



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
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Joondalup DC WA 6919

| Section A – Licence details | | | |
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| 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: | 01/01/2025 to 31/ 12/2025 | | |

| Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions |
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| 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); andsign 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; andsign the declaration in Section F. |

| Section C – Statement of actual production | |
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| Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached. | |
| Prescribed premises category | Actual production quantity(Tonnes) |
| Cat 13 | 626.56 |
| Cat 61 | 7243.77 |
| Cat 61 A | 2831.45 |
| Cat 62 | 418.32 |
| Cat 63 | 58.86 |
| Cat 64 and 65 | 32,979.75 |

| Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity | | | |
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| 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: | 52 | Date(s) of non-compliance: | 24/04/2024 |
| Details of non-compliance: | | | |
| <p>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 39 of the licence.</p> <p>As per Condition 52, the Licence Holder is required to submit groundwater monitoring data to the CEO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 30 days following the first six months of logger installation, and • Within 30 days following the first 24 months. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 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. | | | |
| The non-compliance was caused by failure of groundwater data loggers and associated equipment, due to: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure to brackish to highly saline groundwater conditions; • Corrosion and degradation of equipment components over time; and • Battery failure and data corruption within several devices. | | | |
| These factors resulted in the inability to retrieve continuous and reliable SWL data required for the 24-month reporting period. No additional impacts to the environment. | | | |
| Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance: | | | |

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| The second (24-month) reporting was not completed within the required 30-day timeframe due to equipment failure. | |
| Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance: | |
| Periodic groundwater monitoring was undertaken throughout the reporting period, with SWL recorded and reported in the AER. Subject to the outcome and guidance from the DWER Compliance Team, and noting that more than 24 months has elapsed since the installation of the monitoring infrastructure and commencement of the requirement, the Shire intends to seek removal of this condition as part of a future licence amendment. | |
| Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER? | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally | Date: / / |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing | Date: 31 /03/2025 |

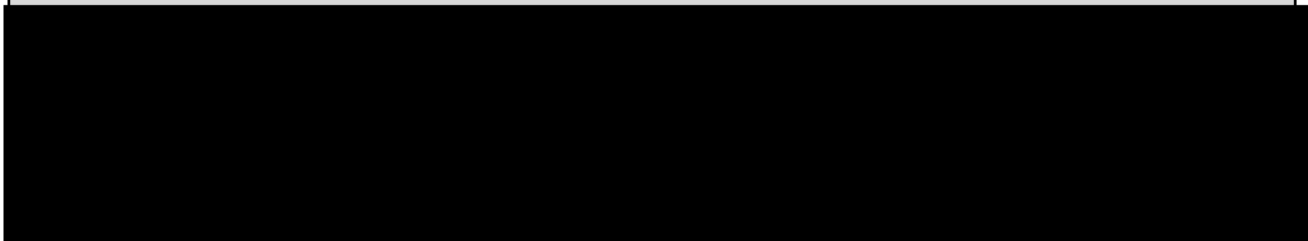
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| Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period. | | | |
| Condition no: | 48 | Date(s) of non-compliance: | 23/12/2026 |
| Details of non-compliance: | | | |
| The Shire requested an extension to complete the Landfill Gas Management Plan, originally due on 22 December 2025, as part of the licence amendment application lodged in November 2025. However, the amended licence was not received until 26 January 2026. As a result, the Shire was unable to meet the original due date, and this is therefore considered a technical non-compliance. | | | |
| 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. | | | |
| No emissions or environmental impacts were identified. This non-compliance is considered technical and administrative in nature. | | | |
| Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance: | | | |

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| Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance: | |
| No further action is required. The DWER issued the licence amendment on 27 January 2026, which included a one-year extension for submission of the Landfill Gas Management Plan. | |
| Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER? | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally | Date: / / |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing | Date: 31 /03/2026 |

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.



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| Date: | 30/03/2026 | 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.