

Environmental Compliance Report – Works Approval W6604/2021/1

Angelo River – Wastewater Treatment Facilities





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1. Proponent information

1.1 Premises Details

Rio Tinto Resource Development (Res Dev) are planning to execute a drilling campaign to assess the long-term development options of iron ore deposits in the Angelo River region, located approximately 40km south of the processing plant at Rio Tinto's West Angelas mine site (Appendix 1 Figure 1). The Angelo River resource areas are part of the Robe River Joint Venture (RRJV), which is 53% owned by Rio Tinto, 33% by Mitsui Iron Ore Development and 14% by Nippon Steel Sumitomo Metals Corporation. The prescribed premises operates under exploration licence F47/754.

This project aims to provide a local 120-room accommodation complex to service the Angelo River drilling campaign for at least 3 years.

Works Approval W6604/2021/1 (the Works Approval) was issued on 22 January 2022 with the operational location presented in Appendix 1 Figure 2.

1.2 Legal Land Description

The Site for this Scope of Works is the existing Angelo Camp site, located in the Shire of East Pilbara, approximately 98km north-west of Newman (Appendix 1 Figure 1).

The new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located within the Works Approval prescribed premise boundary (Appendix 1 Figure 2), within the indicative coordinates shown in Table 1.

Table 1: WWTP Infrastructure Location

| Corner | Easting (m) | Northing (m) | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Wastewater Treatment Facilities | | | |
| North West | 682,200 | 7,421,600 | |
| North East | 682,600 | 7,421,400 | |
| South West | 682,000 | 7,421,150 | |
| South East | 682,400 | 7,421,100 | |

2. Introduction

2.1 Scope and Purpose

The purpose of this Environmental Compliance Report (ECR) is to demonstrate compliance with Conditions 1, 2 and 3 of the Works Approval.

The ECR is submitted for the following works approval:

Works Approval No: W6604/2021/1 – Angelo River Exploration Mobile Camp

• Date of Issue: 22/01/2022

DWER file number: DER2021/000560

• Name and location of premises: Angelo River, exploration licence E47/754.

The construction of prescribed premises category 85, the wastewater treatment facility, is the focus of this ECR. The construction of the facility was completed on 9 February 2022.

3. Works Approval Compliance

The Works Approval contains three conditions in relation to the construction phase of the wastewater treatment plant at Angelo River. A statement of compliance against each condition is presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Statement of compliance against construction phase conditions of W6604/2021/1

| Condition | Statement of Compliance | |
|--|--|--|
| 1. The works approval holder must: | Compliant | |
| (a) install the infrastructure and equipment; | See Appendix 3 for evidence of installation of infrastructure. Two deviations are noted | |
| (b) in accordance with the corresponding installation requirements; and | for the change in design/treatment specification for Thermotolerant coliforms and an | |
| (c) at the corresponding infrastructure location | air conditioner which is not required to be installed. All infrastructure has been located | |
| as set out in Table 1. | at the corresponding locations approved in the Works Approval. | |
| 2. The works approval holder must within 30 calendar days of an item of infrastructure | Compliant | |
| or equipment required by condition 1 being installed: | This ECR serves to provide an audit of compliance with the requirements of condition | |
| (a) undertake an audit of their compliance with the requirements of condition 1; | 1. See Table 3 for statements of compliance against each item of infrastructure | |
| And | installed. Construction of the WWTP was completed on 9 Feb 2022. Submission on 11 | |
| (b) prepare and submit to the CEO an Environmental Compliance Report on that | Feb 2022 is 30 calendar days from installation. | |
| compliance. | | |
| 3. The Environmental Compliance Report required by condition 2, must include as a | Deviation | |
| minimum the following: | Certification of the report, by a suitably qualified engineer has been delayed. The | |
| (a) certification by a qualified and experienced engineer that the items of | certifying engineer is based in Queensland and has been impacted by the recent | |
| infrastructure or component(s) thereof, as specified in condition 1, have been | flooding. Certification of the report will be provided, separately to this ECR, once the | |
| constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in | engineer can be engaged. | |
| condition 1; | | |
| (b) as constructed plans and a detailed site plan for each item of infrastructure or | The title page of this ECR provides the name, position and title of an authorised | |
| component of infrastructure specified in condition 1; and | representative for the works approval. Appendix 1 and 2 of this ECR contains as | |
| (c) be signed by a person authorised to represent the works approval holder and | constructed plans and a detailed site plan for each of the items of infrastructure related | |
| contains the printed name and position of that person. | to the WWTP. | |

Table 3 below, provides for an assessment of compliance against the design and installation requirements set out in condition 1 of the Works Approval.

