



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info-der@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 33 Cloisters Square
PERTH WA 6850

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L7407/1998/9	Licence file number:	DEC10269
Licence holder:	Shire of Plantagenet		
Trading as:	Mount Barker Regional Saleyards		
ACN:	ABN 29 84 782 574		
Registered address:	Lot 3 (32416) Albany Highway, Mount Barker, 6324 P.O. Box 48, Mount Barker, 6324		
Reporting period:	1 / January / 2022 to 31 / December / 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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D if required; and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
Livestock Saleyards more than 50,000 animals	55,995 cattle

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:	3(d)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Throughout the reporting period.
Details of non-compliance:			
Some weeds and grasses emerged on the pond banks.			
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.			
There was no environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The spraying program has been largely successful, however, has not completely prevented all emergent weeds and grass growth.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Spraying was carried out on all pond banks on the following dates: 04/01/2022, 05/01/2022, 01/02/2022, 08/02/2022, 13/04/2022, 04/05/2022, 17/05/2022, 20/07/2022, 12/08/2022, 07/09/2022, 04/10/2022, 18/10/2022, 21/11/2022, 22/11/2022, 13/12/2022, 29/12/2022. The spraying program will continue.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	

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:	7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	From late December 2022
Details of non-compliance:			
The loading rate limit for Nitrogen is 180 kg/ha/yr, whereas the actual loading rate was 185.8 kg /ha/yr.			
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.			
There was no discernable environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
This is considered to be a minor non-compliance, being 3% over the limit. Nevertheless, two factors have contributed. A high TN result in SW1 was seen in December at 88.2 mg/l. While typically higher levels are seen in December, this result was significantly above the average of the last five years, noting that all SW ponds were within STV Total Nitrogen limits. This result was mildly exacerbated by above average irrigation volumes in 2022. A total of 28,815kl of water was discharged via the licensed irrigation system. Total volume discharge was approximately 10% higher than the average of the previous five years (25,823kl).			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Where possible, irrigation is minimised, although we still need to keep SW1 pond levels below the licence requirement. The system is running with one fully clean pond running to the irrigation pond, however we have one pond full of sludge which we have not been able to clean out again this year. When that happens, it is expected that the TN concentration will be reduced accordingly. Note that the Shire and UWA have collaborated on developing on solutions and improvements to the waste water treatment system and the Shire is continuing to test and consider the recommendations.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	

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:	7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	From early December 2022
Details of non-compliance:			
The loading rate limit for Phosphorous is 20 kg/ha/yr, whereas the actual loading rate was 21.29 kg /ha/yr.			
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.			
There was no discernable environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
This is considered to be a relatively minor non-compliance, being 6% over the limit. Nevertheless, two factors have contributed.			
A high TP result in SW1 was seen in June at 15.1 mg/l. While typically higher levels are seen in June, this result was significantly above the average of the last five years.			
This result was mildly exacerbated by above average irrigation volumes in 2022. A total of 28,815kl of water was discharged via the licensed irrigation system. Total volume discharge was approximately 10% higher than the average of the previous five years (25,823kl).			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Where possible, irrigation is minimised, although we still need to keep SW1 pond levels below the licence requirement. The system is running with one fully clean pond running to the irrigation pond, however we have one pond full of sludge which we have not been able to clean out again this year. When that happens, it is expected that the TP concentration will be reduced accordingly.			
It should be noted that the average TP levels, while subject to some variation, actually have not changed markedly over the last 10 years. The years where there has been non-compliance have been years of high irrigation volumes, due largely to rainfall factors.			
Note that the Shire and UWA have collaborated on developing on solutions and improvements to the waste water treatment system and the Shire is continuing to test and consider the recommendations.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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Section F – Declaration			

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

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 Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Date:		Date:	27/12/2023
Seal (if signing under seal):			

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.