



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V*

### Section A – Licence Details

Licence number:	L6786/1991/11	Licence file number:	2016/000759
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 6007		
Reporting period:	01 / 07 / 2021 to 30 / 06 / 2022		

### 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 and 61	Cat 54: 6442 m <sup>3</sup> /day (details in annual report) Cat 61: 0 tonnes/annum

### 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

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:	2, Table 2, Item 7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	June 2021 – July 2022
Details of non-compliance:			
The condition requires maintenance of a fence around the boundaries of the Albany WWTP and Treefarm 1. A section of the fence in the south-western area of the WWTP was damaged during heavy rainfall.			
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.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Heavy rainfall resulting in damage to the fence.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Short term action to tape the area to notify public of no entry, and longer-term action to mend the fence. The completion date is now estimated at mid-October due to ground conditions at site. The contractor has completed partial (50%) repairs with the exception of the bottom corner of the property, which was inaccessible for their machinery.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, and			
<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:	7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	27/10/21 – 13/11/2021
Details of non-compliance:			
<p><b>Condition 7, Table 6</b> specifies that the discharge points for treated sewage from the Treefarm 1 storage dams are at the irrigation networks in Treefarms 1 and 2 as shown in Schedule 1. In October 2021 Dams 1 and 2 at Albany Treefarm 1 reached storage capacity and began to overflow. An estimated volume of 4.6ML treated wastewater overflowed from Dam 1 spillway to the channel leading to the headwaters of 7 Mile Creek over the period 27 October – 13 November 2021.</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>Environmental impact was assessed as low.                      Sample results showed:                      - concentrations of nutrients in 7-Mile Creek immediately downstream at Gunn Road and a further ~7km downstream at South Coast Highway were significantly lower than those discharged from the dam. The concentrations increased again further downstream with other catchment inputs.                      - Dissolved oxygen (DO) was lower in the storage dam (though still in a moderate range), with no noticeable lowering of DO levels in any of the downstream sample points.                      - Pathogen concentrations were generally lower in the dam itself than downstream.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Significantly higher than average rainfall over the winter months coupled with treefarm harvesting meant that irrigation was limited. The dams filled and discharge was unavoidable.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
No adverse effects have resulted from the non-compliance.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: 17/9/21	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 27/10/21; 5/11/21; 6/12/21; 16/12/21	

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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:	15, Table 13	Date(s) of non-compliance:	<i>Check data for non-compliance</i>
Details of non-compliance:			
Condition 15, Table 13 requires soil moisture to be monitored at specified locations. The infrastructure in one location failed February – May 2022 and was operational again in June 2022. There was also a failure in a separate location in June 2022 and this has been operational again in July 2022.			
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.			
There was no environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
PCB failure.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
No adverse effects have resulted from the non-compliance.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:	


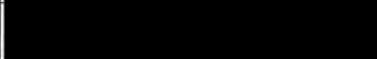

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Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	15, Table 14	Date(s) of non-compliance:	February 2021 and June 2022
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>The condition specifies the frequency and locations of bore sampling and there were two instances where this was unable to be complied with:</p> <p>(1) Samples from monitoring bore MB5 were unable to be taken due to silting with inability to extract groundwater respectively.</p> <p>(2) Bore DB9 has been damaged and samples scheduled for June 2022 have been unable to be taken.</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>			
No environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The licence was amended 29 November 2021 and contained a new requirement to sample bores on a quarterly basis at the WWTP that had been constructed for specific project monitoring. One of the bores was unable to be sampled in February 2022 due to physical issues that meant it was inaccessible.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>(1) Action to fix bore MB5 was initiated and completed 1 April 2022.</p> <p>(2) Removal of Bores DB9 and DB16 from the licence will be requested as they are located in a superficial aquifer and are of little value in long term groundwater monitoring.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, and			
<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:	24	Date(s) of non-compliance:	29/11/2021 – 26/4/2022
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Table 17 Action item 1 was unable to be met for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) <i>Weekly inspections of the WWTP with odour levels observations to be recorded from the odour treatment facility, sludge dewatering shed, IDEA lagoon 1 and any vehicles transporting sludge from the facility.</i></p> <p>While operators take informal note of odour and manage outstanding issues as best as possible, the criteria for requirement to document was unable to be developed and records cannot be provided. It is likely that any close inspection of the nominated facilities will inevitably record odour due to the nature of the process. This is unlikely to impact on community and there were 2 odour complaints in 2021-22; and 3 in 2020-21.</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>			
No environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The licence was amended 29 November 2021 and contained a new requirement to undertake weekly inspections. There was no guidance provided and the inspections were not implemented until guidance and justification for action was obtained.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Guidance sought and inspections initiated 26/4/22.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:	

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Condition no:	24	Date(s) of non-compliance:	1 April -
Details of non-compliance:			
Condition 24 (c) required submission of an odour analysis report described in 24 (b) by 1 April 2022. The timeline was unable to be met despite request made to consultants.			
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.			
There was no environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The licence was amended as of 29 November 2021 and included a new requirement to submit the report by 1 April 2022. Consultants were unavailable and the report was unable to be submitted.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
No adverse effects have resulted from the non-compliance. A licence amendment to extend the submission date was submitted 6 April 2022 and has been approved.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 06/04/2022	

**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.

Signature <sup>2</sup> :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	25/8/2022	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.