Table 3: Compliance against Table 1 of Works Approval W6604/2021/1

| Infrastructure | Condition | Statement of Compliance |
|---|---|--|
| Balance tank, sedimentation tank, Mixed Liquor recycle tank, RBC tank, Break tank, clarifier and treated effluent tank. | (a) All sewage storage and treatment tanks, vessels, transfer pipelines and conveyance infrastructure must be impermeable and free of leaks and defects; | Compliant All storage and treatment tanks, vessels, transfer pipelines and conveyance infrastructure are constructed of impermeable materials such as high-density plastics and metals. Infrastructure has been visually inspected for defects and environment performance of the infrastructure will be assessed in the environmental commissioning report. Refer to Appendix 3, Figure 3 for the WWTP layout. |
| | (b) Stormwater to be prevented from entering the sewage treatment system and storage infrastructure; | Compliant All vessels are sealed to ingress of stormwater via impermeable covers and shields. The WWTP has been mounted to an elevated platform ensuring no stormwater ingress can occur under the unit (see Appendix 2). |
| | (c) WWTP able to treat up to 30 m ³ of sewage per day; | Compliant The WWTP has a basis of design assuming a throughput of 250L/person/day x 120 people, which equates to 30 m ³ of sewage per day. |
| | (d) WWTP able to treat sewage to the following discharge targets; 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) <20 mg/L Total suspended solids (TSS) <30 mg/L Total nitrogen <40 mg/L Total phosphorus <8 mg/L Thermotolerant coliforms <10 colony forming units (CFU)/100ml | Deviation The installed WWTP has been designed to meet all discharge targets contained within the Works Approval, with the exception of Thermotolerant coliforms. The WWTP has been designed to meet a discharge target of <1000 CFU/100ml. A discharge target of <10 CFU/100ml relates to WWTP's deemed to be class B (medium exposure risk of human contact) and a discharge target |
| | | of <1000 CFU/100ml aligns with a Class C (low exposure risk of human contact). The supporting information submitted incorrectly classed the WWTP as a class B system. |
| | | Department of Health Approval, for the WWTP, was received on the 17 November 2021, with effluent design criteria submitted in line with a class C system (<1000CFU/100ml) (see appendix 4). |
| | stewater Treatment Compliance Report W6604/2021/1 | Due to the remote nature the location of the WWTP (100km from Newman town), sealed effluent treatment vessels and fenced/signposted |

| | | irrigation area there is no increase in risk to human health or the environment from a discharge target of <1000CFU/100ml for Thermotolerant coliforms. |
|-------------|---|---|
| | (e) Flow meter installed to discharge outlet pipe to monitor volumes discharged to spray-field; and | Compliant A flow meter has been installed on the discharge outlet pipeline, Refer to Appendix 3, Figure 5. |
| | (f) Alarm system to warn of failure of air compressor and discharge pumps | Deviation No air compressor has been installed on the WWTP. The rotating action of the rotating biological contractor (RBC) unit performs a similar function to that of an air compressor. There is no change in risk to human health or the environment as a result of the deviation. A beacon has been installed on the unit, and an automated email fault notification system established, for failure of discharge pumps (Refer to Appendix 3, Figure 6). Email notifications are sent to the area owner supervisor should a fault be detected. |
| Spray-field | (a) Sprinklers installed to distribute treated effluent evenly over a minimum 1.36 ha area; | Compliant A boundary fence 160m x 85m = 13,600m ² = 1.36ha, inclusive to allow for 5m spray drift on all sides. Sprinklers have been easily spaced within the irrigation area. |
| | (b) minimum of 2 m vertical separation distance maintained between the irrigated ground surface and groundwater levels; and | Compliant Depth to groundwater is expected to be approximately 37m below ground level. |
| | (c) Fence with safety signage installed to deter access. | Compliant The irrigation area is fully fenced with signate erected to deter access. Refer to Appendix 3, Figure 4. |
| Pipeline | (a) Constructed of impermeable material and free of leaks or defects. | Compliant The pipeline is constructed of high-density polyethylene pipe which is butt and fusion welded. The pipeline has been inspected for defects and environment performance will be verified during commissioning. |

