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# <u>Licensee</u> SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION

PO BOX 399

PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

### **Premises**

NORTHERN SUBURBS SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING THE NORTH HEAD STP AT

**BLUE FISH ROAD** 

MANLY NSW 2095

### **Scheduled Activity**

Sewage treatment

| Fee Based Activity                          | <u>Scale</u>                                  |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sewage treatment processing by large plants | > 30000 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:

| SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION |
|--------------------------|
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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 development work listed below at the premises listed in A2:

NA.

A1.2 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 large plants | > 30000 ML annual<br>maximum volume of<br>discharge |

- A1.3 The licensee must not carry on any scheduled activities until the scheduled development works are completed, except as elsewhere provided in this licence.
- A1.4 The objectives of this licence are to:
  - a) require practical measures to be taken to protect the environment and public health from sewage treatment plant effluent and sewer overflows;
  - b) require proper and efficient management of the sewage treatment system to minimise harm to the environment and public health;
  - c) require no deterioration and continuing improvement in the sewage treatment system environmental performance relative to existing conditions; and
  - d) minimise the frequency and volume of overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses.
- A1.5 This licence is to be construed in a manner that will promote the objectives referred to in A1.4.

### A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

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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.

### A3 Other activities

A3.1 This licence applies to all other activities carried on at the premises, including:

| Ancillary Activity            |
|-------------------------------|
| Chemical Storage              |
| Composting                    |
| Electricity generation        |
| Helicopter Related Activities |
| Waste Storage                 |

### A4 Information supplied to the EPA

A4.1 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.
- A4.2 Notwithstanding condition A4.1, works and activities carried out by the licensee must not be inconsistent with the EPA's Determining Authority Report for the Sewer Overflow Licensing Program, dated May 2000.

### 2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

### P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

P1.1 The following points referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of monitoring and/or the setting of limits for the emission of pollutants to the air from the point.





| EPA identi-<br>fication no. | Type of Monitoring Point                     | Type of Discharge<br>Point                   | Location Description                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 33                          | Air quality monitoring                       |                                              | Ventilation outlet at Scotts Creek (off<br>Deepwater Road Castle Cove NSW 2069)                                                                                                           |
| 34                          | Air quality monitoring                       |                                              | Ventilation outlet at Lane Cove River West (off Thorn Street, Gladesville 2111)                                                                                                           |
| 35                          | Air quality monitoring                       |                                              | Ventilation outlet at North Head STP for<br>Northside Storage Tunnel, marked as "35"<br>on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1)<br>dated 16 February 2018                                    |
| 50                          | Air volume monitoring                        |                                              | Flow monitoring point at North Head STP on the inlet pipe to the Northside Storage Tunnel Scrubbers, marked as "50" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018           |
| 63                          | Air emissions monitoring<br>Discharge to air | Air emissions monitoring<br>Discharge to air | Central scrubber outlet at North Head STP,<br>marked as "63" on Drawing No. ST0020<br>GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                                                               |
| 64                          | Air emission monitoring<br>Discharge to air  | Air emission monitoring<br>Discharge to air  | Air sampling outlet of the cogeneration facility 1 at North Head STP, marked as "64" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                                          |
| 65                          | Air emission monitoring<br>Discharge to air  | Air emission monitoring Discharge to air     | Air sampling outlet of cogeneration facility 2 at North Head STP, marked as "65" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                                              |
| 66                          | Air emission monitoring<br>Discharge to air  | Air emission monitoring<br>Discharge to air  | Air sampling outlet of Biological Trickling<br>Filter / Standby Polishing Scrubber at North<br>Head STP, marked as "66" on Drawing No.<br>ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February<br>2018 |

- P1.2 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.
- P1.3 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                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5                      |                          | discharge to waters     | located at the deep ocean outfall on<br>seabed approximately 3 kilometres<br>east of Blue Fish Point cliff face, as<br>shown on Drawing No.<br>NH-SO-GO-013 (issue D) dated<br>1/6/92 |
| 6                      |                          | discharge to waters     | located at the shoreline ocean outfall (submerged) at base of Blue Fish Point cliff face, marked as "6" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                   |

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| 7  | effluent volume monitoring  | Hydrographics station at critical flume, marked as "7" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                                   |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8  | Effluent quality monitoring | In the effluent channel following the Primary Sedimentation Tanks, marked as "8" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018         |
| 9  | influent quality monitoring | influent approximately 5 metres<br>downstream of inlet penstocks,<br>marked as "9" on Drawing No.<br>ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16<br>February 2018 |
| 44 | volume monitoring           | Modulating weir after distribution channel, marked as "44" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                               |
| 45 | volume monitoring           | Saw tooth weir after the influent channel, marked as "45" on Drawing No. ST0020 GO-009 (rev 1) dated 16 February 2018                                |

### 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 Subject to the conditions of this licence, sewage must not be discharged from the components of the reticulation system except from those components identified on the system map.
- L1.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the condition above, this licence does not permit the pollution of waters at any time during dry weather from:
  - a) uncontrolled overflows, or
  - b) directed overflows other than from sewage pumping stations,

if a cause of the pollution is failure to:

- i) operate any part of the reticulation system in a proper and efficient manner; or
- ii) maintain any part of the reticulation system in a proper and efficient condition.
- L1.4 This licence does not permit the pollution of water at any time during dry weather from any pumping station. This condition is effective from 1 July 2006.

### 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.

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

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 (Coastal Water)                     | 35010800.00     |
| BOD (Enclosed Water)                    |                 |
| Cadmium (Coastal Water)                 | 283.00          |
| Cadmium (Enclosed Water)                |                 |
| Chromium (Coastal Water)                | 3011.00         |
| Chromium (Enclosed Water)               |                 |
| Copper (Coastal Water)                  | 37583.00        |
| Copper (Enclosed Water)                 |                 |
| Lead (Coastal Water)                    | 3568.00         |
| Lead (Enclosed Water)                   |                 |
| Mercury (Coastal Water)                 | 60.00           |
| Mercury (Enclosed Water)                |                 |
| Nitrogen (total) (Coastal Water)        | 7957000.00      |
| Nitrogen (total) (Enclosed Water)       |                 |
| Oil and Grease (Coastal Water)          | 5569900.00      |
| Oil and Grease (Enclosed Water)         |                 |
| Pesticides and PCBs (Coastal Water)     | 370.00          |
| Pesticides and PCBs (Enclosed Water)    |                 |
| Phosphorus (total) (Coastal Water)      | 1909680.00      |
| Phosphorus (total) (Enclosed Water)     |                 |
| Selenium (Coastal Water)                | 2387.00         |
| Selenium (Enclosed Water)               |                 |
| Total suspended solids (Coastal Water)  | 35010800.00     |
| Total suspended solids (Enclosed Water) |                 |
| Zinc (Coastal Water)                    | 51066.00        |
| Zinc (Enclosed Water)                   |                 |

- L2.3 For the purposes of condition L2.1 only, premises means the sewage treatment plant(s) referred to in condition A2.1 of this licence.
- L2.4 For the purposes of condition L2.2 and M1.1 the relevant load calculation protocol is the methodology





detailed in the document titled "Development of Load Calculation Method and Trial Calculation" (June 2003) approved by the EPA in September 2003 and any subsequent amendments approved by the EPA in writing.

### 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 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 5**

| Pollutant                           | Units of Measure        | Average<br>concentration<br>limit | 50 percentile concentration limit | 90 percentile concentration limit | 100 percentile<br>concentration<br>limit |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Aluminium                           | micrograms per<br>litre | 890                               | -                                 | 1700                              | -                                        |
| Chlorpyrifos                        | micrograms per<br>litre | 2.2                               | -                                 | 4.0                               | -                                        |
| Copper                              | micrograms per<br>litre | 550                               | -                                 | 880                               | -                                        |
| Hydrogen<br>sulfide<br>(un-ionised) | micrograms per<br>litre | 3700                              | -                                 | 25300                             | -                                        |
| Nonylphenol ethoxylates             | micrograms per<br>litre | 610                               | -                                 | 2300                              | -                                        |

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| Pollutant      | Units of Measure     | 3DGM concentration limit | 50 percentile concentration limit | 90 percentile concentration limit |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oil and grease | milligrams per litre | 85                       | 45                                | 70                                |



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| Total suspended | milligrams per litre | 290 | 200 | 250 |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| solids          |                      |     |     |     |  |

- L3.5 When a wet weather bypass flow is occurring, exceedances of the 3DGM concentration limits in condition L3.4 are permitted at the following point(s) for the duration of the bypass where the bypass was the sole cause of the exceedance: Point 5.
- L3.6 Not applicable.
- L3.7 For each monitoring/discharge point specified in the table(s) below (by a point number), the specified toxic effect of the effluent on the specified test organism must be greater than the corresponding limit listed for that organism in the table.

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| Toxicity                              | Units of Measure           | Average limit | 90 percentile limit |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sea urchin sperm fertilisation (EC50) | percent effluent by volume | 0.24          | 0.13                |

### 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;

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

| Point | Unit of Measure    | Volume/Mass Limit |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 5     | megalitres per day | 1400              |
| 6     | megalitres per day | 1400              |

L4.2 Notwithstanding the volume limits specified in condition L4.1, the combined volume discharged from point(s) 5 and 6 must not exceed 1400 ML/day.

### 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 generated outside the premises for treatment,

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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 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 Noise limits

L6.1 Non-emergency helicopter flight movements must not occur outside the times of 8am and 6pm.

For the purposes of this condition:

- a) one flight movement means either one take-off or landing; and
- b) non-emergency helicopter flight movements mean all flight movements except emergency aero medical evacuation, retrieval or rescue flights requested by emergency authorities.

Note: Emergency flight may take place at any time.

