



Environment Protection Licence

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Licence Details	
Number:	3850
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Licensee
DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
PO BOX 81
DUBBO NSW 2830

Premises
DUBBO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
BOOTHENBA ROAD
DUBBO NSW 2830

Scheduled Activity
Sewage treatment

Fee Based Activity	Scale
Sewage treatment processing by small plants	> 1000-5000 ML annual maximum volume of discharge

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Information about this licence

Dictionary

A definition of terms used in the licence can be found in the dictionary at the end of this licence.

Responsibilities of licensee

Separate to the requirements of this licence, general obligations of licensees are set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") and the Regulations made under the Act. These include obligations to:

- ensure persons associated with you comply with this licence, as set out in section 64 of the Act;
- control the pollution of waters and the pollution of air (see for example sections 120 - 132 of the Act);
- report incidents causing or threatening material environmental harm to the environment, as set out in Part 5.7 of the Act.

Variation of licence conditions

The licence holder can apply to vary the conditions of this licence. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

The EPA may also vary the conditions of the licence at any time by written notice without an application being made.

Where a licence has been granted in relation to development which was assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in accordance with the procedures applying to integrated development, the EPA may not impose conditions which are inconsistent with the development consent conditions until the licence is first reviewed under Part 3.6 of the Act.

Duration of licence

This licence will remain in force until the licence is surrendered by the licence holder or until it is suspended or revoked by the EPA or the Minister. A licence may only be surrendered with the written approval of the EPA.

Licence review

The Act requires that the EPA review your licence at least every 5 years after the issue of the licence, as set out in Part 3.6 and Schedule 5 of the Act. You will receive advance notice of the licence review.

Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA

For each licence fee period you must pay:

- an administrative fee; and
- a load-based fee (if applicable).



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The EPA publication “A Guide to Licensing” contains information about how to calculate your licence fees. The licence requires that an Annual Return, comprising a Statement of Compliance and a summary of any monitoring required by the licence (including the recording of complaints), be submitted to the EPA. The Annual Return must be submitted within 60 days after the end of each reporting period. See condition R1 regarding the Annual Return reporting requirements.

Usually the licence fee period is the same as the reporting period.

Transfer of licence

The licence holder can apply to transfer the licence to another person. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

Public register and access to monitoring data

Part 9.5 of the Act requires the EPA to keep a public register of details and decisions of the EPA in relation to, for example:

- licence applications;
- licence conditions and variations;
- statements of compliance;
- load based licensing information; and
- load reduction agreements.

Under s320 of the Act application can be made to the EPA for access to monitoring data which has been submitted to the EPA by licensees.

This licence is issued to:

DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
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DUBBO NSW 2830

subject to the conditions which follow.

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1 Administrative Conditions

A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

Unless otherwise further restricted by a condition of this licence, the scale at which the activity is carried out must not exceed the maximum scale specified in this condition.

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Sewage treatment	Sewage treatment processing by small plants	> 1000 - 5000 ML annual maximum volume of discharge

A1.2 The objectives of this licence are to:

- prevent as far as practicable sewage overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses;
- require proper and efficient management of the system to minimise harm to the environment and public health; and
- require practical measures to be taken to protect the environment and public health from sewage overflows and sewage treatment plant effluent.

A1.3 This licence is to be construed in a manner that will promote the objectives referred to in A1.2.

A1.4 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled development work listed below at the premises listed in A2:

Construction of two new bioreactors, two clarifiers and UV disinfection units. Decommissioning of the existing bioreactor, clarifiers and UV disinfection units. The development works is to be conducted between September 2012 and August 2013.

A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
DUBBO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
BOOTHENBA ROAD
DUBBO
NSW 2830
LOT 201 DP 754308, LOT 202 DP 754308, LOT 1 DP 1073902, LOT 100 DP 1184075, LOT 101 DP 1184075

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A2.2 The premises also includes the reticulation system owned and operated by the licensee that is associated with the sewage treatment plant(s) identified in condition A2.1.

