



## 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:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation  
Locked Bag 10  
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:	Water Corporation		
ACN:	28 033 434 917		
Registered address:	South Hedland Water Resource Recovery Facility Reserve 31687, Lot 2040 Golf Course Road SOUTH HEDLAND WA 6722		
Reporting period:	01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023		

### 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.

### 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	4698 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.

Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity
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Section D – Statement of 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:	Condition 1.3.4 (Table 1.3.3)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	12/09/22 & 17/04/2023
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>a) Screenings not stored in a bunded location</p> <p>b) Compensating Basin 2 is currently lined with HDPE; the condition stipulates that it is to remain unlined.</p>			
<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 environmental impact has currently been detected.</p> <p>Leachate from drying rags may, over time, infiltrate soil and impact groundwater. Drying rags may also contribute to odour and potential loss of amenity.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>a) The South Hedland WWTP currently has no inlet screens in place to remove rags and debris. This is because the inlet screening system was experiencing operational issues that presented a safety risk and was taken offline in April 2019.</p> <p>b) Investigation is still being undertaken to determine the root cause.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>a) Advise operators to halt the practice of removing rags from primary ponds to dry on the pond embankments before disposal into bins.</p> <p>b) Investigation is still being undertaken to determine the root cause.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2022	



<b>Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition</b>			
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:	1.3.5 (b)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	17/06/22 & 17/04/2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Multiple ponds show signs of erosion and cracked/subsiding concrete slabs around their embankments.			
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 is currently evident in monitoring results, however, if left, erosion could worsen impacting pond structural integrity and liner integrity which may cause pond over topping, seepage and/or asset failure.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Wear and tear due to prolonged exposure to weather elements.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Registered as an asset deficiency in last reporting period and currently awaiting assessment for funding.			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 1/09/2022	

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Condition no:	1.3.5 (d)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	17/06/22 & 17/04/23
<b>Details of non-compliance:</b>			
Identified vegetation and/or floating debris (sludge) on pond surfaces, sludge drying beds and inner embankments during an environmental inspection.			
<b>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</b>			
<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.			
Accumulation of sludge and rags impacts on the capacity of the treatment ponds and the ability to capture and hold stormwater during significant rainfall events.			
<b>Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:</b>			
a) Regrowth of vegetation had occurred after rapid proliferation during wet season.			
b) Sludge has built up over time.			
<b>Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:</b>			
a) Additional spray and slash of weeds was undertaken.			
b) One pond has been taken offline and partially desludged into sludge drying beds but currently Water Corporation is awaiting resource allocation to complete the remaining works.			
<b>Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 1/10/2023	



<b>Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition</b>			
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:	1.3.7, 1.3.8, 1.3.9 & 1.3.10	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30/06/2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Potentially non-compliant with management plans listed in conditions.			
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			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Documents have not been assessed as part of AER and AACR compliance for reporting period.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Three of four documents have been reviewed with the remaining to be completed in the following reporting period. Following this assessment, a licence amendment application to remove these conditions may be prepared and submitted to DWER if deemed appropriate.			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 1/10/2023	

<b>Section F – Declaration</b>			
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)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	General Manager Operations	Position:	
Date:	26 SEPT 2023	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.