### L7 Other limit conditions

### L7.1 Hydraulic Sewer System Model

- a) The licensee must maintain a hydraulic sewer system model which has no temporal or magnitude bias in either flow volume or water levels at the licence gauges as referenced in the document titled "PRP101.1 System Model Performance Indicators, September 2000" and subsequent modifications made by the Criteria Review Committee.
- b) The licensee must undertake an annual Quality System audit of the hydraulic sewer system model to determine if the model used during that reporting period meets the standards set out in condition L7.1(a).
- c) The licensee must prepare a written report on each Quality System audit of any model used to assess sewage system wet weather overflow performance for the purpose of determining compliance with this licence. The report must also include the Pearson's correlation coefficient for the model used during the reporting period.
- d) The licensee must provide a written report with each Annual Return on any Quality System audit of the hydraulic sewer system model stating the methodology and results of the audit.
- e) The licensee must convene an Independent Criteria Review Committee at least once every three Reporting Periods to review the methodology and findings of each of the Quality System audits.
- f) The licensee must ensure that the Independent Criteria Review Committee prepares a written report on the review required by condition L7.1(e).
- g) The licensee must submit to the EPA a copy of each Independent Criteria Review Committee report received by the licensee in a particular Reporting Period with the following Annual Sewage Treatment System Performance Report required by condition R5 of this licence.

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### L7.2 Wet weather overflow limits

Not applicable.

### L7.3 Wet weather overflow improvement requirements

Note: The objective of this condition is to require continuous reductions in impacts to the environment and community from wet weather overflows by requiring the licensee to achieve set improvement levels within defined periods based on abatement of prioritised sites.

- a) By 30 June 2022, and thereafter at intervals of not greater than every four years, the licensee must submit to the EPA a proposed wet weather overflow baseline prioritisation profile for all the wet weather overflow sites in Sydney Water's licensed reticulation systems the subject of environment protection licences 372, 378, 1688, and 1728.
- b) For the purposes of producing the wet weather overflow baseline prioritisation profile as required by condition L7.3a), the licensee must determine the prioritisation of wet weather overflow sites using the applicable methodology developed in accordance with the relevant conditions of Pollution Study 307.

Note: Upon acceptance by the EPA, the wet weather overflow baseline prioritisation profile will form the basis for an associated improvement level imposed under PRP 307, and the licensee will have a maximum of four years to achieve that improvement level.

- c) The licensee must achieve the improvement levels in PRP 307 by the associated completion date specified.
- d) Within three months after a completion date specified in PRP 307, the licensee must provide a report to the EPA demonstrating compliance or otherwise with condition L7.3c).

### L7.4 Dry weather overflow limits

The total number of dry weather overflows reaching waterways from the sewage treatment system subject to this licence must not exceed 142 in any reporting period.

### 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:

- a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and
- b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.
- 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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### O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

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

### O3 Emergency response

O3.1 In the event of an overflow from the reticulation system or a bypass from a sewage treatment plant that harms or is likely to harm the environment or present a significant public health risk, the licensee must take all reasonable and feasible actions as soon as practicable to minimise the impact of the overflow or bypass on the environment and public health.

For the avoidance of doubt, the requirements of this condition are in addition to any measures required to be implemented in accordance with the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan required to be prepared and implemented under Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

### O4 Processes and management

### **O4.1 Appropriate Treatment Processes**

Sewage or effluent must not be discharged from point 5 unless it has been treated in accordance with the requirements of the table below.

The flows specified in the table below are the inflow to the sewage treatment plant.

| Required treatment process                      | Flow range        |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Screening, degritting and primary sedimentation | Less than 7600L/s |
| Screening                                       | More than 7600L/s |

O4.2 Sewage or effluent must not be discharged from point 6 unless it has been treated in accordance with the requirements of the table below.

The flows specified in the table below are the inflow to the sewage treatment plant.

| Required treatment p | rocess FI | ow range |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Screening            | 1:        | 2150L/s  |

O4.3 Not applicable.

O4.4 Not applicable.

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- O4.5 Not applicable.
- O4.6 Not applicable.

### O4.7 Level of reticulation system management, operations and maintenance activities

The reticulation system must be managed, operated and maintained such that the operational and maintenance works and activities result in ongoing improvement in the system environmental performance, when compared with existing system environmental performance. The system environmental performance must not at any time fall below existing system environmental performance.

- O4.8 For the purposes of determining whether the system environmental performance has fallen below existing system environmental performance:
  - a) in relation to chokes, the licensee is to compare the average number of chokes per year per 100km of pipe in the reticulation system of all of the licensee's sewage treatment systems averaged over the period 1 July 1995 to 30 June 2000 to the average annual number of chokes averaged over all of the licensee's sewage treatment systems over the reporting period and the preceding four twelve month periods;
  - b) in relation to odour complaints, the licensee is to compare the number of odour complaints from the reticulation system per year averaged over the period 1 July 1995 to 30 June 2000 to the average annual number of odour complaints over the reporting period and the preceding four twelve month periods;
  - c) in relation to wet weather overflows, the licensee is to compare the number of wet weather overflows per 10 years as predicted by the hydraulic sewer system model for 1994 to the number of wet weather overflows per 10 years as predicted by the hydraulic sewer system model for the reporting period. This comparison must use the 10 year rainfall time series data in each model.

### O4.9 Wet weather partial treatment discharges

The sewage treatment system must be managed, operated and maintained such that the operational and maintenance works and activities must not at any time increase the frequency of wet weather partial treatment discharges above the existing wet weather partial treatment discharge frequency.

- O4.10 For the purposes of determining compliance with condition O4.9, the licensee is to compare the number of wet weather partial treatment discharges per 10 years as predicted by the hydraulic sewer system model for 1994 to the number of wet weather partial treatment discharges per 10 years as predicted by the hydraulic sewer system model for the reporting period. This comparison must use the 10 year rainfall time series data in each model.
- O4.11 A wet weather partial treatment discharge occurs when the inflow rate of sewage tot he sewage treatment plant equals or exceeds 12150L/s (inflow directly from the Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer) and 16200L/s (when the Northside Storage Tunnel is being emptied).

### O5 Other operating conditions

O5.1 Prohibition on acceptance of pesticides

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The licensee must not consent to any discharge of organophosphate pesticides (including chlorpyrifos, diazinon, malathion) or organochlorine pesticides (including dieldrin, heptachlor and chlordane) into the sewage treatment system.

### O5.2 Deepwater Ocean Outfall

Appropriate flushing procedures must be used if salt water intrusion into the deepwater outfall occurs or is considered to have occurred.

O5.3 The licensee must have at least 76 percent of the diffusers installed on the deepwater ocean outfall on line unless the prior written approval of the EPA has been received.

### **O5.4** Transportation of Biosolids

The transportation of biosolids at the premises must only be carried out between the hours of 7:30am and 6:00pm Monday to Friday. Biosolids heavy vehicles movements must not occur on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays unless prior written consent is obtained from the EPA.

For the purpose of this condition transportation of biosolids refers to the entry and departure of vehicles from the sewage treatment plant premises.

### 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:
  - a) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
  - b) kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
  - c) 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:
  - a) the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
  - b) the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
  - c) the point at which the sample was taken; and
  - d) the name of the person who collected the sample.

### M1.4 Registers

The licensee must maintain and make available for inspection by the public, at the licensee's Head Office, registers recording the following information, for the sewage treatment system:

- a) a map or maps of the sewage treatment system showing:
  - i) the location of the sewage treatment plant or plants, sewage pumping stations,

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- directed overflow structures, pipes and access chambers in the sewage treatment system, referenced by the licensee's identifier and the EPA point identification number, as applicable;
- ii) the catchments, sub-catchments and sensitive areas relevant to the sewage treatment system;
- b) the number of chokes within the system reported to the licensee during each reporting period;
- c) a schedule of proposed works to be carried out in relation to the premises during each reporting period;
- d) the works completed in relation to the premises during each reporting period; and
- e) the complaints by type recorded under M7 during each reporting period.
- M1.5 Changes to the system map must be recorded by reference to the date of the change, description of the change and the name of the person authorising the change.

### 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 Air Monitoring Requirements

#### POINT 33

| Pollutant        | Units of measure           | Frequency                        | Sampling Method                             |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Flow             | cubic metres per second    | Continuously when vent operating | Method approved in writing by the Authority |
| Hydrogen Sulfide | milligrams per cubic metre | Continuously when vent operating | TM-5                                        |
| Temperature      | degrees Celsius            | Continuously when vent operating | In line instrumentation                     |

### POINT 34

| Pollutant        | Units of measure           | Frequency                        | Sampling Method                             |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Flow             | cubic metres per second    | Continuously when vent operating | Method approved in writing by the Authority |
| Hydrogen Sulfide | milligrams per cubic metre | Continuously when vent operating | TM-5                                        |
| Temperature      | degrees Celsius            | Continuously when vent operating | In line instrumentation                     |

### POINT 35





| Pollutant        | Units of measure           | Frequency                        | Sampling Method         |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hydrogen Sulfide | milligrams per cubic metre | Continuously when vent operating | CEM-7                   |
| Temperature      | degrees Celsius            | Continuously when vent operating | In line instrumentation |

### POINT 50

| Pollutant | Units of measure        | Frequency                        | Sampling Method |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Flow      | cubic metres per second | Continuously when vent operating | CEM-6           |

### POINT 63

| Pollutant        | Units of measure           | Frequency           | Sampling Method |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Chlorine         | milligrams per cubic metre | Special Frequency 2 | TM-7            |
| Hydrogen Sulfide | milligrams per cubic metre | Special Frequency 2 | TM-5            |

### POINT 64

| Pollutant       | Units of measure           | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Nitrogen Oxides | milligrams per cubic metre | Yearly    | TM-11           |

### POINT 65

| Pollutant       | Units of measure           | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Nitrogen Oxides | milligrams per cubic metre | Yearly    | TM-11           |

### POINT 66

| Pollutant        | Units of measure           | Frequency           | Sampling Method |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Chlorine         | milligrams per cubic metre | Special Frequency 2 | TM-7            |
| Hydrogen Sulfide | milligrams per cubic metre | Special Frequency 2 | TM-5            |