4. Appendices

Appendix 1: Maps

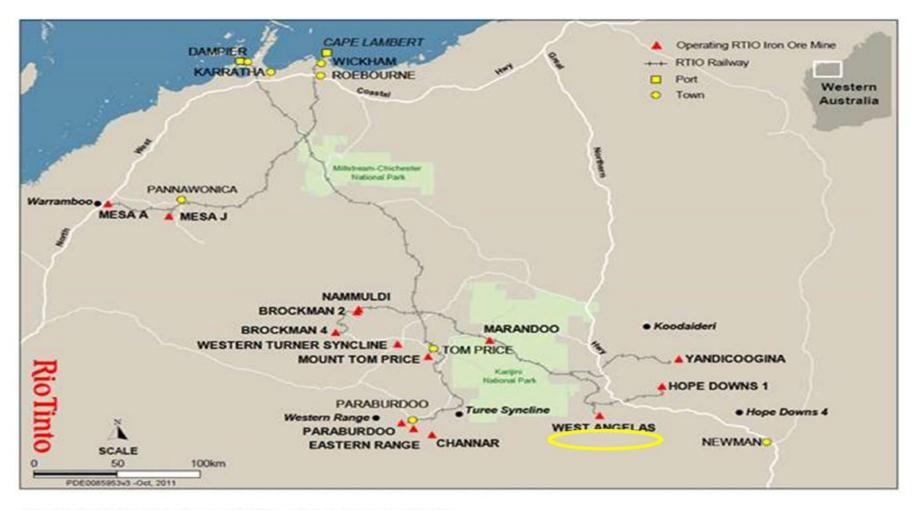


Figure 1: Regional location of the Angelo River and West Angelas Iron Ore Site