A2.3 The premises also includes the utilisation area located at Lot 1 DP 822455; Lots 49, 80 and 41 DP 754328; Lot 2451 DP 1049405; Lots 1 & 2 DP 358031; Lot 1 DP 243717; Lots 270 & 278 DP 754308; Lot 2 DP 958914; Lot 100 & 101 DP 1122279; Lot 50 & 124 DP 754328; Lot 100 DP 1265492; Lot 2 DP 1235422

A3 Information supplied to the EPA

A3.1 Works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the licence application, except as expressly provided by a condition of this licence.

In this condition the reference to "the licence application" includes a reference to:

- a) the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and
- b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.

2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

P1.1 The following utilisation areas referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for any application of solids or liquids to the utilisation area.

P1.2 The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.

Water and land

EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1	Discharge and monitoring point	Discharge and monitoring point	Effluent Quality Monitoring Point labelled as "EPA Monitoring Point No.1" in DOC23/740748. EPA Monitoring Point 1 is controlled by a flow meter valve at the Premises to control discharges to the Macquarie River at EPA Monitoring Point No.4
2	Discharge and Monitoring Point	Discharge and Monitoring Point	Effluent irrigation pumps for reclaimed effluent to Greengrove, Fletchers and Somerville labelled as "EPA Monitoring Point No.2" in DOC23/740748

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3	Total Influent monitoring	Total Influent monitoring	Influent monitoring point labelled as "EPA Monitoring Point No.3" in DOC23/740748
4	Discharge & Monitoring Point	Discharge & Monitoring Point	Discharge point into Macquarie River labelled as "EPA Monitoring Point No.4" in DOC23/740748.

3 Limit Conditions

L1 Pollution of waters

- L1.1 Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- L1.2 The licensee may only discharge untreated or partially treated sewage from the sewage treatment plant and/or the reticulation system subject to the conditions of this licence, including Sections O1 and O2.

L2 Load limits

- L2.1 The actual load of an assessable pollutant discharged from the premises during the reporting period must not exceed the load limit specified for the assessable pollutant in the table below.
- L2.2 The actual load of an assessable pollutant must be calculated in accordance with the relevant load calculation protocol.

Assessable Pollutant	Load limit (kg)
BOD (Enclosed Water)	10849.00
Nitrogen (total) (Enclosed Water)	6808.00
Oil and Grease (Enclosed Water)	7090.00
Phosphorus (total) (Enclosed Water)	9067.00
Total suspended solids (Enclosed Water)	100000.00

Note: The load limits referred to in condition L2.1 do not apply to discharges from the reticulation system.

Note: An assessable pollutant is a pollutant which affects the licence fee payable for the licence.

L3 Concentration limits

- L3.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified in the table/s below (by a point number), the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, or applied to that area, must not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.
- L3.2 Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the

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specified ranges.

L3.3 To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table/s.

L3.4 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	3DGM concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
Biochemical oxygen demand	milligrams per litre				30
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres				200
Nitrogen (ammonia)	milligrams per litre				5
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre				15
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre				10
pH	pH				6.5-8.5
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre				10
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre				30

L3.5 When a wet weather bypass is occurring, exceedances of the 3DGM and the 100 percentile concentration limits in L3 are permitted at the following points for the duration of the bypass:
Discharge Point 1

Note: A wet weather bypass is defined in condition M7.2

L4 Volume and mass limits

L4.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the volume/mass of:
a) liquids discharged to water; or
b) solids or liquids applied to the area;

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must not exceed the volume/mass limits specified for that discharge point or area.