### M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

### POINT 8

| Pollutant | Units of measure | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
|           |                  | •         |                 |





| Aluminium                     | micrograms per litre       | 12 Times a year     | Composite sample |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Chlorpyrifos                  | micrograms per litre       | 12 Times a year     | Composite sample |
| Copper                        | micrograms per litre       | 12 Times a year     | Composite sample |
| Hydrogen sulfide (un-ionised) | micrograms per litre       | 12 Times a year     | Grab sample      |
| Nonylphenol ethoxylates       | micrograms per litre       | 12 Times a year     | Composite sample |
| Oil and Grease                | milligrams per litre       | Special Frequency 1 | Composite sample |
| Total suspended solids        | milligrams per litre       | Special Frequency 1 | Composite sample |
| Toxicity                      | percent effluent by volume | 12 Times a year     | Grab sample      |

#### POINT 9

| Pollutant              | Units of measure     | Frequency           | Sampling Method  |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Oil and Grease         | milligrams per litre | Special Frequency 3 | Special Method 1 |
| Total suspended solids | milligrams per litre | Special Frequency 3 | Special Method 1 |

### M2.4 For the purposes of the table(s) above:

- a) Special Frequency 1 means:
  - i) For the purposes of determining compliance with the average and percentile limits sampling must be undertaken every 6 days.
  - ii) For the purposes of determining compliance with the 3DGM limits sampling must be undertaken every month over three consecutive days commencing on the day a sample is taken to determine compliance with the average and percentile limits.
- b) Special Frequency 2 means the collection of samples every 30 minutes during discharge.
- c) Special Frequency 3 means the collection of samples when sewage or effluent is discharged from Point 6.
- M2.5 The following conditions apply to the monitoring requirements under condition M2:
  - a) where a monitoring frequency is specified as 2 times a year, monitoring must be undertaken at a minimum of 160 day intervals;
  - b) where a monitoring frequency is specified as 4 times a year, monitoring must be undertaken at a minimum of 80 day intervals;
  - c) where a monitoring frequency is specified as 6 times a year, monitoring must be undertaken at a minimum of 50 day intervals; and
  - d) where a monitoring frequency is specified as 12 times a year, monitoring must be undertaken at a minimum of 25 day intervals.
- M2.6 The monitoring results collected in accordance with the conditions under M2 for point 8 can be used to determine compliance with the limits in conditions L3.4 for point 5.
- M2.7 Subject to M2.8, where the licensee is unable to carry out any sampling required under condition M2 at the required frequency or interval or both because of a circumstance set out in column 1 of the Table below, the licensee is taken to have carried out the sampling at the required frequency or interval or both, as the case may be, if the licensee collects the required sample within the corresponding timeframe in

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column 2 of the Table.

| No. | Column 1                                                                                                                                                           | Column 2                                                                                                                        |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | The unforeseen loss of power supply to the essential monitoring equipment that cannot be rectified by the reasonable provision and operation of standby generators | Within 48 hours of power being restored to the premises                                                                         |
| 2   | The inability of the licensee to access or safely access the monitoring site or equipment due to tidal or fluvial flooding                                         | As soon as practicable once flooding has ceased or abated                                                                       |
| 3   | The failure or malfunction of essential monitoring equipment caused by tidal or fluvial flooding                                                                   | Within 48 hours after failure or malfunction of essential monitoring equipment has ceased                                       |
| 4   | The inability of the licensee to safely collect sea urchins for the purpose of toxicity monitoring due to adverse weather conditions                               | As soon as adverse weather conditions are favourable to resume collection of sea urchins for the purpose of toxicity monitoring |

- M2.8 The licensee must collect and analyse the required number of samples for the reporting period as specified in conditions M2.3 M2.5 above.
- M2.9 The licensee must keep records of all circumstances listed in column 1 of the Table in condition M2.7 which triggered sample collection in accordance with column 2 of the same Table, including information that can demonstrate that the circumstances in column 1 applied and that the sampling was carried out in accordance with the timeframe prescribed in column 2 of that Table. The licensee must keep these records for a period of 5 years after the end of the reporting period in which the circumstances occurred.
- M2.10 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who requests to see them.

### M3 Testing methods - concentration limits

- M3.1 Monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant emitted to the air required to be conducted by this licence must be done in accordance with:
  - a) any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or
  - b) if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act, any methodology which a condition of this licence requires to be used for that testing; or
  - c) if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act or by a condition of this licence, any methodology approved in writing by the EPA for the purposes of that testing prior to the testing taking place.

Note: The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010* requires testing for certain purposes to be conducted in accordance with test methods contained in the publication "Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW".

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- M3.2 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.
- M3.3 The requirements of condition M3.2 also apply to the monitoring of the concentration of pollutants in waters.
- M3.4 Monitoring for effluent toxicity must be conducted in accordance with the relevant testing methods listed below:

Simon, J. & Laginestra, E. (1997), 'Bioassay for testing sublethal toxicity in effluents, using gametes of the sea urchin Heliocidaris tuberculata', National Pulp Mills Research Program, Technical Report No. 20 CSIRO, Canberra.; and

Doyle, C.J., Pablo, R., Lim, R.P. & Hyne, R.V. (2003), 'Assessment of metal toxicity in sediment pore water from Lake Macquarie, Australia', Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology, 44: 343-350.

Any proposed deviation from the methods listed above must be approved in writing by the EPA prior to the use of any other method.

### M4 Testing methods - load limits

Note: Division 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009* 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 Environmental monitoring

- M5.1 Sewage Treatment System Impact Monitoring Program
  - a) The licensee must undertake the monitoring programs detailed in the Sydney Water publication "Sewage Treatment System Impact Monitoring Program, December 2010", or in any replacement document approved in writing by the EPA.
  - b) The licensee must maintain a database of the results obtained in undertaking monitoring programs specified in the document cited above. Information from the database must be made available to any authorised officer of the EPA on request.
  - c) The licensee must provide to the EPA the reports specified in the document cited above.
  - d) The "Sewage Treatment System Impact Monitoring Program (STSIMP): Annual Data Report" specified in the document cited above must be submitted not later than 15 December in each year.

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- e) The "STSIMP: Interpretive Report" specified in the document cited above must be submitted not later than 31 December every fourth year.
- f) For the purposes of conditions e) above, the next "STSIMP: Interpretative Report" must be submitted by 31 December 2020.

Note: Copies of reports relating to the Sewage Treatment System Impact Monitoring Program can be found at

http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SW/water-the-environment/how-we-manage-sydney-s-water/wastewater-network/stsimp-reports/index.htm

### M6 Recording of pollution complaints

- M6.1 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.
- M6.2 The record must include details of the following:
  - a) the date and time of the complaint;
  - b) the method by which the complaint was made;
  - c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
  - d) the nature of the complaint;
  - e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
  - f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.
- M6.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.
- M6.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

### M7 Telephone complaints line

- M7.1 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.
- M7.2 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.
- M7.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.

### M8 Requirement to monitor volume or mass

M8.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below, the licensee must monitor:

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- 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 7

| Frequency  | Unit of Measure    | Sampling Method                               |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Continuous | kilolitres per day | Electronic level sensor and continuous logger |

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| Frequency  | Unit of Measure    | Sampling Method                               |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Continuous | kilolitres per day | Electronic level sensor and continuous logger |

### POINT 45

| Frequency  | Unit of Measure    | Sampling Method                               |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Continuous | kilolitres per day | Electronic level sensor and continuous logger |

- M8.2 The monitoring results collected in accordance with condition M8.1 for point 7 can be used to determine compliance with the limits in condition L4.1 for points 5 and 6.
- M8.3 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 calculated using another agreed method approved in writing by the EPA. This provision only applies for the duration of the failure or malfunction and the licensee is to rectify the failure or malfunction as soon as practical.

### M9 Requirement to record bypass incidents from sewage treatment plants

- M9.1 The licensee must record the following details in relation to each bypass from the premises:
  - a) the EPA point identification number through which the bypass discharged;
  - b) the start time, date and duration of the bypass;
  - c) the estimated volume of the bypass;
  - d) the level of treatment at the sewage treatment plant prior to discharge;
  - e) classification as a dry or wet weather bypass;
  - f) the most likely cause of the bypass; and
  - g) the name or names of the treatment process or processes bypassed.
- M9.2 A dry weather bypass is a bypass that occurs when the inflow rate of sewage to the sewage treatment plant does not exceed 5300L/s and a wet weather bypass occurs when this flow is equalled or exceeded.

### M10 Other monitoring and recording conditions

M10.1 Continuation of Monitoring Programs

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The licensee must conduct the following monitoring:

- a) continuation of all sewage treatment system and environmental monitoring programs related to sewer overflows that are underway as of 30 June 1999; and
- b) that monitoring identified at 2.2.4 in the Sydney Water document "Licensing Sewerage Overflows: Methods" dated June 1998 (a copy of which may be inspected at the EPA's Library), unless varied with the prior written approval of the EPA.

#### M10.2 Biosolids

Biosolids at the premises must be recorded, monitored and classified in accordance with the Biosolids Guidelines, or as otherwise approved in writing by the EPA.

### M10.3 Dry weather leakage monitoring program

- a) The licensee must monitor (using results obtained by sampling and analysis) the concentration of faecal coliforms in samples collected from each sampling point identified on the spreadsheet titled "Dry Weather Leakage Monitoring Program SCAMP sampling locations master spreadsheet" and associated maps submitted to the EPA (EPA Reference: SF19/48619).
- b) The licensee must undertake the dry weather leakage monitoring at a frequency approved in writing by the EPA for each sampling point, using sampling method grab sample, units of measure of cfu/100mL.
- c) The licensee must seek approval in writing from the EPA to make changes to the dry weather leakage monitoring program SCAMP sampling locations.
- d) Within two weeks of receiving approval from the EPA, the licensee must update the master spreadsheet and associated maps referenced in condition M10.3a and provide the EPA with a copy of the updated documents.