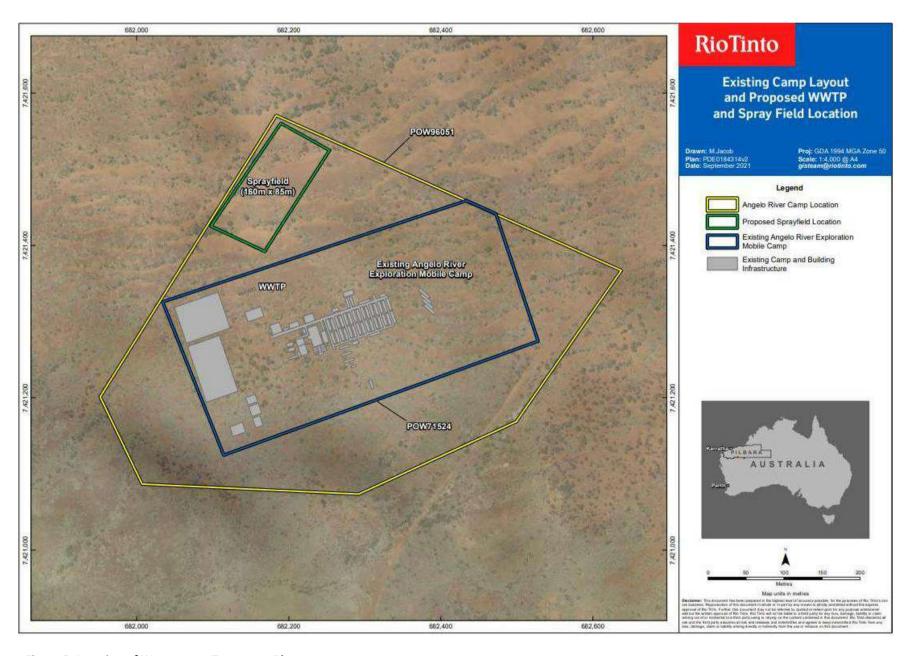
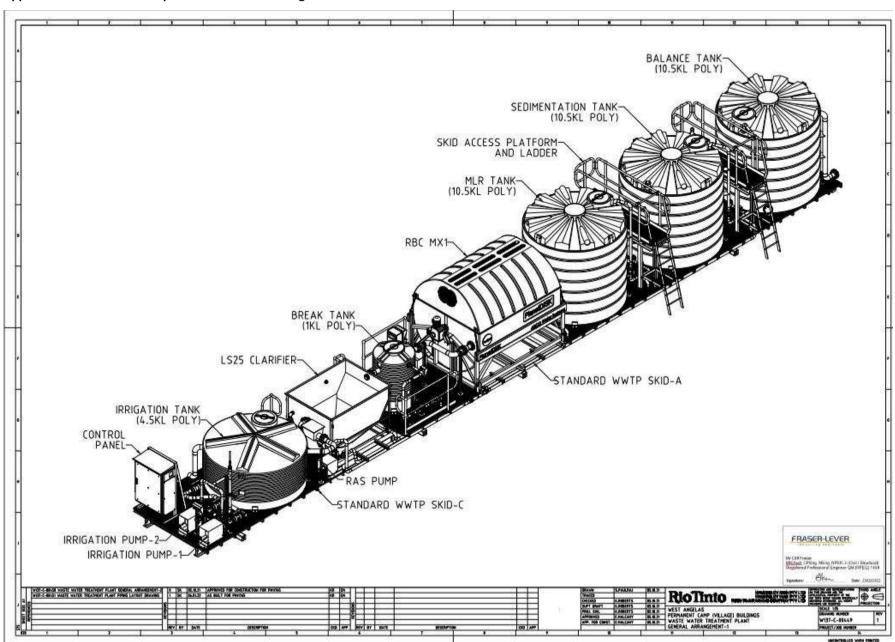
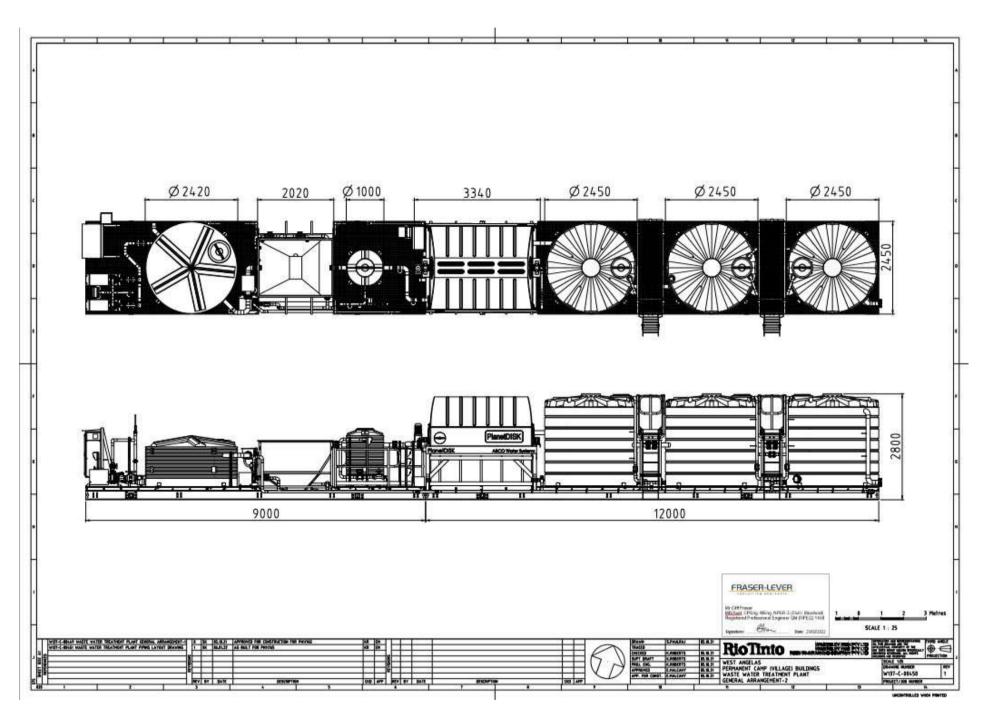
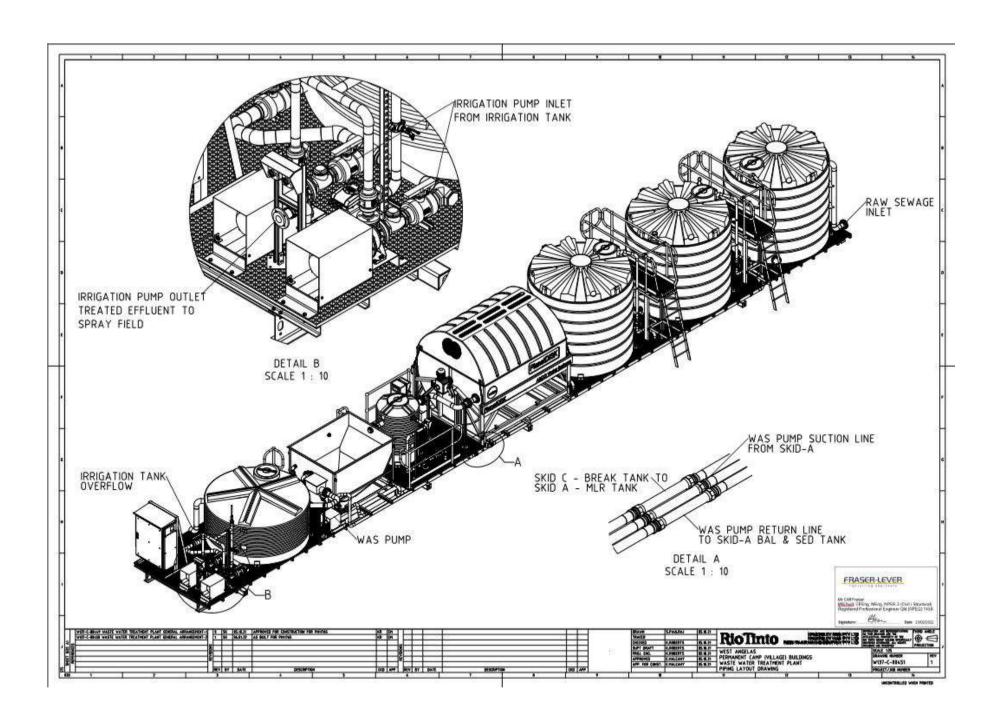