Point	Unit of Measure	Volume/Mass Limit
1	KL/d	9500

- L4.2 There must be no discharges from the premises to the Macquarie River except under the following conditions:
- when soil moisture conditions at the effluent application areas are such that irrigation of those effluent application areas would result in effluent runoff; or
 - where there is a valid agricultural/agronomic reason for not irrigating the effluent application areas; or
 - When irrigating the effluent application areas is not sufficient to maintain the effluent storage ponds at or below 90% of total capacity.
- L4.3 When the licensee discharges to the Macquarie River under any of the exceptions listed in L4.2, notification must be provided within 24 hours to info@epa.nsw.gov.au. The notification must include the following details:
- Which effluent pond(s) that need to be dewatered;
 - the current volume of effluent in the effluent pond(s) listed in response to a) above in litres or megalitres and as a percentage of the design capacity;
 - the cause of the current volume(s) listed in response to b) above;
 - the reason why the effluent pond(s) need to be dewatered; and
 - the proposed start and end dates of the proposed discharge, and expected volume discharged, noting the discharge is to cease when the level of the effluent ponds reach 90% of total capacity.
- L4.4 While the discharge permitted by condition L4.2 is occurring, the licensee must take samples at EPA Identification Point 1 at twice the frequency required by condition M2.2 of this licence. In addition, the licensee must take samples upstream and downstream of the discharge point twice weekly.
- L4.5 During the period of discharge approved by the EPA the licensee must provide written updates to the EPA by email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au received no later than 5pm on each Friday. The updates must include the following details:
- the volume of effluent discharged on each day for the previous seven days;
 - copies of the results of all samples taken in the previous seven days;
 - the volumes and freeboard available in each effluent pond at the premises; and
 - the volume of effluent discharged to the effluent irrigation areas.
- L4.6 The licensee must cease any discharge permitted by condition L4.2 of this licence and notify the EPA by email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au immediately of any sample results that exceed the limits set out in condition L3.4 of this licence unless the EPA provides authority to continue discharging in writing due to operational need.
- L4.7 The level of effluent in the final effluent pond under dry weather conditions must be maintained at a level which minimises the discharge of effluent to the Macquarie River.
- L4.8 The volume limit specified in condition L4.1 does not apply during wet weather.
- L4.9 For the purposes of condition L4.8 above, "wet weather" is defined as when more than 15 millimetres of

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rainfall has been measured during a 24 hour period at the Dubbo Bureau of Meteorology weather station.

L5 Waste

- L5.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.
- L5.2 This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal of waste at the premises if those activities require an environment protection licence.
- L5.3 The licensee may receive and/or transfer sewage and Group C waste generated outside the premises for treatment, processing or reprocessing at the premises. The licensee must take reasonable steps to ensure that sewage received at the premises has been lawfully discharged in accordance with a trade waste agreement or customer contract (as applicable) in force between the licensee and the generator of the waste. The licensee must treat, process or reprocess the sewage and Group C waste in accordance with this licence prior to discharge from the premises.
- L5.4 The licensee may receive, store, treat, process or reprocess and/or transfer at the premises sewage products generated or stored outside the premises by the licensee's other sewage treatment systems. Sewage products must be received, treated, processed or reprocessed in accordance with this licence.

L6 Potentially offensive odour

- L6.1 No condition in this licence identifies a potentially offensive odour for the purposes of section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Note: Section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 provides that the licensee must not cause or permit the emission of any offensive odour from the premises but provides a defence if the emission is identified in the relevant environment protection licence as a potentially offensive odour and the odour was emitted in accordance with the conditions of a licence directed at minimising odour.

4 Operating Conditions

O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

- O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner.
This includes:
- the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and
 - the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

Note: The requirements of O1.1 apply to the whole of the premises, including the reticulation system.

- O1.2 Biosolids at the premises must be stored, treated, processed, classified, transported and disposed in accordance with the Biosolids Guidelines, or as otherwise approved in writing by the EPA.

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Note: This condition does not apply to the reuse or disposal of biosolids by the licensee at locations other than the premises.

O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

- O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:
- must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
 - must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

Note: The requirements of O2.1 apply to the whole of the premises, including the reticulation system.

O3 Effluent application to land

- O3.1 The quantity of effluent applied to the utilisation area(s) must not exceed the capacity of the utilisation area(s) to effectively utilise the effluent.

For the purpose of this condition, "effectively utilise" includes the ability of the soil to absorb the nutrient, salt and hydraulic loads and the applied organic material without causing harm to the environment.