### M10.4 Investigations and remedial action for dry weather leakage

- a) The licensee must investigate the cause of faecal coliform presence in any of the samples collected where the analysis results for any sample collected indicates an exceedance in the threshold of 10,000 cfu/100mL ("the threshold"). The investigation must be commenced as soon as the licensee becomes aware of the threshold for faecal coliform being exceeded.
- b) The licensee must take remedial action where any investigation undertaken identifies the reticulation system as the cause of the exceedance of the threshold for faecal coliform specified in condition M10.4(a).
- c) The licensee must record:
  - i) the method, results and conclusions of investigations undertaken in accordance with condition M10.4(a), and
  - ii) actions taken by the licensee as a result of the conclusions of the investigations.
- M10.5 a) The licensee must undertake the following actions, in addition to the actions set out in condition M10.4, when analysis results of three consecutive samples collected at the same location indicate that the threshold for faecal coliform specified in condition M10.4(a) has been exceeded:
  - i) notify the EPA in writing as soon as possible, providing the three sample analysis

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results, and identifying the relevant SCAMP;

- ii) commission an environmental auditor certified by an independent certification body accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JASANZ) to review the three investigations specified in condition M10.4(a). The licensee must commission this review within fourteen days of the completion of the investigation into the third consecutive exceedance of the threshold, unless otherwise approved in writing by the EPA;
- iii) submit the results of the independent review to the EPA within 42 days of the commissioning of the independent review;
- iv) implement the recommendations of the independent review unless otherwise directed in writing by the EPA; and
- v) commence sampling at the relevant sampling location on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise approved in writing by the EPA. Sampling must be undertaken at quarterly intervals until three consecutive samples are below the threshold, at which time the frequency of sampling at the location can revert to the frequency specified in condition M10.3.
- b) The independent review required by condition M10.5(a) must examine the three investigations undertaken by the licensee into the relevant exceedances of the threshold and determine:
  - i) if the investigations and any actions undertaken as a result of the investigations were appropriate to prevent further exceedances of the relevant threshold; and
  - ii) if any additional investigations or actions must be undertaken to prevent further exceedances of the threshold.
- M10.6 The licensee must notify the EPA in writing if any sample analysis result obtained from monitoring required by condition M10.3 indicates that the levels of faecal coliform have exceeded 10,000cfu/100mL. The notification must be made as soon as possible after the licensee has obtained the sample result indicating the exceedance. The notification must include the sample results and identify the relevant SCAMP.

### M10.7 Monitoring of Deepwater Ocean Outfall

- a) The licensee must collect the following information on the operating characteristics of the deepwater ocean outfall as necessary and in a manner approved by the EPA:
  - i) tide height at the end of the outfall;
  - ii) head loss through the outfall; and
  - iii) flow rate over time through the outfall.
- b) The licensee must undertake an underwater inspection of the following components of the outfall as necessary:
  - i) each individual diffuser nozzle, while discharge is occurring;
  - ii) external components of the riser and those parts of the diffuser not covered by (i) above; and
  - iii) the sacrificial anodes.
- c) The licensee must provide monthly to the EPA Metropolitan Infrastructure Manager (or nominee):
  - i) all data describing oceanographic variables produced from its ocean reference station;
  - ii) wind speed and direction data from a shore-based station located in the vicinity of the ocean reference station;
  - iii) the hourly effluent flow from each of the deep ocean outfalls operated by the licensee; and
  - iv) hourly near field model results including dilutions and plume positions after initial

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mixing based on the above information in i) to iv) to be supplied annually.

- NOTE: The licensee must use a consistent and validated near field model across the entire long term Ocean Reference Station data set.
- d) The data required by (c) must be supplied in a format and by a means to be agreed to in writing by the EPA.
- e) The data required by (c)i and (c)ii must be supplied as hourly data that has been collected, managed and checked in accordance with a quality system
- f) The data required by (c) must be supplied on all days except when the monitoring system is not operating due to necessary maintenance or unavoidable circumstances.
- g) The EPA Metropolitan Infrastructure Manager (or nominee) must be advised on each occasion the monitoring system is not operating, within 48 hours of the system being known to have ceased operating. The licensee must ensure the monitoring system is returned to full operation as soon as possible.

### M10.8 Requirement to monitor helicopter flight movements

The licensee must monitor and record the following for each helicopter flight movement:

- a) time and date;
- b) type of helicopter;
- c) nature of flights (e.g. emergency, non-emergency); and
- d) name of the emergency authority(s) requesting emergency services (only if the nature of the flight is an emergency)

### 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 a copy of the form that must be completed and returned to the EPA.

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:

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- 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 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

- 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.
- 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 the incident occurred.

### R3 Written report

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- 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.
- 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 a) Notwithstanding notification requirements under condition R2, the licensee must notify the EPA of incidents where:
  - i. a dry weather sewage overflow from a sewage pumping station or
  - ii. sewage or effluent not treated at the sewage treatment plant in accordance with the requirements of conditions O4.1 O4.6 has been discharged to, or is reasonably expected to discharge to, waterways; or
  - iii. a bypass of the Deep Water Ocean Outfall is discharged from the premises.
  - b) Notifications must be made to the EPA by contacting the Environment Line as soon as practicable after the licensee becomes aware of the incident.
  - c) The notification should include the relevant information as per s150 of the Protection of Environment Operations Act.
  - d) Where an incident has been reported under condition R2 there is no requirement to report it under condition R4 in addition to the report made under condition R2.

Note: Notifications must be made to the other agencies such as Beachwatch, National Parks and NSW Food Authority, where relevant. The requirements for such notifications must be included in Pollution Incident

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Response Management Plans.

Note: The reporting requirements in condition R4 do not replace any other reporting requirements in the licence or under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

### R5 Annual system performance report

- R5.1 The licensee must supply to the EPA an Annual Sewage Treatment System Performance Report not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period.
- R5.2 The Annual Sewage Treatment System Performance Report is to supplement the Annual Return and must report but not be limited to the following components:

### R5.3 Effluent discharged

- a) The percentile values calculated from the monitoring data for each pollutant which has corresponding limits.
- b) The annual load of all assessable pollutants.
- c) An analysis of the sewage treatment plant performance against the concentration, toxicity and load limits specified in the licence.
- d) An assessment of the current year's sewage treatment plant performance against the previous five year's performance. The assessment must include but not be limited to an explanation of any observed trends in the sewage treatment plant performance, and the reason for such trends.
- e) The load of oil and grease and total suspended solids discharged from the sewage treatment plant expressed as a percentage of the total load of oil and grease and total suspended solids directly discharged from all Sydney Water sewage treatment systems to ocean.
- f) The total volume discharged from the sewage treatment plant, and the average volume discharged from the sewage treatment plant during dry weather.
- g) The total volume and percentage volume of effluent recycled.
- i) The total number of sewage treatment plant bypasses and the total volume discharged that did not receive required treatment during:
  - AA) dry weather; and
  - BB) wet weather
  - ii) A summary report of all bypass events which includes, but is not limited to, the following: classification as a dry or wet weather bypass, duration, volume discharged, volume treated, receiving waters, cause, treatment process(es) bypassed and any action(s) taken.

#### R5.4 Biosolids

Reporting requirements in accordance with the Biosolids Guidelines

### **R5.5 Reticulation System**

- a) Dry weather leakages:
  - i) monitoring results from each SCAMP;
  - ii) outcomes of any investigations; and
  - iii) details of rectification action taken.

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- b) Dry weather overflows from chokes and sewage pumping stations:
  - i) including;
    - AA) number of dry weather overflows to waterways, for the whole system and for each SCAMP:
    - BB) total number of dry weather overflows, for the whole system and for each SCAMP:
    - CC) total number of dry weather overflows per 100km for whole system;
    - DD) the name of each sewage treatment system which exceeded the dry weather overflow limit at condition L7.4; and
    - EE) the name of each SCAMP where the number of dry weather overflows reaching waterways in a SCAMP exceeds the target for that SCAMP specified in the SCAMP table below.
  - ii) comparison of the dry weather overflow performance against the previous four twelve month periods for dry weather overflows to waterways and total dry weather overflows.
- c) Where the dry weather overflow sewage treatment system limit at condition L7.4 and/or target in the SCAMP table below was exceeded during the reporting period, the licensee must provide a report to the EPA no later than 30 September each year explaining the reason for the exceedance, which should include but not be limited to:
  - i) an analysis of the exceedances of limit(s) and / or target(s), including the determination of any long-term trends and evaluation of dry weather overflow abatement programs implemented by the licensee;
  - ii) the details of any dry weather overflow abatement investigations, works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and which were completed;
  - iii) the details of any dry weather overflow abatement investigations, works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and which were not undertaken or not completed:
  - iv) the details of any dry weather overflow abatement investigations, works and activities the licensee will undertake in subsequent reporting periods to minimise the likelihood of the limit(s) and / or target(s) being exceeded in any future reporting period, including the timeframes for those actions to be implemented and the level of prioritisation given to each sewage treatment system and / or SCAMP; and
  - v) an assessment of whether any amendment to the dry weather overflow abatement investigations, works and activities scheduled for the remaining reporting periods to 30 June 2015 is required to achieve the dry weather overflow limits and / or targets at condition L7.4 and in the SCAMP table below.

