



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3*

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:

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Joondalup DC, WA, 6919

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L6246/1991/8	Licence file number:	DER2013/001027-1
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	South Hedland 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)
<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.	
<b>Prescribed Premises Category</b>	<b>Actual Production Quantity</b>
54	6,158 m <sup>3</sup> /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.	
<b>Prescribed Premises Category</b>	<b>Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity</b>
N/A	

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:	Condition 4	Date(s) of non-compliance:	13/02/25 and 14/02/25
Details of non-compliance:			
Two (2) inflow exceedances were recorded on the 13 and 14 February 2025, with inflows recorded as 10,893 m <sup>3</sup> /day and 10,334 m <sup>3</sup> /day respectively.			
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 environmental impact currently detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The high inflows were a result of extreme rainfall from Tropical Cyclone Zelia. 264 mm of rainfall was recorded over 5 days.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
No action taken. Awaited impact of cyclone to subside and inflows returned to below limits.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: N/A	

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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:	Condition 8(b)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	08/05/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
A visible wastewater leak was identified coming from two corroded inlet pipes, spilling onto the concrete hardstand below. No direct overflow to environment, wastewater stayed contained to concrete hardstand.			
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.			
No environmental impact is currently detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Inlet pipe had corroded due to wear overtime.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Inlet pipe was repaired by banding the pipe. Leak has since ceased.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:    /    /	

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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:	Condition 8(d)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	08/05/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Anaerobic Pond 2, Sludge Drying Beds, Compensation Basin 3 and the Evaporation/Infiltration ponds had considerable vegetation on embankments and within ponds.			
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 environmental impact currently detected, however, if left, vegetation growth could impact pond structural integrity and liner integrity which may cause seepage and or asset failure. In addition, vegetation growth creates a protected habitat for mosquito breeding. It is also noted that if left, vegetation growth will mature, contributing to the spread of weed via seed dispersal.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Frequency of herbicide application and physical removal of weeds was not sufficient.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Weeds were sprayed with herbicide and a follow up inspection revealed that the weeds are being managed effectively. A revised management plan is in place to apply herbicide and pesticide on a periodic basis to offline and online Evaporation/Infiltration ponds.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:    /    /	

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Condition no:	Condition 8(d)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	08/05/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
There is a significant amount of floating sludge present in Anaerobic Pond 2. Condition of pond has worsened due to Anaerobic Pond 1 remaining offline awaiting desludging.			
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.			
No environmental impact is currently detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Anaerobic Pond 1 is currently offline awaiting desludging, therefore all sludge load is going to Anaerobic Pond 2 and increasing sludge volumes, causing floating debris to occur.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
A desludging project is in place to remove sludge from Anaerobic Pond 1 to put it back online. Anaerobic Pond 2 can then be desludged.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2023	

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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:	Condition 7 (Table 3)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	08/05/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Inlet screens have been removed from containment infrastructure.			
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.			
No environmental impact is currently detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Inlet screens were initially removed due to issues with the system having repeat blockages that were difficult to manage. Rags and debris consistently wound itself around the inlet screening system causing it to fault.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
A major project is awaiting funding to replace the inlet screening system at South Hedland WRRF.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2019	

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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:	Condition 14 (Table 4)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	26/06/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Approximately 1.8 million litres of treated wastewater overflowed from the reuse storage tank at the plant and onto the surrounding grounds. This is the same quality reuse water that is applied to the golf course.			
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.			
No environmental impact is currently detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The overflow was due to a technical malfunction that the reuse tank valve ceased working, causing inflows into the tank to be greater than its capacity.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Flows managed onsite to cease overflow from tank. Reported to DWER, Local Government Authority and Department of Health			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 26/06/2025	

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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:	Condition 14 (Table 4)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	15/02/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
Approximately 18kL of wastewater overflowed from Compensating Basin 3 via spillway to environment.			
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.			
No environmental impact is currently detected.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
This was the result of high inflows due to Tropical Cyclone Zelia. 264mm of rainfall was recorded over 5 days.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Section 72 was submitted to DWER within 48H of the overflow. Health signs indicating wastewater were erected. Remedial works undertaken where necessary. Soil samples were taken underneath spillway to environment and within upper and lower South Creek. Sample results came back with no concerns that the environment had been impacted.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date:    /    /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 15/02/2025	

**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:	1 October 2025	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.