- O3.2 Effluent application to the utilisation area(s) must not occur in a manner that causes surface run-off from the utilisation area(s).
- O3.3 Spray from effluent application to the utilisation area(s) must not drift beyond the boundary of the utilisation area(s) to which it has been applied.
- O3.4 Livestock access to any effluent application area must be denied during effluent application and until the applied effluent area has dried.
- O3.5 The licensee must retain the utilisation area.
- O3.6 At least 14 days prior to a utilisation area being offered for sale, being disposed of or otherwise rendered unavailable for use, the EPA must be must be advised in writing of this intention.
- O3.7 Adequate notices, warning the public not to drink or otherwise use the treated effluent, must be erected on the site. These notices must be legible English and in any other languages as may be necessary, and must indicate at least that the water in use is "Reclaimed Water - Unfit for Drinking".
- O3.8 Public access to any effluent utilisation area must be denied during effluent application and until the effluent application area has dried.
- O3.9 Effluent liquid waste pipelines and fittings must be clearly identified. Standard watertaps, hoses and valves must not be fitted to the pipelines of the effluent system. The effluent system must not be connected to other pipelines. Lockable valves or removable handles must be used where there is public access to the effluent.

O4 Emergency response

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- O4.1 In the event of an overflow or bypass that harms or is likely to harm the environment, the licensee must use all practicable measures to minimise the impact of the overflow or bypass on the environment and public health. These measures are to be implemented as soon as practical after the licensee or one of the licensee's employees or agents becomes aware of the overflow or bypass.

O5 Processes and management

- O5.1 The licensee must ensure that any extensions to the reticulation system after 1 January 2004 are planned, designed, constructed and installed to prevent as far as practicable overflows from the premises.

Note: "The premises" includes both the new and the previously existing parts of the sewage treatment system.

- O5.2 Sewerage or effluent must not be discharged from Point(s) 1 unless it has been treated in accordance with the requirements of the table below.

The flows noted in the table are the inflows to the premises' sewerage treatment plant(s).

Required treatment process	Flow Range
Screening, degritting, primary sedimentation and disinfection	All flows

O6 Waste management

- O6.1 If biosolids are removed from the premises, the licensee must record the:
- date;
 - estimated weight of biosolids;
 - identity of the person removing biosolids.

O7 Other operating conditions

- O7.1 The licensee must not enter into any trade waste agreement to discharge organophosphate pesticides (including chlorpyrifos, diazinon, malathion) into the sewerage system.

O7.2 Prohibition on acceptance of pesticides

The licensee must not consent to any discharge of organochlorine pesticides (such as dieldrin, heptachlor and chlordane) into the sewerage system.

- O7.3 Dry weather overflows resulting in pollution of waters from any sewage pumping station(s) installed within the sewerage treatment system are not permitted.

- O7.4 Council must if directed by the Authority, take whatever measures are necessary to reduce the quantities of the nutrients nitrogen and/or phosphorus being discharged to the Macquarie River to levels acceptable to the Authority.

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5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

M1 Monitoring records

- M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.
- M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:
- in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
 - kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
 - produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.
- M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:
- the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
 - the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
 - the point at which the sample was taken; and
 - the name of the person who collected the sample.

M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

- M2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:
- M2.2 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Biochemical oxygen demand	milligrams per litre	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample
Chlorophyll a	cells per millilitre	Weekly during any discharge	Grab sample
Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	Weekly during any discharge	Grab sample
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample
pH	pH	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample

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Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Weekly during any discharge	Composite sample

POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Biochemical oxygen demand	milligrams per litre	Monthly	Composite sample
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre	Monthly	Composite sample
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Monthly	Composite sample
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	Monthly	Composite sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Monthly	Composite sample

M3 Testing methods - concentration limits

M3.1 Subject to any express provision to the contrary in this licence, monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant discharged to waters or applied to a utilisation area must be done in accordance with the Approved Methods Publication unless another method has been approved by the EPA in writing before any tests are conducted.

M4 Testing methods - load limits

Note: Division 4 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2022* requires that monitoring of actual loads of assessable pollutants listed in L2.2 must be carried out in accordance with the relevant load calculation protocol set out for the fee-based activity classification listed in the Administrative Conditions of this licence.

