



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:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence Details

Licence number:	L5980/1991/7	Licence file number:	2010/002819-1
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Exmouth Water Resource Recovery Facility		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 6007		
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)

☐ 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.

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	692 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
Not Applicable	

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:	8 (b)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	21/05/2024, 03/07/2024 & 22/01/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 8 (b) The Licence Holder must manage all wastewater treatment and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(b) a freeboard equal to, or greater than, 300 mm is maintained.</i> Environmental inspection indicated that Ponds 1 and 2 have exceeded the freeboard of 300mm. Additionally, due to low pumping and re-use of treated wastewater by the Shire, Pond 2 (Settling) overtopped on 03/07/2024.			
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. No environmental impact detected from the non-compliance. Increased risk of overtopping events occurring if adequate treated wastewater cannot be taken by Shire, high rainfall/inflows occurs or there is a failure of re-use scheme.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Erosion of western side of embankments at both ponds. Likely issues with pond capacity could be a contributing factor.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Pond levels and freeboard are being monitored and a facility upgrade or construction of a new WRRF plant at an alternative location is being investigated.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☒ Yes, and ☐ No			
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
☒ Reported to DWER in writing (N1 Notification)		Date: 02/09/2024	

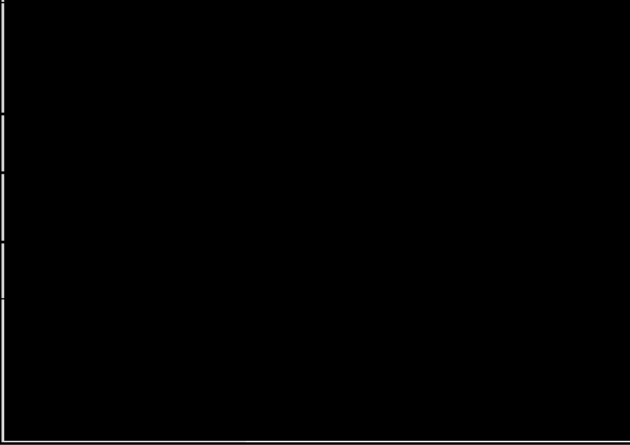
Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	8 (a)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	03/07/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 8 (a) The Licence Holder must manage all wastewater treatment and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(a) overtopping of the ponds does not occur.</i> The embankments of Pond 2 overtopped causing an exceedance of freeboard and breach of the containment infrastructure.			
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. No environmental impact currently detected from the non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Due to low pumping and re-use of treated wastewater by the Shire, Pond 2 (Settling) overtopped.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Pond 2 level was lowered, and pond levels and freeboard are being monitored.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☐ Yes, and ☒ No			
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
☒ Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 04/07/2024	

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:	8 (e)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	22/01/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 8 (e) The Licence Holder must manage all wastewater treatment and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(e) vegetation and floating debris (emergent or otherwise) is prevented from encroaching onto pond surfaces or inner pond embankments.</i> Vegetation present on Shire Pond embankments.			
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.			
No environmental impact detected from the non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Regrowth not controlled in adequate time.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Vegetation management undertaken.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☐ Yes, and		☒ No	
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
☒ 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:	8 (c)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	i) 30/03/2023, ii) 03/06/2021, 21/05/2024 & 22/01/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 8 (c) The Licence Holder must manage all wastewater treatment and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(c) the integrity of the containment infrastructure is maintained.</i> i) Results of a water balance have indicated that seepage is present at Exmouth WRRF. ii) Environmental inspections have identified widespread erosion at Ponds 1, 2 & 3 impacting infrastructure integrity. Non-compliance has been reported in previous AACRs.			
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. Groundwater monitoring results have remained consistent with previous years.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
i) Suspected pond liner integrity and/or erosion may be a contributing factor. ii) Erosion as primary cause.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
i) Investigation and additional groundwater monitoring is underway. ii) A facility upgrade or construction of a new WRRF at an alternative location is being investigated and is awaiting prioritisation for funding.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☒ Yes, and ☐ No			
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date:	
☒ Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/10/2023	

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 particular¹. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Environment Regulation's (DWER) website.

	Signature:	
	Name: (printed)	
	Position:	
	Date:	

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.