### **SCAMP** table

| SCAMP Name          | Dry Weather Overflows Reaching Waterways per<br>Annum |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| S_AUBURN            | 1                                                     |
| S_BALGOWLAH_HEIGHTS | 3                                                     |
| S_BAULKHAM HILLS    | 2                                                     |
| S_BEECROFT          | 1                                                     |
| S_BELLA_VISTA       | 1                                                     |
| S_BELROSE           | 1                                                     |
| S_BROOKVALE         | 4                                                     |





| S_CASTLE_HILL       | 3 |
|---------------------|---|
| S_CHATSWOOD         | 5 |
| S_COLLAROY          | 3 |
| S_CREMORNE          | 5 |
| S_CROMER            | 3 |
| S_CURL_CURL         | 2 |
| S_DUNDAS            | 3 |
| S_DUNDAS_VALLEY     | 2 |
| S_EAST_BLACKTOWN    | 2 |
| S_EASTWOOD          | 2 |
| S_EPPING            | 2 |
| S_FORESTVILLE       | 2 |
| S_GIRRAWEEN         | 1 |
| S_GREENWICH         | 3 |
| S_GUILDFORD         | 1 |
| S_HOLROYD           | 2 |
| S_HORNSBY           | 2 |
| S_HUNTERS_HILL      | 3 |
| S_KILLARA           | 4 |
| S_KILLARNEY_HEIGHTS | 2 |
| S_LANE_COVE         | 3 |
| S_LIDCOMBE          | 3 |
| S_LINDFIELD         | 2 |
| S_MACQUARIE_PARK    | 3 |
| S_MANLY             | 3 |
| S_MOSMAN            | 3 |
| S_NAREMBURN         | 5 |
| S_NORTH_EPPING      | 2 |
| S_NORTH_PARRAMATTA  | 4 |
| S_NORTH_RYDE        | 1 |
| S_NORTH_SYDNEY      | 7 |
| S_PARRAMATTA        | 3 |
| S_PENDLE_HILL       | 1 |
| S_ROSEHILL          | 2 |
| S_ROSEVILLE         | 2 |
| S_RYDALMERE         | 1 |
| S_RYDE              | 1 |
|                     |   |





| S_SEAFORTH             | 1 |
|------------------------|---|
| S_SEVEN_HILLS          | 1 |
| S_SILVERWATER          | 1 |
| S_SOUTH_WENTWORTHVILLE | 1 |
| S_TURRAMURRA           | 4 |
| S_WAHROONGA            | 3 |
| S_WENTWORTHVILLE       | 1 |
| S_WEST_LINDFIELD       | 4 |
| S_WEST_PENNANT_HILLS   | 2 |
| S_WEST_RYDE            | 3 |
| S_WEST_TURRAMURRA      | 2 |
| S_WEST_WAHROONGAH      | 4 |
| S_WESTMEAD_NORTH       | 1 |
| S_WESTMEAD_SOUTH       | 1 |
| S_WILLOUGHBY           | 2 |
| S_WINSTON_HILLS        | 1 |
| S_YAGOONA              | 1 |

### R5.6 Wet weather overflow improvement requirements

### A report which provides:

- a) the details of any investigations, works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period with the view to achieving the requirement of PRP 307, and identifying which were completed, not undertaken or not completed;
- b) the details of, and justification for, any deviations from the licensee's proposed wet weather overflow abatement program to achieve the requirement of PRP 307, and an assessment of how those deviations are expected to contribute to meeting the requirement of PRP 307;
- c) tracking of progress towards achieving the requirement of PRP 307, including an assessment of any points that the licensee considers has been achieved towards the requirement of PRP 307;
- d) an assessment of whether any changes to the licensee's wet weather overflow abatement program (including investigations, works and activities) for the remainder of the current PRP 307 improvement period are required to achieve the requirement of PRP 307 including, if relevant, proposed alternative and/or additional works and activities
- e) Details of any investigations, works and activities that were undertaken as part of Pollution Study 307 during the reporting period; and
- f) An outline of progress toward achieving the requirements of Pollution Study 307.

### R5.7 Complaints and reports

A breakdown of the total number of complaints and reports received by the licensee in relation to the premises into categories of "odours", "water pollution – sewage treatment plant", "water pollution – reticulation system", and any other category indicated by the complaint/report. A brief description of any

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significant unresolved issues arising out of the complaints and reports must be provided.

R5.8 The Annual Sewage Treatment System Performance Report must be presented in a format approved in writing by the EPA.

### 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.

### 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:
  - a) respond at all times to incidents relating to the premises; and
  - b) contact the licensee's senior employees or agents authorised at all times to:
    - i) speak on behalf of the licensee; and
    - ii) 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 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) listed in tables P1.1, P1.2 and P1.3 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 PRP 302: Wet weather overflow abatement Pollution Reduction Program 2010-2015

U1.1 **302.1** The objective of the wet weather overflow abatement pollution reduction program (PRP) 2010-2015 is to require investigations, works and activities to be undertaken in order to reduce the number of wet weather overflows in the specified areas of North Sydney and the Northern Beaches.

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U1.2 North Sydney and Northern Beaches wet weather overflow abatement 'Minor Works'

**302.2** By 30 June 2012 the licensee must undertake all works and actions necessary to reduce the number of wet weather overflows in the area of the SCAMPS listed below to no more than 20 overflows per 10 years.

The SCAMPS which are the subject of this PRP are as follows:

Cromer

Collaroy

North Sydney

Cremorne

Naremburn

- Note: For the purposes of condition PRP302.2 the frequency of overflows for the reporting period is to be determined using the sewer system hydraulic model required by conditions at L7 with 10 year rainfall time series data.
- U1.3 **302.3** By 30 June 2012 the licensee must provide an assessment of how the works completed to meet the objective of condition PRP302.2 will impact on sewer overflow performance, expressed as:
  - i) the frequency of wet weather overflows per 10 years for the whole sewer treatment system;
  - ii) the number of overflows in any 10 year period in 50 percent of directed overflow locations in the whole sewer treatment system; and
  - iii) the number of overflows in any 10 year period in 90 percent of directed overflow locations in the whole sewer treatment system.
- U1.4 **302.4** In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6 and PRP303, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
  - i) the details of any works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and which were completed;
  - ii) the details of any works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and which were not undertaken or not completed; and
  - iii) an assessment of whether any amendment to the works and activities scheduled for the remaining reporting periods to 30 June 2012 is required to achieve the wet weather overflow objective stated in condition PRP302.2.
- U1.5 **302.5** If works to achieve the objective of this PRP are completed part way through the reporting period, for the purposes of the Annual System Performance Report, the licensee must recalibrate the sewer system hydraulic model on completion of the works in order to demonstrate that the completed works achieve compliance with the objective of this PRP for that part of the reporting year remaining.
- U1.6 Northern Beaches wet weather overflow abatement 'Major Works'
  - **302.6** By 30 June 2015 the licensee must undertake all investigations, planning, actions and works necessary to reduce the number of overflows in the Northern Beaches wastewater catchment, which consists of the SCAMPS listed below, to no more than 20 overflows per 10 years.

The SCAMPS which make up the Northern Beaches wastewater catchment and are the subject of this PRP are as follows:





Manly Brookvale Curl Curl

Note: Cromer and Collaroy SCAMPS which are part of the Northern Beaches wastewater catchment are required under condition PRP302.2 to achieve 20 overflows per 10 years by 30 June 2012.

- U1.7 302.7 By 30 June 2012 the licensee must provide an assessment of how the works to be completed to meet the objective of condition PRP302.6 will impact on sewer overflow performance, expressed as: i)the frequency of wet weather overflows per 10 years for the whole sewer treatment system; ii)the number of overflows in any 10 year period in 50 percent of directed overflow locations in the whole sewer treatment system; and iii)the number of overflows in any 10 year period in 90 percent of directed overflow locations in the whole sewer treatment system.
- U1.8 **302.8** In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6 and PRP303, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
  - i) the details of any investigations, planning, works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and which were completed;
  - ii) the details of any investigations, planning, works and activities that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and which were not undertaken or not completed; and
  - iii) an assessment of whether any amendment to the investigations, planning, works and activities scheduled for the remaining reporting periods to 30 June 2015 is required to achieve the wet weather objective specified in condition PRP302.6.
- U1.9 **302.9** The licensee must report any occurrence that may result in delays to completion of the above required action as soon as the licensee becomes aware of such matters.
- U1.10 **302.10** If works to achieve the objective of this PRP are completed part way through the reporting period, for the purposes of the Annual System Performance Report, the licensee must recalibrate the sewer system hydraulic model on completion of the works in order to demonstrate that the completed works achieve compliance with the objective of this PRP for that part of the reporting year remaining.

Note: If at any point the licensee indicates that the objective of the PRP can not be achieved these licence conditions may be amended as the EPA sees fit.

#### U2 PRP 303: Wet weather overflow abatement strategic framework

- U2.1 **303.1** The objective of the wet weather overflow pollution reduction program (PRP) is to require improvements to progress toward the wet weather overflow goals expressed in the document titled "Licensing Sewerage overflows Environmental Impact Statement, June 1998 Volume 3 Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer System".
- U2.2 **303.2** By 30 June 2013 the licensee must prepare and submit in writing to the EPA a strategic framework which will underpin the licensee's wet weather overflow abatement program to 2021. The framework must include proposed investigations, works and activities capable of achieving the long term 2021 targets of 20 54 wet weather overflows per 10 years.

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- U2.3 **303.3** The licensee must submit with the Annual System Performance Report required by condition R5.6, a statement which provides:
  - i) a summary of actions undertaken towards the preparation and implementation of the strategic framework as required by PRP303; and
  - ii) the details of any investigations, works and activities that were undertaken and completed during the reporting period with the view to improving the wet weather overflow abatement performance of the system.
- U2.4 **303.4** By 30 December 2013, the licensee must prepare and submit in writing to the EPA a methodology to identify future wet weather overflow abatement works programs to supplement the strategic framework required by condition PRP303.2. The methodology myst provide at a minimum:
  - i) detailed steps and conditions that the licensee proposes to use to identify and priorities future wet weather overflow abatement works;
  - ii) detailed processes that the licensee proposes to apply to set the scope and extent of future wet weather overflow abatement works programs;
  - iii) a codified description of the strategic framework approach; and
  - iv) a proposed approach to justify any alternatives to the long term targets specified in condition PRP303.2.
- Note: The EPA intends to impose a further PRP on this licence to implement wet weather overflow abatement works identified in the strategic framework to ensure progress towards achieving the long term 2021 target of 20 54 wet weather overflows per 10 years.

#### U3 PRP 801: Dry Well Infrastructure

- U3.1 The objective of this PRP is to help prevent the overflow of sewage to the environment caused by the failure of sewage pumping station dry wells or associated infrastructure as a result of flooding or other causes.
- U3.2 The licensee must prepare a Dry Well Infrastructure Report that includes:
  - a) identification of all incidents in the licensee's network within the last 5 years in which dry well infrastructure has flooded or been inundated and that resulted in sewage being discharged to the environment:
  - b) identification and assessment of the causes of the identified incidents;
  - c) a risk assessment of dry well infrastructure across the entire Sydney Water network that takes into consideration:
    - i. siting of electrical infrastructure in relation to potential flooding or other dangers;
    - ii. operation and maintenance procedures relating to dry well infrastructure;
    - iii. the suitability of equipment used in dry well infrastructure;

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iv. similarities with conditions that contributed to the identified incidents.

