Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non metallic ore**

The ore sorting, crushing and screening equipment was sold and removed from site in late 2018.

Currently all ore is transported off-site to a third-party processing facility. Hence, no Category 5 activities occurred at the site during the 2024/25 reporting period.

### **06 Mine dewatering**

Linden Gold recommenced dewatering in October 2020.

Mine dewater effluent from the underground is currently discharged into a two celled evaporation pond located to the north of the main open pit (Figure 2).

During the 2024/25 reporting period a total of 357,715 kL of mine dewater effluent was discharged to the evaporation ponds.

### **89 Class II or III putrescible landfill site**

A landfill site was established within the northern pit (North Landfill) in June 2022.

During the 2024/25 reporting period about 71.76 tonnes of waste was disposed of to the North Landfill site (based on NPI estimates for non-metropolitan landfill - 156 cubic meters of landfill waste or 71.76 tonnes for a camp of 50 people).

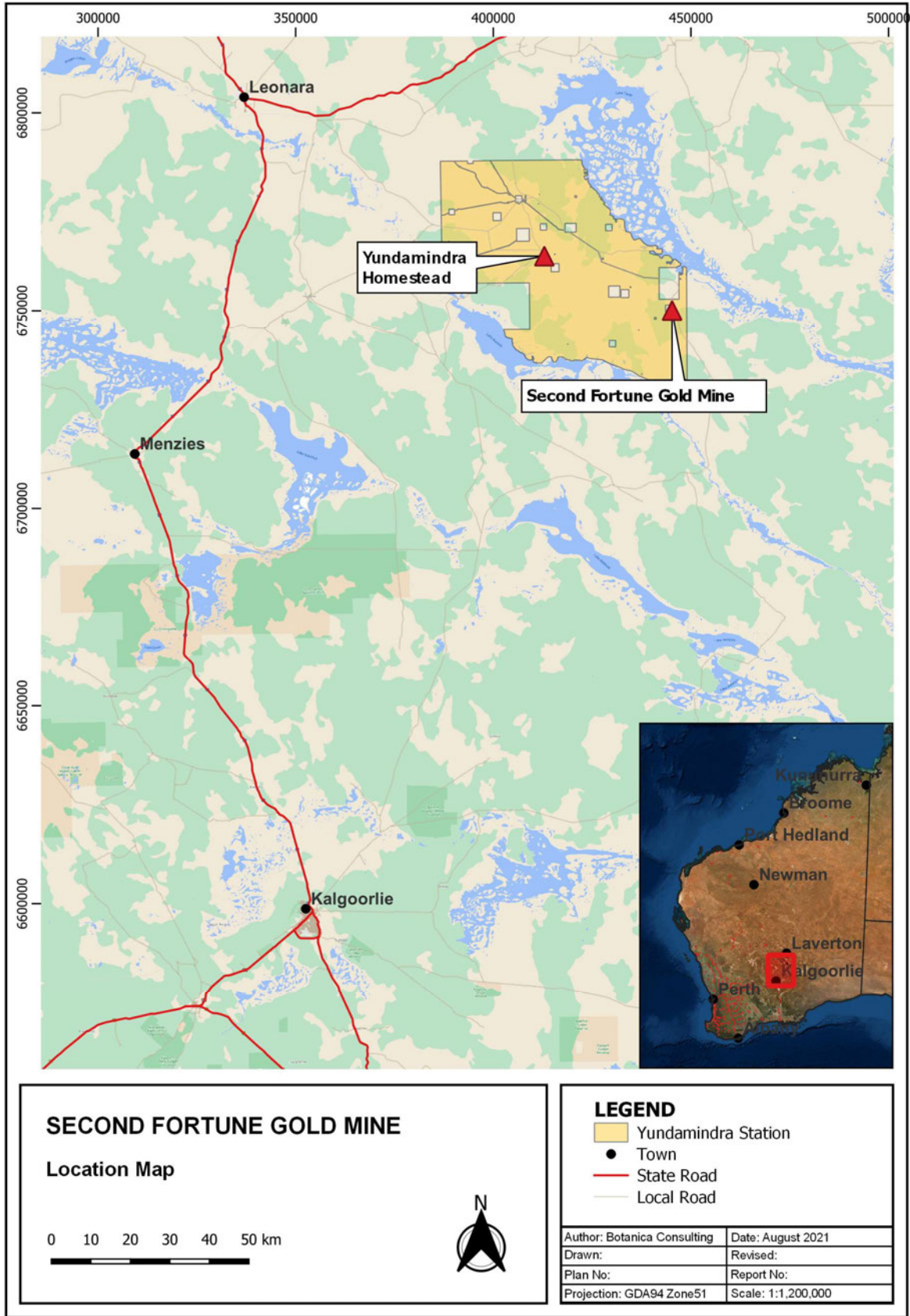


Figure 1: Regional Location Map

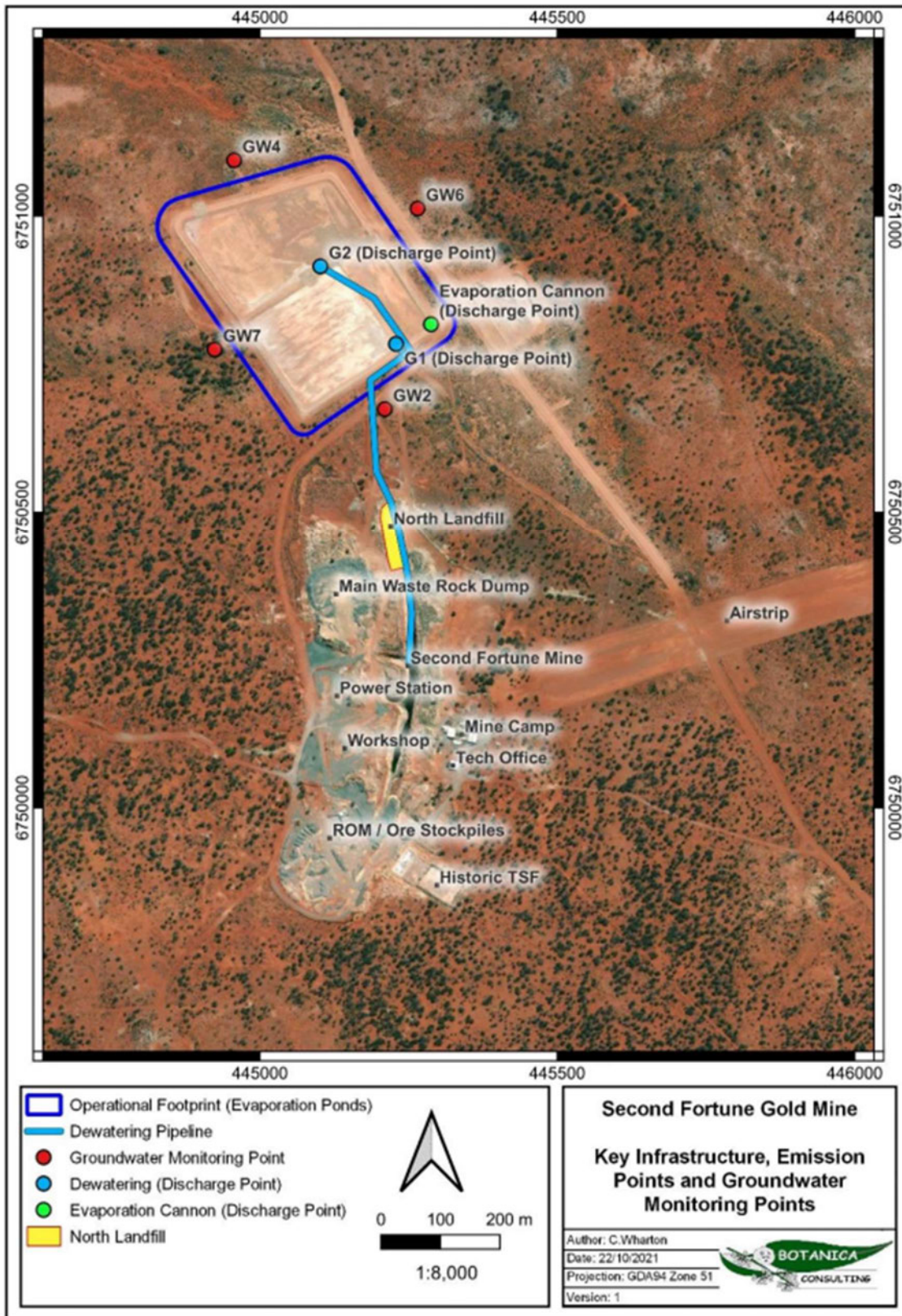


Figure 2: Map of Emission and Monitoring Points



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L9012/2016/1	Licence file number:	DER2016/002205
Licence holder:	Linden Gold Pty Ltd		
Trading as:			
ACN:	138 222 705		
Registered address:	Level 2, 8 Colin St, West Perth WA 6000		
Reporting period:	1 / July / 2024 to 30 / June / 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
Category 5: Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	0
Category 6: Mine dewatering	357,715 m <sup>3</sup>
Category 89: Class II or III putrescible landfill site	71.76 tonnes

