



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:	L9304/2021/1	Licence file number:	
Licence holder name:	Shire of Ashburton		
Trading as:	Shire of Ashburton		
ACN:	Not applicable		
Registered business address:	246 Ponciana Street, Tom Price WA 6751		
Reporting period:	01/01/2024 to 31/ 12/2024		

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(Tonnes)
Cat 13	1,857.3
Cat 61	831.5
Cat 61 A	170.7
Cat 62	119.7
Cat 63	47.4
Cat 65	6,108.47

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
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:	44	Date(s) of non-compliance:	24/04/2024
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Details of non-compliance:

All groundwater monitoring bores at the PRWMF were equipped with data loggers and water level dippers on 25 March 2022 to facilitate instantaneous standing water level measurements, in accordance with Condition 31 of the licence.

As per Condition 44, the Licence Holder is required to submit groundwater monitoring data to the CEO:

- Within 30 days following the first six months of logger installation, and
- Within 30 days following the first 24 months.

The PRWMF complied with the initial requirement and submitted the six-month groundwater monitoring report within the required timeframe. However, the second (24-month) reporting submission was not completed due to equipment failure.

The non-compliance arose from the failure of the installed loggers and dippers, which were exposed to extreme Pilbara environmental conditions and the brackish to saline nature of the groundwater. Over time, these harsh conditions led to significant corrosion and degradation of components, as well as battery failure in several devices. As a result, continuous water level data could not be reliably retrieved, and the 24-month reporting requirement could not be fulfilled as prescribed.

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 resulting from this technical non-compliance, and the issue is considered technical reporting non-conformance only. Groundwater quality and levels continue to be monitored through scheduled sampling events.

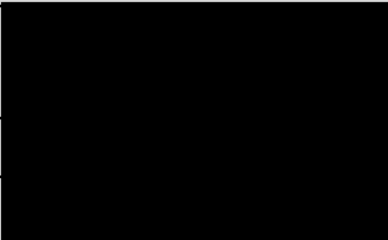

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition	
<p>The second (24-month) reporting was not completed within the required 30-day timeframe due to equipment failure.</p>	
<p>Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:</p>	
<p>Periodic groundwater monitoring was undertaken throughout the reporting period, with SWL recorded and reported in the AER. Although loggers and dippers were installed across all monitoring bores to enable instantaneous monitoring of SWLs, initial on-site attempts to extract data were unsuccessful due to equipment failure and data corruption.</p> <p>To address the issue, a third-party contractor was engaged to download the data, and the equipment manufacturer was consulted to diagnose and rectify the faults. Data was successfully extracted from all boreholes except BH17 and BH25. However, the majority of the data was corrupted, and only two reliable datasets—March 2022 and January 2024—were recovered, covering an approximate 22-month period.</p> <p>PRWMF is currently working with the groundwater monitoring contractor to convert the available raw data into SWL measurements and incorporate them into the future groundwater report.</p>	
<p>Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally</p>	<p>Date: / /</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing</p>	<p>Date: 31 /03/2025</p>

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.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	31/03/25	Date:	
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.