- d) a review of the identified incidents and the findings of the risk assessment with emphasis on any pattern of incidents and the potential for further incidents relating to sewage overflows from the licensee's dry well infrastructure.
- U3.3 The licensee must prepare an Options Study if the review specified in Condition U4.2d) identifies any issues that require improvement.
- U3.4 The Options Study must:
  - a) consider the use or introduction of alternative equipment, procedures, engineering solutions and siting of equipment;
  - b) detail a range of feasible options; and
  - c) recommend a preferred option that will help mitigate the risk of sewage overflows from dry well infrastructure.
- U3.5 Each option must be supported by adequate justification, including a cost/ benefit analysis, to enable the EPA to make an adequate assessment of the option.
- U3.6 The licensee must submit the Dry Well Infrastructure Report and Options Study to the EPA by 31 December 2014.

# U4 PRP 304: Wet weather overflow abatement Pollution Reduction Program 2014-2016

- U4.1 **304.1** The objective of the wet weather overflow abatement pollution reduction program (PRP) 2014-2016 is to require investigations, planning, works and activities to be undertaken in order to reduce the number of wet weather overflows and improve wet weather overflow environmental performance in prioritised areas of the Northern Suburbs sewage treatment system.
- U4.2 Northbridge Baths Wet Weather Overflow Abatement
  - **304.2** By 30 June 2015 the licensee must undertake all works and actions necessary to reduce the number of wet weather overflows from the West Middle Harbour Submain overflow at Sailors Creek to no more than 20 overflows per 10 years.
- U4.3 **304.3** By 30 August 2016 the licensee must provide an assessment of how the works completed to meet the objective of condition PRP304.2 will impact on sewer overflow performance, expressed as:
  - i) the frequency of wet weather overflows per 10 years for the whole sewer treatment system;
  - ii) the number of overflows in any 10 year period in 50 percent of directed overflow locations in the whole sewer treatment system; and
  - iii) the number of overflows in any 10 year period in 90 percent of directed overflow locations in the whole sewer treatment system.
- U4.4 **304.4** In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
  - i) a statement outlining the number of wet weather overflows from the area that is the subject of this PRP;
  - ii) details of any investigations, plans, works and activities that were undertaken during the reporting

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period and an outline of progress toward achieving the objective of this PRP; and iii) details of any activities undertaken during the reporting period to evaluate the benefits realised from works to achieve the objective of this PRP.

Note: For the purposes of PRP304 the frequency of overflows for the reporting period is to be determined using the Hydraulic Sewer System Model required by condition L7.1 with the 10 year rainfall time series data in the model.

### U5 Pollution Study: Lane Cove River stormwater ingress investigation

- U5.1 The objective of this Pollution Study is to require the licensee to undertake a scientifically rigorous investigation (including sewer flow gauging, direct measurement of inflow at sewer openings and refinements to hydraulic sewer system modelling) to identify the magnitude and sources of stormwater ingress into the wastewater system in the Lane Cove River catchment. This is to inform consideration of whether a program of targeted stormwater ingress source control works would be effective in reducing the impacts of wet weather sewage overflows on the environment and community. The study must include areas where source control is most likely to be effective based on existing data.
- U5.2 The licensee must develop a draft project plan for the investigation that allows the licensee to meet the objective and scope stated in U5.1 and which clearly outlines (and provides justification for) the project background, scope, methodologies (monitoring, modelling and statistical) and timeframes.

The licensee must submit the draft project plan to the EPA within 10 weeks of this Pollution Study being issued.

- U5.3 The licensee must finalise the project plan by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA for approval within three weeks of receiving such comments.
- U5.4 The licensee must undertake the investigation in accordance with the objective and scope outlined in U5.1 and the methodology and timelines in the EPA approved project plan (or any revisions to the project plan approved by the EPA in writing) and submit a detailed draft report on the investigation to the EPA by 30 September 2018 which must include (but not be limited to):
  - · An introduction and background
  - Description of methodologies used (including monitoring, modelling and statistical)
  - Description of assumptions used in, and limitations of, the investigation
  - Results, including analysis and interpretation of results to provide an assessment of:
    - o Percentages of total rainfall entering the wastewater system;
    - o Proportions of ingress attributed to infiltration and inflow; and
    - o Proportions of ingress entering through private and public assets.
  - Detailed analysis and discussion of results, including (but not limited to) analysis of the benefits that could be achieved (in estimated reductions in overflow frequency and volume) in the study area through a range of source control options, including but not limited to:
    - o reducing stormwater inflow to the Sydney Water sewer;
    - o reducing stormwater infiltration to the Sydney Water sewer;
    - o reducing stormwater inflow to private sewers;
    - o reducing stormwater infiltration to private sewers; and

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- o a combination of these and any other identified options.
- Conclusions, including recommendations for a targeted program of source control works to reduce the impacts of wet weather overflows on the Lane Cove River, where it is considered that this would be effective.
- U5.5 The licensee must finalise the draft report by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA within four weeks of receiving such comments.
- U5.6 The licensee must submit written progress reports to the EPA in December 2017 and April 2018, which must include (but not be limited to):
  - 1. A summary of any investigations, plans, works and other activities that have been undertaken to meet the objective and scope of this Pollution Study as stated in U5.1; and
  - 2. Tracking of progress against the timeframes included in the approved project plan towards meeting the objectives and timeframes of this Pollution Study.
- U5.7 In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
  - 1. Details of any investigations, plans, works and activities that were undertaken as part of this Pollution Study during the reporting period; and
  - 2. An outline of progress toward achieving the objectives of this Pollution Study

Note: Note: A Pollution Reduction Program is intended to be included on the licence for implementation of abatement works based on the outcomes of this Pollution Study.

### U6 Pollution Study: Mid-Parramatta River stormwater ingress investigation

- U6.1 The objective of this Pollution Study is to require the licensee to undertake a scientifically rigorous investigation (including sewer flow gauging, direct measurement of inflow at sewer openings and refinements to hydraulic sewer system modelling) to identify the magnitude and sources of stormwater ingress into the wastewater system in the mid-Parramatta River catchment (between the North Shore rail line and James Ruse Drive). This is to inform consideration of whether a program of targeted stormwater ingress source control works would be effective in reducing the impacts of wet weather sewage overflows on the environment and community. The study must include (but may not be limited to) areas within the following sub-catchments where source control is most likely to be effective based on existing data:
  - · Haslams Creek;
  - · Duck River; and
  - · Vineyard Creek.
- U6.2 The licensee must develop a draft project plan for the investigation that allows the licensee to meet the objective and scope stated in U6.1 and which clearly outlines (and provides justification for) the project

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background, scope, methodologies (monitoring, modelling and statistical) and timeframes.

The licensee must submit the draft project plan to the EPA within 10 weeks of this Pollution Study being issued.

- U6.3 The licensee must finalise the project plan by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA for approval within three weeks of receiving such comments.
- U6.4 The licensee must undertake the investigation in accordance with the objective and scope outlined in U6.1 and the methodology and timelines in the EPA approved project plan (or any revisions to the project plan approved by the EPA in writing) and submit a detailed draft report on the investigation to the EPA by 30 September 2018 which must include (but not be limited to):
  - · An introduction and background;
  - Description of methodologies used (including monitoring, modelling and statistical);
  - Description of assumptions used in, and limitations of, the investigation;
  - · Results, including analysis and interpretation of results to provide an assessment of:
    - o Percentages of total rainfall entering the wastewater system,
    - o Proportions of ingress attributed to infiltration and inflow, and
    - o Proportions of ingress entering through private and public assets.
  - Detailed analysis and discussion of results, including (but not limited to) analysis of the benefits that could be achieved (in estimated reductions in overflow frequency and volume) in the study area through a range of source control options, including but not limited to:
    - o reducing stormwater inflow to the Sydney Water sewer,
    - o reducing stormwater infiltration to the Sydney Water sewer,
    - o reducing stormwater inflow to private sewers,
    - o reducing stormwater infiltration to private sewers, and
    - o a combination of these and any other identified options.
  - Conclusions, including recommendations for a targeted program of source control works to reduce the impacts of wet weather overflows on the Mid-Parramatta River, where it is considered that this would be effective.
- U6.5 The licensee must finalise the draft report by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA within four weeks of receiving such comments.
- U6.6 The licensee must submit written progress reports to the EPA in December 2017 and April 2018, which must include (but not be limited to):
  - 1. A summary of any investigations, plans, works and other activities that have been undertaken to meet the objective and scope of this Pollution Study as stated in U6.1; and
  - 2. Tracking of progress against the timeframes included in the approved project plan towards meeting the objectives and timeframes of this Pollution Study.
- U6.7 In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6, the licensee must submit with each Annual

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#### System Performance Report:

- 1. Details of any investigations, plans, works and activities that were undertaken as part of this Pollution Study during the reporting period; and
- 2. An outline of progress toward achieving the objectives of this Pollution Study.

Note: A Pollution Reduction Program is intended to be included on the licence for implementation of abatement works based on the outcomes of this Pollution Study.

#### U7 Pollution Study: Upper-Parramatta River stormwater ingress investigation

- U7.1 The objective of this Pollution Study is to require the licensee to undertake a scientifically rigorous investigation (including sewer flow gauging, direct measurement of inflow at sewer openings and refinements to hydraulic sewer system modelling) to identify the magnitude and sources of stormwater ingress into the wastewater system in the upper-Parramatta River catchment (upstream of James Ruse Drive). This is to inform consideration of whether a program of targeted stormwater ingress source control works would be effective in reducing the impacts of wet weather sewage overflows on the environment and community. The study must include areas where source control is most likely to be effective based on existing data.
- U7.2 The licensee must develop a draft project plan for the investigation that allows the licensee to meet the objective and scope stated in U7.1 and which clearly outlines (and provides justification for) the project background, scope, methodologies (monitoring, modelling and statistical) and timeframes.

The licensee must submit the draft project plan to the EPA within 10 weeks of this Pollution Study being issued.