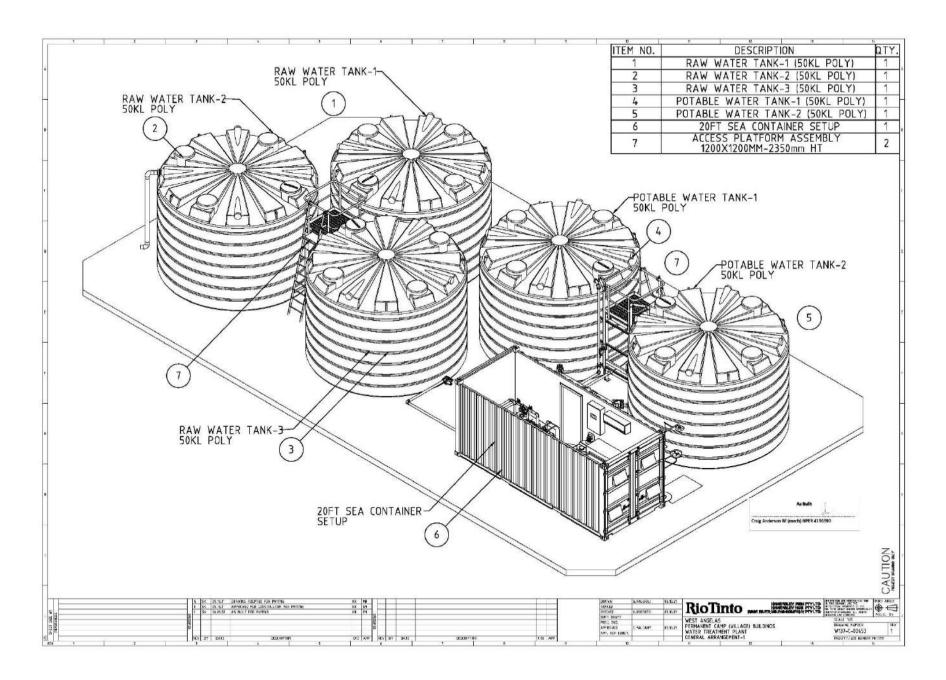
Figure 2: Location of Wastewater Treatment Plant.