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
NA	NA

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Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Condition no:	11	Date(s) of non-compliance:	7/08/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 11 requires SWL measurements in GW1, GW2, GW3, GW4, GW6 and GW7 to be undertaken quarterly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SWL was not measured in GW1 or GW3 in Quarter 1 of the reporting period.</li> </ul>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <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>Nil – no environmental impacts have been observed. The area surrounding the evaporation ponds is denude of vegetation.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Because water samples are not required from GW1 and GW3, the sampling personnel thought these bores didn't require monitoring.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Sampling personnel reminded to take SWL measurements from ALL bores.</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			
Condition no:	11	Date(s) of non-compliance:	27/05/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 11 requires water quality sampling from GW2, GW4, GW6 and GW7 to be undertaken quarterly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water quality sample was not collected from GW4 in Quarter 4 of the reporting period.</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>			
<p>Nil – no environmental impacts have been observed. The area surrounding the evaporation ponds is denude of vegetation.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Sampling personnel reported a 'blockage' in the bore hole that prevented the bailer from entering the bore to collect a sample.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Sampling personnel to review bore integrity to ensure sampling can be undertaken in future.</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			
Condition no:	11	Date(s) of non-compliance:	07/08/2024 10/02/2025 26/05/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 11 stipulates a limit to the SWL measured in GW2, GW4, GW6 and GW7 of &gt;4 mbgl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 7 August 2024 a measured value of 3.80 mbgl was recorded in GW4.</li> <li>On 10 February 2025 a measured value of 3.45 mbgl was recorded in GW4 and 3.8 mbgl was recorded in GW6.</li> <li>On 26 May 2025 a measured value of 3.50 mbgl was recorded in GW4.</li> </ul> <p>These were reported to the DWER on 25 September 2025.</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>Nil – no environmental impacts have been observed. The area surrounding the evaporation ponds is denude of vegetation.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Seepage from the evaporation pond.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Heading into summer, the rate of evaporation is expected to increase which will mitigate the rate of seepage and the amount of water used for dust suppression will also increase which will further reduce the amount of water stored within the evaporation ponds.</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: 25 / 09 / 2025	

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Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Condition no:	7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	7/08/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 7 requires six-monthly monitoring to be undertaken at least 5 months apart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling completed in March 2024 was less than 5 months apart (141 days compared to the required 152 days).</li> </ul>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <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>Nil – no environmental impacts have been observed. The area surrounding the evaporation ponds is denude of vegetation.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>Sample collected in the previous monitoring period was collected late, March instead of February, which inevitably reduced the time apart.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Sampling personnel reminded to take SWL measurements at required intervals, as per the schedule (Q1-Aug, Q2-Nov, Q3-Feb, Q4-May).</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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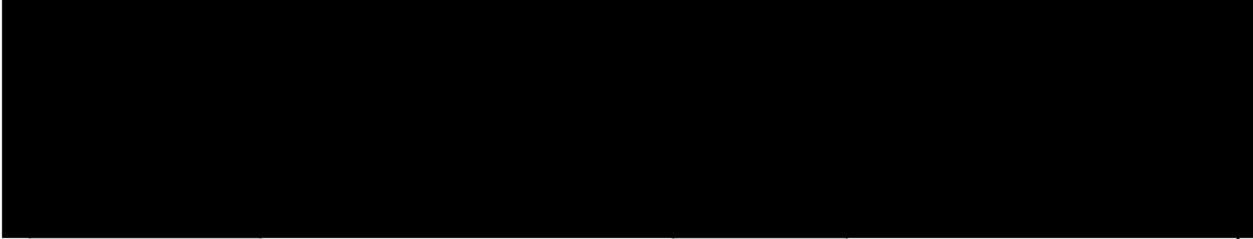
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Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Condition no:	2	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 2 requires the licence holder to maintain and operate the North Landfill in accordance with the following subset of operational requirements set out in Table 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly inspection around landfill area to return windblown waste to the tipping area”</li> <li>• Records maintained of volume of waste accepted for reporting purposes.</li> </ul> <p>During the reporting period, evidence of monthly inspections and records of volume of waste accepted has not been maintained.</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 – no environmental impacts have been observed			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>A formal inspection and record-keeping process was in place during previous reporting periods. However, significant staff turnover occurred during the 2024/25 reporting period, with the personnel previously responsible for these activities no longer on site. As a result, the established processes for documenting monthly inspections and recording waste volumes were not consistently applied or maintained.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>The monthly landfill inspection log sheet and waste recording process will be reinstated immediately. Responsibility for maintaining inspection records and waste volumes has been assigned to newly established Environmental Officer role (July 2025).</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			
Condition no:	4(c)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 4(c) requires the licence holder to “maintain a written log of all inspections undertaken with each inspection record signed by a responsible person”.</p> <p>During the reporting period, evidence of daily inspections has not been maintained.</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>Nil – no environmental impacts have been observed</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>A formal inspection and record-keeping process was in place during previous reporting periods. However, significant staff turnover occurred during the 2024/25 reporting period, with the personnel previously responsible for these activities no longer on site. As a result, the established processes for documenting daily inspections were not consistently applied or maintained.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>The daily water infrastructure inspection log sheet will be reinstated immediately. Responsibility for maintaining inspection records has been assigned to newly established Environmental Officer role (July 2025).</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
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**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>2</sup>. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.



Date:	25 September 2025	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

<sup>2</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>3</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.