- U7.3 The licensee must finalise the project plan by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA for approval within three weeks of receiving such comments.
- U7.4 The licensee must undertake the investigation in accordance with the objective and scope outlined in U7.1 and the methodology and timelines in the EPA approved project plan (or any revisions to the project plan approved by the EPA in writing) and submit a detailed draft report on the investigation to the EPA by 30 September 2018 which must include (but not be limited to):
  - · An introduction and background;
  - Description of methodologies used (including monitoring, modelling and statistical);
  - Description of assumptions used in, and limitations of, the investigation;
  - · Results, including analysis and interpretation of results to provide an assessment of:
    - o Percentages of total rainfall entering the wastewater system,
    - o Proportions of ingress attributed to infiltration and inflow, and
    - o Proportions of ingress entering through private and public assets.
  - Detailed analysis and discussion of results, including (but not limited to) analysis of the benefits that could be achieved (in estimated reductions in overflow frequency and volume) in the study area through a range of source control options, including but not limited to:

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- o reducing stormwater inflow to the Sydney Water sewer,
- o reducing stormwater infiltration to the Sydney Water sewer,
- o reducing stormwater inflow to private sewers,
- o reducing stormwater infiltration to private sewers, and
- o a combination of these and any other identified options.
- Conclusions, including recommendations for a targeted program of source control works to reduce the impacts of wet weather overflows on the Upper-Parramatta River, where it is considered that this would be effective.
- U7.5 The licensee must finalise the draft report by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA within four weeks of receiving such comments.
- U7.6 The licensee must submit written progress reports to the EPA in December 2017 and April 2018, which must include (but not be limited to):
  - 1. A summary of any investigations, plans, works and other activities that have been undertaken to meet the objective and scope of this Pollution Study as stated in U7.1; and
  - 2. Tracking of progress against the timeframes included in the approved project plan towards meeting the objectives and timeframes of this Pollution Study.
- U7.7 In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
  - 1. details of any investigations, plans, works and activities that were undertaken as part of this Pollution Study during the reporting period; and
  - 2. an outline of progress toward achieving the objectives of this Pollution Study.

Note: A Pollution Reduction Program is intended to be included on the licence for implementation of abatement works based on the outcomes of this Pollution Study.

# U8 Pollution Study: Assessment of potential health impacts of wet weather overflows in lower Middle Harbour and Mosman Peninsula

- U8.1 The objective of this Pollution Study is to assess the level of risk to public health at primary recreation sites within lower Middle Harbour and the Mosman Peninsula from wet weather overflows. The study must include (but may not be limited to) the following recreation sites:
  - · Balmoral Baths; and
  - · Edwards Beach.

The risk assessment must be based on (but may not be limited to) a literature review of all existing relevant information that is publicly available or held by Sydney Water, verification of the frequency and

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volume of overflow points that impact the applicable recreation sites, Beachwatch and any other available water quality monitoring data, and community usage data. This study should also identify any critical knowledge and further work required to understand the level of risk to human health.

U8.2 The licensee must develop a draft project plan for the Pollution Study that allows the licensee to meet the objective and scope stated in U8.1 and which clearly outlines (and provides justification for) the project background, scope, methodology and timeframes.

The licensee must submit the draft project plan to the EPA within two months of this Pollution Study being issued.

- U8.3 The licensee must finalise the project plan by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA for approval within three weeks of receiving such comments.
- U8.4 The licensee must undertake the investigation in accordance with the objective and scope outlined in U8.1 and the methodology and timelines in the EPA approved project plan (or any revisions to the project plan approved by the EPA in writing) and submit a detailed draft report on the investigation to the EPA by 30 September 2018, which must include (but may not be limited to):
  - · An introduction and background;
  - · Description of methodologies used;
  - Results of the investigation. This section should describe but not interpret the findings; it should however draw attention to specific trends, research or data that is important;
  - Detailed analysis and discussion of results. (This section should include discussion on the level of risk to human health and identify any critical knowledge gaps to understanding the level of risk to human health); and
  - Conclusions
- U8.5 The licensee must finalise the draft report by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA within four weeks of receiving such comments.
- U8.6 The licensee must submit written progress reports to the EPA in December 2017 and April 2018, which must include (but not be limited to):
  - (i) A summary of any investigations, plans, works and other activities that have been undertaken to meet the objective and scope of this Pollution Study as stated in U8.1; and
  - (ii) Tracking of progress against the timeframes included in the approved project plan towards meeting the objectives and timeframes of this Pollution Study.
- U8.7 In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
  - (i) details of any investigations, plans, works and activities that were undertaken as part of this Pollution Study during the reporting period, and
  - (ii) an outline of progress toward achieving the objectives of this Pollution Study.

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Note: A Pollution Reduction Program is intended to be included on the licence for implementation of abatement works based on the outcomes of this Pollution Study.

### U9 Dry weather overflow abatement Pollution Reduction Program

- U9.1 The objective of the dry weather overflow abatement pollution reduction program (PRP) is to require investigations, works and activities to be undertaken to achieve and maintain compliance with the dry weather overflow limit at condition L7.4 of this Licence.
- U9.2 By 30 June 2021, the licensee must undertake all investigations, works and actions necessary to reduce the number of dry weather overflows to waterways to ensure the Northern Suburbs Sewage Treatment System (STS) is compliant with the annual dry weather overflow limit of 142 overflows as required by condition L7.4.

The SCAMPs which are exceeding the dry weather overflows to waterways targets should be the focus of this PRP. These SCAMPs are, for the 2018/19 reporting period:

- 1. Baulkham Hills
- 2. Beecroft
- 3. Bella Vista
- 4. Brookvale
- 5. Curl Curl
- 6. Dundas Vallev
- 7. Eastwood
- 8. Greenwich
- 9. Holroyd
- 10. Killarney Heights
- 11. North Epping
- 12. North Ryde
- 13. South Wentworthville
- 14. Turramurra
- 15. Wentworthville
- 16. West Lindfield
- 17. West Turramurra
- 18. West Wahroonga
- 19. Westmead South
- 20. Yagoona
- U9.3 By 14 February 2020, the licensee must provide the EPA with a draft project plan that meets the objectives stated in U9.1 and clearly outlines the project scope, tasks, methodology and timeframes. The project plan must include details of all the proposed investigations, works and activities required to achieve the dry weather overflow limit as required by condition L7.4. The project plan is to include:
  - 1. A listing of the overflows to waterways for each SCAMP area within the system for each of the 5 years since 2014/15;
  - 2. A listing of the number and type of investigations, works and activities to be done in each SCAMP and

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each reporting period;

- 3. An estimate of the reduction in overflows to waterways for each SCAMP and the system for each reporting period.
- U9.4 The licensee must finalise the project plan required by Condition U9.3 by addressing all written comments provided by the EPA on this project plan, and resubmitting it to the EPA for approval within four weeks of receiving such comments.
- U9.5 The licensee must undertake the investigation, works and activities included in the most recent version of the project plan required by Condition U9.3 that has been approved by the EPA in writing.
- U9.6 In addition to the reporting requirements of Condition R5.5c, the licensee must submit with the annual Dry Weather Overflow Exceedance Report by 30 September each year:
  - 1. A statement of compliance addressing whether the dry weather overflow limit specified by Condition L7.4 was achieved for the reporting period. This must include the total number of dry weather overflows to waterways for the reporting period.
  - 2. A statement of compliance addressing whether the SCAMP targets were achieved for the reporting period. This must include for each SCAMP: the dry weather overflow to waterways target, total number of dry weather overflows to waterways, and total dry weather overflows.
  - 3. Where a dry weather overflow limit or SCAMP targets was not achieved in the reporting period, the licensee must include in the statement:
  - a) an explanation of the reason why compliance was not achieved for each dry weather overflow limit and each SCAMP target; and
  - b) the number and type of works that were scheduled to be undertaken during the reporting period and their completion status.

### U10 PRP 307: Wet Weather Overflow Pollution Reduction Program

U10.1 PRP 307.1: Wet Weather Overflow Pollution Reduction Program - Improvement Period 2020 - 2024

- a) The objective of the wet weather overflow abatement pollution reduction program (PRP) for the improvement period of 1 July 2020 30 June 2024 is to reduce the impact of wet weather overflows across the licensee's four major coastal reticulation systems by requiring the licensee to undertake abatement works at prioritised sites to achieve the improvement level as specified in PRP 307.1b).
- b) The improvement level and completion date for PRP 307.1 as required by condition L7.3c) is:

Improvement Level: 60 Points Completion Date: 30 June 2024

c) Compliance with the improvement level at PRP 307.1. condition b) must be achieved in accordance with the EPA document titled Regulatory Measure For Reducing Wet Weather Overflows From Sydney

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Water Corporation's Four Coastal Systems For 2020-2024 [Reference number DOC20/2000676] and be based on abatement works undertaken on relevantly prioritised wet weather overflow sites prioritised as per the Sydney Water document titled Risk Assessment Process: Wet Weather Overflow Program [Reference number D0001657] on the following sewer systems:

- EPL No. 372 (Southern Suburbs)
- EPL No. 378 (Northern Suburbs)
- EPL No. 1688 (Bondi)
- EPL No. 1728 (Cronulla)

# U10.2 PRP 307.2: Wet weather overflow abatement Pollution Reduction Program – Improvement period 2024 - 2028

Note: The details of this PRP are to be determined following submission by the licensee of the wet weather overflow baseline prioritisation profile as required by condition L7.3a) before 30 June 2022.

# U11 Pollution Study 307: Development of wet weather overflow prioritisation methodologies to produce prioritisation profiles

- U11.1 Pollution Study 307.1: Development of a wet weather overflow prioritisation methodology for the purpose of producing a baseline prioritisation profile Improvement period 2024 2028
  - a) The objective of this Pollution Study is the development and implementation of a plan (the "Improvement Plan") to develop a refined wet weather overflow prioritisation methodology (the "Refined Methodology"), for use in the wet weather overflow improvement period 2024 2028. The intent of the Improvement Plan is to resolve technical issues and uncertainties (i.e. limitations and assumptions) with the current prioritisation methodology through the identification, development and use of new and improved tools and information to achieve a Refined Methodology.
  - b) The licensee must develop a draft Improvement Plan to meet:
  - i. the objective stated in a) and
  - ii. the timeframe required to meet f).
  - c) The licensee must submit the draft Improvement Plan to the EPA within 16 weeks of this Pollution Study being issued.
  - d) The licensee must finalise the Improvement Plan by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA for approval within four weeks after receiving such comments.
  - e) The licensee must host progress workshops with the EPA throughout the implementation of the Improvement Plan at a frequency of no less than twice per year.
  - f) The licensee must implement the approved Improvement Plan and submit a draft Refined Methodology to the EPA by 30 November 2021.