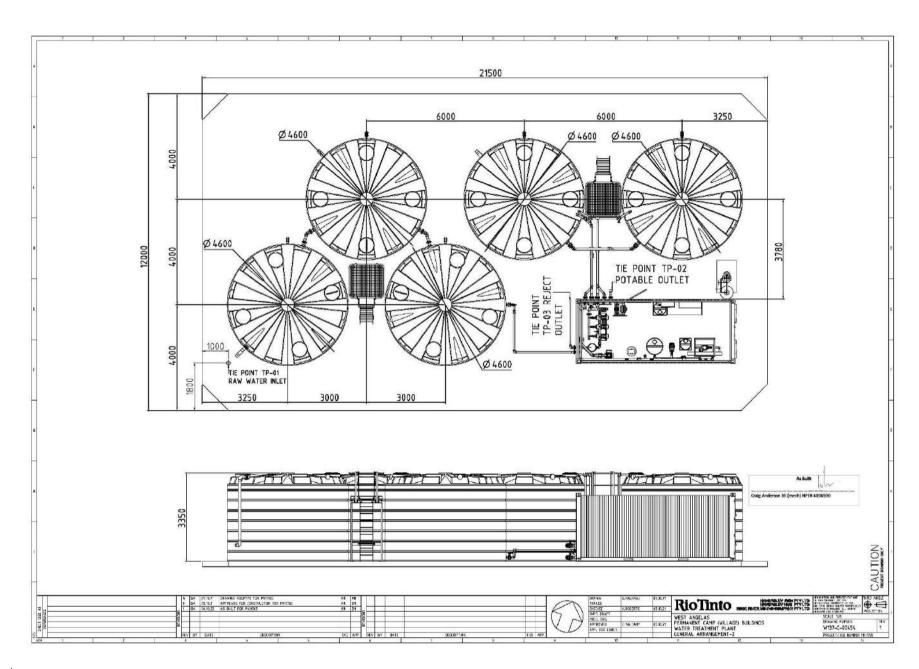
Appendix 2: Evidence of compliance – as-built drawings.











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Appendix 3: Evidence of compliance – field verification



Figure 3: Evidence of Compliance – balance tank, sedimentation tank, Mixed Liquor recycle tank, RBC tank, Break tank, clarifier and treated effluent tank



Figure 4: Evidence of Compliance – spray-field fencing

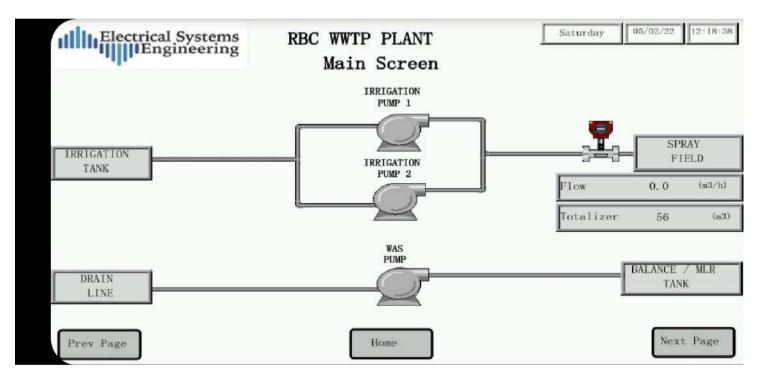


Figure 5: Evidence of compliance – flow meter



Figure 6: Evidence of Compliance – alarm system