M5 Recording of pollution complaints

M5.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.

M5.2 The record must include details of the following:

- the date and time of the complaint;
- the method by which the complaint was made;
- any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
- the nature of the complaint;
- the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
- if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.

M5.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.

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M5.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M6 Telephone complaints line

M6.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.

M6.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.

M6.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.

M6.4 For the purpose of condition M5.1, operating hours are defined as twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

M6.5 The public notification referred to in condition M5.2 must include specific reference to the fact that the complaints line may be used by the community for the reporting of overflows.

M7 Requirement to monitor volume or mass

M7.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below, the licensee must monitor:

- a) the volume of liquids discharged to water or applied to the area;
- b) the mass of solids applied to the area;
- c) the mass of pollutants emitted to the air;

at the frequency and using the method and units of measure, specified below.

POINT 1

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Continuous during discharge	kilolitres per day	Magnetic flow meter

POINT 2

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Continuous	kilolitres per day	In line instrumentation

POINT 3

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Continuous	kilolitres per day	Ultrasonic flow meter

POINT 4

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Daily	megalitres per day	Level sensor and continuous logger

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M7.2 In the event that the licensee cannot comply with a volume monitoring method as required by this licence solely due to the failure or malfunction of essential monitoring equipment, volume may be estimated using another agreed method approved in writing by the EPA. This provision only applies for the duration of the failure or malfunction. The licensee is to rectify the failure or malfunction as soon as practicable.

M7.3 The licensee must:

- a) submit in writing to the EPA a proposal for a method of volume estimation; or
- b) use a method of volume estimation already approved in writing by the EPA,

to be used in the event that essential monitoring equipment referred to in the previous condition has failed or malfunctioned.

M8 Requirement to record bypass incidents from sewage treatment plants

M8.1 The licensee must record the following details in respect of each bypass of any of the appropriate treatment processes required by condition O3 which may be reasonably expected to adversely affect the quality of the final discharge:

- a) the EPA point identification number through which the bypass discharged;
- b) the date, estimated start time and estimated duration of the bypass;
- c) the estimated volume of the bypass;
- d) the level of treatment of the sewage at the STP prior to discharge;
- e) the probable cause of the bypass;
- f) any actions taken to stop the bypass happening; and
- g) any actions taken to prevent the bypass happening again.

M8.2 In addition to the details listed in the previous condition, the licensee must also record classification as a wet or dry weather bypass in respect of each bypass referred to in the previous condition. A dry weather bypass is a bypass that occurs when the flow rate of sewage at the inflow volume monitoring point of the STP does not exceed 2340 kL and a wet weather bypass occurs when this flow is equalled or exceeded at any time during the bypass event.

M8.3 From 1 January 2004 the licensee must record the following details in relation to each observed or reported overflow from the reticulation system and from the sewage treatment plant:

- a) the location of the overflow;
- b) the date, estimated start time and estimated duration of the overflow;
- c) the estimated volume of the overflow;
- d) a description of the receiving environment of the overflow;
- e) classification as a dry or wet weather overflow;
- f) the probable cause of the overflow;
- g) any actions taken to stop the overflow happening;
- h) any actions taken to clean up the overflow; and
- i) any actions taken to prevent the overflow happening again.

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M9 Other monitoring and recording conditions

M9.1 Biosolids at the premises must be recorded, monitored and classified in accordance with the Biosolids Guidelines, to the extent that those Guidelines are applicable, or as otherwise approved in writing by the EPA.

Note: This condition does not apply to the reuse or disposal of biosolids by the licensee at locations other than the premises.

M9.2 The following additional monitoring must be carried out:

- i) Details of those parties who take treated effluent for irrigation purposes, together with the volumes of effluent taken by each party must be recorded and retained for 4 years by Dubbo Regional Council.
- ii) The quantity of river flow in the Macquarie River at Dubbo (gauge height and megalitres per day).
- iii) The quality of water at selected locations in the Macquarie River must be monitored in accordance with a river water quality monitoring programme agreed to by the authority.

