

Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

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 Locked Bag 10 Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details					
Licence number:	L8925/2015/1	Licence file number:	DER2015/002254		
Licence holder name:	Laverton Wastewater Treatment Plant				
Trading as:	Water Corporation				
ABN:	28 003 434 917				
Registered business address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 600				
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 in 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	Inflow 143 m3/day	
61	2232 tonnes	

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					
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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:	1.3.5 (c)	Date(s) of non- compliance:	31/01/23 - current		
Details of non-com	pliance:				
In accordance with Licence condition 1.3.5 (c) there is no discernible seepage loss from the wastewater and liquid waste treatment ponds. As a result of the long-term incident for Laverton Nitrates and continuity of supply, brine production at the Laverton WTP increased resulting in increased volumes of D300 waste being discharged into Pond 4 at the WWTP. As a result, discernible seepage was noticed on the pond 4 banks. Seepage continues when the pond is utilised.					
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the non-c	ompliance?		
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.					
Seepage was contained within the boundary of the WWTP with limited environmental impact, as there are no sensitive environmental receptors in the area.					
Cause (or suspecte	ed cause) of non-compliance:				
Ponds integrity is compromised and miscommunication with the carting contractor led to pond 4 being overfilled.					
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:					
Carting to pond 4 was ceased when seepage was identified. An integrity assessment was undertaken of pond 4 and determined a safe level that the ponds could be operated at without seepage. Treatment pond 3 was identified for additional storage and isolated to receive waste. Following the assessment, a contingency plan was developed to balance all pond levels while construction of the temporary evaporation pond was being finalised. Planning is underway to repair the lining of all ponds at Laverton WWTP to prevent seepage.					
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?					
Reported to	DWER verbally	Date: / /			
⊠ Reported to	DWER in writing	Date: 01 /10 / 2	2023		

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:	1.3.5 (c)	Date(s) of non- compliance:	18/05/23 - current	
Details of non-comp	oliance:			
In accordance with licence condition 1.3.5 (c) there is no discernible seepage loss from the wastewater and liquid waste treatment ponds. As a result of the long-term incident for Laverton Nitrates and continuity of supply, brine production at the Laverton WTP increased resulting in greater volumes discharged to the WWTP Pond 4. This caused an increase in pond level in Pond 3. Erosion and discernible seepage were noticed on the pond banks of Pond 3 when the freeboard was less then 300mm.				
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the non-c	ompliance?	
NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.				
	ned within the boundary of the environmental receptors in t		vironmental impact, as	
Cause (or suspecte	ed cause) of non-compliance:			
Initially the Laverton nitrate incident caused additional production of D300 brine waste which required discharge into evaporation pond 4. This resulted in an increase in pond level (treated wastewater) at pond 3. In 2023-24 high levels in pond 3 were due to increased wastewater inflows. However because of the nitrate incident there was not the usual storage capacity for TWW to begin with.				
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:				
Carting to pond 3 was ceased when seepage was initially identified in 2022-23 reporting period and a process was put in place to manually discharge to the environment to maintain the integrity of the asset. Seepage of pond 3 reduces significantly when the freeboard is >500mm. Due to increases in the inflows through the sewer network pond 3 filled again in 2023-24 and there was further seepage. The Water Corporation reinstated the manual discharge to get levels down and reduce seepage. This will now be ongoing until pond relining is undertaken. Planning is underway to repair the lining of all ponds at Laverton WWTP to prevent seepage				
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?				
⊠ Yes, and	☐ No			
Reported to I	DWER verbally	Date: / /		
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12 September 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 particular¹.

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

Signature²:

Name: (printed)

Position:

Date:

Seal (if signing under seal):

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.