6 Reporting Conditions

R1 Annual return documents

R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:

1. a Statement of Compliance,
2. a Monitoring and Complaints Summary,
3. a Statement of Compliance - Licence Conditions,
4. a Statement of Compliance - Load based Fee,
5. a Statement of Compliance - Requirement to Prepare Pollution Incident Response Management Plan,
6. a Statement of Compliance - Requirement to Publish Pollution Monitoring Data; and
7. a Statement of Compliance - Environmental Management Systems and Practices.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee notification that the Annual Return is due.

R1.2 An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.

Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.

R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:

- a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and
- b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.

Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must

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prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:

- a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or
- b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.

R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA via eConnect *EPA* or by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

R1.6 Where the licensee is unable to complete a part of the Annual Return by the due date because the licensee was unable to calculate the actual load of a pollutant due to circumstances beyond the licensee's control, the licensee must notify the EPA in writing as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than the due date. The notification must specify:

- a) the assessable pollutants for which the actual load could not be calculated; and
- b) the relevant circumstances that were beyond the control of the licensee.

R1.7 The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was due to be supplied to the EPA.

R1.8 Within the Annual Return, the Statements of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:

- a) the licence holder; or
- b) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.

R2 Notification of environmental harm

R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.

R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which they became aware of the incident.

Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

R3 Written report

R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:

- a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or
- b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence,

and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.

R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.

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- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
- a) the cause, time and duration of the event;
 - b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
 - c) the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;
 - d) the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort;
 - e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
 - f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and
 - g) any other relevant matters.
- R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

R4 Other notifications

- R4.1 Where either:
- a) sewage or partially treated sewage is discharged from the premises as a result of a bypass of the sewage treatment plant, or:
 - b) an observed or reported overflow has occurred from the reticulation system, and overflow or bypass may pose a risk to public health, the licensee is to promptly give appropriate notification to any parties that are likely to be affected, including:
 - i) the potentially affected community;
 - ii) the Department of Health;
 - (iii) Other parties as identified in, and in accordance with, the Incident Notification Protocol prepared by Dubbo City Council dated 23 June 2004.

R5 Annual system performance report

- R5.1 The licensee must supply to the EPA an Annual System Performance Report not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period.
- R5.2 The report is to supplement the Annual Return and must include but need not be limited to:
- a) the 50 percentile, 90 percentile, 100 percentile and 3DGM values calculated from the monitoring data required by this licence for the reporting period for each pollutant which has corresponding concentration limits specified in this licence;
 - b) the total amounts of biosolids, as classified in the Biosolids Guideline, disposed of on-site, off-site and to landfill during the reporting period;
 - c) a diagram showing the major process elements, discharge points and monitoring points at the premises' sewage treatment plant(s), where there has been any significant change since the previous reporting period or this information has not been provided previously to the EPA;

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- d) the number of dry and wet weather bypasses recorded over the reporting period (recorded in accordance with condition M7);
- e) a breakdown of the total number of complaints received by the licensee during the reporting period in relation to the premises into categories of “odours – sewage treatment plant”, “odours – reticulation system”, “water pollution – sewage treatment plant”, “water pollution – reticulation system” and any other category indicated by the complaints;
- f) a summary of observed, reported or recorded wet weather overflows and observed, reported or recorded dry weather overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses. These data are to be for the current reporting period and for the four previous twelve-month periods, for which data has been collected. Any significant actions taken to address bypasses or overflows are to be noted;
- g) the amount of rainfall measured at a rain gauge at the STP, or at the rain gauge closest to the centre of the catchment of the sewage treatment system, for each month of the reporting period; and
- h) a brief progress report on the implementation over the reporting period of actions specified in PRP100.

R5.3 The Annual System Performance Report must be presented in a format approved in writing by the EPA.

R5.4 The requirements of R5.2 (d), (e), (f) and (g) apply to the part of the reporting period beginning three months after the date the licence is varied to include this condition.

R6 Other reporting conditions

R6.1 When the licensee notifies the Department of Health or Safe Food NSW Shellfish Quality Assurance Program of a bypass or overflow incident, the licensee must also notify the EPA by telephoning its Pollution Line service on 131 555. Notifications are to be given as soon as practicable after the licensee or one of the licensee’s employees or agents becomes aware of the incident, and must include all relevant information including the information required under condition M9.1 or M7.1.

R6.2 The licensee must supply with the Annual Return Performance Report a report, which provides:

- a) an analysis and interpretation of monitoring results; and
- b) actions to correct identified adverse trends.

7 General Conditions

G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.

G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.

G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

Note: For the purposes of this condition, “the premises” refers to each Sewage Treatment Plant(s) described in condition A2.1.

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G2 Contact number for incidents and responsible employees

- G2.1 The licensee must operate 24-hour telephone contact lines for the purpose of enabling the EPA to directly contact one or more representatives of the licensee who can:
- respond at all times to incidents relating to the premises; and
 - contact the licensee's senior employees or agents authorised at all times to:
 - speak on behalf of the licensee; and
 - provide any information or document required under this licence.
- G2.2 The licensee is to inform the EPA in writing of the appointment of any subsequent contact persons, or changes to the person's contact details as soon as practicable and in any event within fourteen days of the appointment or change.

G3 Signage

- G3.1 The location of EPA point number(s) 1 to 3 must be clearly marked by signs that indicate the point identification number used in this licence and be located as close as practical to the point.

8 Pollution Studies and Reduction Programs

U1 Waste Water Reuse Study

- U1.1 The Licensee must provide the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) a wastewater re-use study by 30 June 2024. The Study must be prepared by an appropriately qualified and experienced person with the aim to decrease the frequency and volume of treated effluent discharged to the Macquarie River. The study must include at least, but not limited to:
- Beneficial reuse options by irrigation;
 - Recycled water options to new housing estates or industrial areas and or other users;
 - Other novel uses;
 - Treatment methods required to meet the guidelines in place from time to time for recycled water;
 - Costs and recommended timeframes for implementation of the options;
 - Water balance assessments including likely demand for water re-use or recycled water;
 - Limitations to implementation of the options;
 - Stakeholder engagement for developing options; and
 - Recommendations for preferred options.

Note: Based on a review of the Wastewater Re-Use Study the EPA may require the Licensee to implement an option.

9 Special Conditions

E1 Emergency Wet Weather Discharge

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- E1.1 The licensee may apply to the EPA in writing by email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au for an emergency release of effluent from EPA Identification Point 1 in the event that effluent from effluent ponds 1 and/or 2 need to be dewatered and which must include the following details:
- a) the effluent pond(s) that need to be dewatered;
 - b) the current volume of effluent in the effluent pond(s) listed in response to a) above in litres or megalitres and as a percentage of the design capacity;
 - c) the cause of the current volume(s) listed in response to b) above;
 - d) the reason why the effluent pond(s) need to be dewatered; and
 - e) the proposed start and end dates of the proposed discharge, and expected volume discharged.
- Any approval provided by the EPA will be provided in writing.
- E1.2 While the discharge permitted by condition E1.1 above is occurring, the licensee must take samples at EPA Identification Point 1 at twice the frequency required by condition M2.2 of this licence.
- E1.3 The licensee must provide written updates to the EPA by email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au for each discharge event covered by condition E1.1 of this licence received no later than 5pm on each corresponding Friday that details the following:
- a) the volume of effluent discharged on each day for the previous seven days;
 - b) copies of the results of all samples taken in the previous seven days; and
 - c) the result volumes and freeboard available in each effluent pond at the premises.
- The written updates must continue until all relevant information required by this condition is provided to the EPA, even if the discharge has ceased.
- E1.4 The licensee must cease any discharge permitted by condition E1.1 of this licence and notify the EPA by email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au immediately of any sample results that exceed the limits set out in condition L3.4 of this licence unless the EPA provides authority to continue discharging in writing due to operational need.

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Dictionary

General Dictionary

3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]	Means the three day geometric mean, which is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount. Where one or more of the samples is zero or below the detection limit for the analysis, then 1 or the detection limit respectively should be used in place of those samples
Act	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
activity	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
actual load	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
AM	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
AMG	Australian Map Grid
anniversary date	The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
annual return	Is defined in R1.1
Approved Methods Publication	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
assessable pollutants	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
BOD	Means biochemical oxygen demand
CEM	Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
COD	Means chemical oxygen demand
composite sample	Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by the EPA, a sample consisting of 24 individual samples collected at hourly intervals and each having an equivalent volume.
cond.	Means conductivity
environment	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
environment protection legislation	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
EPA	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
fee-based activity classification	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
general solid waste (non-putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

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flow weighted composite sample	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
general solid waste (putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
grab sample	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
hazardous waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
licensee	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
load calculation protocol	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
local authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
material harm	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
MBAS	Means methylene blue active substances
Minister	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
mobile plant	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
motor vehicle	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
O&G	Means oil and grease
percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]	Means that percentage [eg.50%] of the number of samples taken that must meet the concentration limit specified in the licence for that pollutant over a specified period of time. In this licence, the specified period of time is the Reporting Period unless otherwise stated in this licence.
plant	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
pollution of waters [or water pollution]	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
premises	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
public authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
regional office	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
reporting period	For the purposes of this licence, the reporting period means the period of 12 months after the issue of the licence, and each subsequent period of 12 months. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
restricted solid waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
scheduled activity	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
special waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
TM	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .

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TSP	Means total suspended particles
TSS	Means total suspended solids
Type 1 substance	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
Type 2 substance	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
utilisation area	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
waste	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
waste type	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non-putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste
Wellhead	Has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021.

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End Notes

- 1 Licence varied by notice 1013370, issued on 10-Jan-2002, which came into effect on 10-Jan-2002.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1014309, issued on 07-Jul-2002, which came into effect on 07-Jul-2002.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1029190, issued on 23-Jul-2003, which came into effect on 23-Jul-2003.
- 4 Licence varied by notice 1029854, issued on 12-Dec-2003, which came into effect on 06-Jan-2004.
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1035210, issued on 10-Mar-2004, which came into effect on 04-Apr-2004.
- 6 EPA Condition ID S40934 amended 13-08-04
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1039665, issued on 01-Oct-2004, which came into effect on 01-Oct-2004.
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1047260, issued on 29-Jun-2005, which came into effect on 30-Jun-2005.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1060397, issued on 26-May-2006, which came into effect on 26-May-2006.
- 10 Licence varied by notice 1066393, issued on 05-Jun-2007, which came into effect on 05-Jun-2007.
- 11 Licence varied by notice 1077584, issued on 11-Oct-2007, which came into effect on 11-Oct-2007.
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1085965, issued on 12-Jun-2008, which came into effect on 12-Jun-2008.
- 13 Licence varied by notice 1092039, issued on 08-Oct-2008, which came into effect on 08-Oct-2008.
- 14 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 15 Licence varied by notice 1095866, issued on 11-Dec-2008, which came into effect on 11-Dec-2008.
- 16 Licence varied by notice 1111305, issued on 12-Feb-2010, which came into effect on 12-Feb-2010.
- 17 Licence varied by notice 1118556, issued on 17-Aug-2010, which came into effect on 17-Aug-2010.
- 18 Licence varied by correction to DECCW Region data record, issued on 27-Jan-2011, which came into effect on 27-Jan-2011.
- 19 Licence varied by notice 1501562 issued on 16-Jan-2012

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20	Licence transferred through application 1542896 approved on 22-Jul-2016 , which came into effect on 12-May-2016
21	Licence format updated on 08-Oct-2018
22	Licence varied by notice 1598109 issued on 30-Jul-2020
23	Licence varied by notice 1609972 issued on 28-Jun-2021
24	Licence varied by notice 1610636 issued on 13-Jul-2021
25	Licence varied by notice 1629302 issued on 30-May-2023
26	Licence varied by notice 1630680 issued on 04-Oct-2023
27	Licence varied by notice 1635560 issued on 30-Jan-2024
28	Licence varied by notice 1639115 issued on 22-May-2024