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g) The licensee must finalise the Refined Methodology by addressing any written comments provided by the EPA and resubmit it to the EPA for approval within eight weeks of receiving such comments.

### 9 Special Conditions

#### E1 Sydney Water Dry Weather Sewage Overflow Response Report

#### E1.1 Report Scope

- a) The Licensee must provide a single, combined Report ("the Report") on the adequacy of the systems, resources, processes, procedures, practices and training it has in place for its reticulation system as at the date which this condition is included in the Licence to comply with:
- 1. Condition O3.1 of the Sydney Water Environment Protection Licences (EPLs) on responding to sewer overflows; and
- 2. Part 5.7 of the Protection of Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") regarding the notification of incidents; and
- 3. Part 5.7A of the Act and Part 3A POEO (General) Regulation regarding requirements for a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP).
- b) The Report is to identify any improvements that the Licensee should make so that its response to sewer overflows from its reticulation system complies with the regulatory requirements identified within this condition.

#### **E1.2** Independent Expert

- a) The Report must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced independent environmental expert (the "Expert").
- b) Details of three options on the Expert (and team members) proposed to be engaged by the Licensee must be provided to the EPA's Regional Manager Operations Metropolitan Infrastructure for written approval by 12 April 2019.
- c) The Licensee must ensure when selecting the proposed Expert and their team for b) above that there is expertise in each team across all the areas of human health, aquatic and terrestrial ecology, water science, laboratory operations, sewage and environmental engineering, logistics and systems auditing. For the purposes of this condition, the Licensee must provide the EPA the following details for the Expert and each proposed team member:
- 1. name;
- 2. contact details;
- 3. the area in which they have expertise;
- 4. relevant qualifications;
- 5. relevant experience;
- 6. availability.

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- d) The Licensee must engage an Expert and team that is approved by the EPA's Regional Manager Operations Metropolitan Infrastructure in writing by two weeks after approval is received from the EPA.
- e) Once engaged, the Licensee must require the Expert and their team to meet with the EPA to discuss the background and context for the Report.

#### **E1.3 Report Requirements**

- a) The Licensee must provide a single combined Report which examines, makes recommendations to improve and provides conclusions about the effectiveness of the licensee's procedures and processes with respect to its response to sewer overflows from its reticulation system.
- b) The Report must detail the current systems, resources, processes, procedures, practices and training used by the Licensee on or around the time that this condition was included in this Licence.
- c) The Licensee must also require the Expert to provide as part of the final Report:
- 1. a list of all the documents considered, including copies of any of the Licensee's procedures specifically referenced in the Report;
- 2. names, roles and organisations of personnel interviewed by the Expert (including their team members) in preparing the Report.
- d) The report must consider the following:

#### E1.4 Notifications

- a. process for notification of incidents to the EPA to meet the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act;
- b. process for determining incidents that trigger the statutory requirement for notification to the EPA per Part 5.7 of the Act;
- c. process for providing information to comply with Part 5.7 of the Act;
- d. process for providing further information to the EPA following the initial self-report in an accurate and timely manner to comply with Part 5.7 of the Act;
- e. the practices used to implement the processes under a d in a timely and consistent manner;

#### E1.5 Incident Management

- f. roles and responsibilities of personnel involved in incident management including, but not limited to, overseeing of incident response, coordination and implementation of on ground response, liaison with and communication to the EPA, provision of information to the public, and whether roles and responsibilities are sufficiently clear;
- g. availability, accessibility and scheduling of suitable plant and personnel resources for all aspects of managing the sewer overflow;
- h. process and methodology used to allocate priority when responding to sewer overflows, including relationships to other responses being undertaken by the Licensee;
- i. whether the systems, resources, processes, procedures, practices and training in place for monitoring and auditing current processes require improvement and if so, the reasons, to meet the requirements of Condition O3.1 of the EPLs;

#### E1.6 Rectification of faults and sewage containment

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- j. processes or procedures for response to, and rectification of, faults;
- k. adequacy of processes and procedures for achieving timely and satisfactory fault rectification;
- I. processes or procedures for implementation of sewage containment strategies;
- m. adequacy of processes and procedures for achieving timely implementation of sewage containment strategies;
- n. adequacy and effectiveness of the methods for, and execution of, sewage containment, to meet the requirements of Condition O3.1 of the EPLs;

#### E1.7 Management of environmental and health impacts resulting from sewer overflows

- o. assessment methodology for determining environmental and health impacts resulting from sewer overflows:
- p. assessment methodology for determining appropriate clean-up strategies to remediate the environment and reduce risk to public health;
- q. processes or procedures for achieving timely implementation of clean-up strategies;
- r. types of environmental remediation works utilised to clean-up after sewer overflows;
- s. effectiveness of environmental remediation works utilised to clean-up after sewer overflows;
- t. types of remediation works utilised for reducing public health risks from sewer overflows;
- u. effectiveness of remediation works utilised for reducing public health risks from sewer overflows;
- v. assessment methodology for determining the adequacy of clean-up strategies; and
- w. environmental impact of clean-up strategies, to meet the requirements of Condition O3.1 of the EPLs;

#### E1.8 Risk communication

- x. methods used to communicate potential health risks from sewer overflows to potentially affected parties to meet the requirements of Condition O3.1 of the EPLs. This may include but is not limited to signage, door knocking, written notification and physical barriers;
- y. processes for achieving timely implementation of communication referred to in (x) to meet the requirements of Condition O3.1 of the EPLs;
- z. adequacy and appropriateness of communication methods deployed; and

#### E1.9 Training

aa. adequacy of the Licences' requirements for staff competency in relation to incident management, fault rectification, assessment of environmental and health risks and undertaking remediation works, including staff training provided by the Licensee.

#### E1.10 Report

- a) The Licensee must submit to the EPA's Regional Manager Operations Metropolitan Infrastructure a draft Report ("Draft Report"), being a report prepared by the Expert (and their team) covering all of the matters described in conditions E1.3-E1.9, six months after the Expert is engaged (condition E1.2 d).
- b) The Licensee must ensure the Draft Report is updated to address any comments made by the EPA.
- c) The Licensee must submit to the EPA's Regional Manager Operations Metropolitan Infrastructure the final Report one month after the EPA's comments have been provided (condition E1.10 b).

#### **E1.11 Implementation of the Report Recommendations**

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- a) The Licensee must submit an Implementation Plan to the EPA's Regional Manager Operations Metropolitan Infrastructure by no later than two months after acceptance of the final Report by the EPA (condition E1.10 c).
- b) The Implementation Plan must:
- 1. identify what actions the Licensee proposes to take in response to the Report from the Expert;
- 2. propose a timeframe for these action(s); and
- 3. provide an explanation for the Licensee's proposals where there is any variance from the recommendations in the final Report.

### **E2** Special Dictionary

#### E2.1

| Term                            | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| approved                        | Means approved in writing by the EPA. The EPA's approval may be given unconditionally, or subject to conditions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| average concentration limit     | Means the average of twelve monitoring test results undertaken during the reporting period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| average dry weather flow (ADWF) | Means the average flow at a point calculated or measured over a 24 hour period in dry weather.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Biosolids                       | Has the same meaning as in Schedule 1, Part 3 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Biosolids Guidelines            | Means the "Environmental Guidelines: Use and disposal of biosolids products" published by the EPA November 1997, or any subsequently updated guidelines which replace this publication.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Bypass                          | Means circumstances where sewage has been received at the sewage treatment plant but is discharged from the plant without it being treated, processed or reprocessed by means of any or all of the designed treatment processes of the plant. A new bypass event is defined as a bypass that commences at least 24 hours after the end of the previous bypass. |
| catchment                       | Catchment boundaries are marked on the system map.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| cfu                             | Means colony forming units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| choke                           | Means a full or partial blockage in a sewer pipe that results in sewage being discharged to the environment. A choke may be caused by structural collapse of the sewer pipes, tree roots, debris or siltation.                                                                                                                                                 |
| condition                       | Means a condition of this licence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| directed overflow               | Means a directed overflow structure within the reticulation system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| directed overflow structure     | Means a designed structure (excluding access chambers) in the reticulation system which operates as a relief to allow sewage to discharge at a planned location or a sewage pumping station, but does not include a bypass from a sewage treatment plant.                                                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dry weather                     | Dry weather occurs when less than 10 millimitres of rainfall has been measured at a rain gauge in the catchment of the sewage treatment system during a 24 hour period (where there is no rain gauge in the catchment, at the rain gauge closest to the centre                                                 |
|                                 | of the catchment). Dry weather SPS discharge occurs when less than 10mm rainfall has been measured at a rain gauge in the catchment of the SPS during a 24 hour period (where there is no rain gauge in the catchment at the rain gauge closest to the SPS).                                                   |
| dry weather overflow            | Means an overflow in the reticulation system not caused by wet weather, as determined by the hydraulic sewer system model.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| effluent                        | Means sewage that has received all of the designed treatment processes at the sewage treatment plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| emission factor                 | In relation to load-based licensing, means the level of emissions expected to be generated relative to another characteristic of the activity.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| harm                            | Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| kL                              | Means kilolitre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| L/s                             | Means litres per second.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| leakage                         | Overflows caused by the exfiltration of sewage from faults, such as cracks, in sewer pipes to the surrounding environment.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| licence issue date              | Means the date of the issue of this licence, or if this licence is a replacement licence within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998, the date on which a copy of the licence was served on the licensee under clause 10 of that regulation. |
| mL                              | Means millilitres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ML                              | Means megalitres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| node                            | Is a point in the hydraulic sewer system model that represents one or more overflows in the same catchment.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| offensive odour                 | Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| overflow                        | Is a discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage from the sewage treatment system. Overflows may occur as directed overflows or uncontrolled overflows.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Partial disinfection            | Means a discharge of sewage or effluent from an STP that occurs when the flow rate of sewage at the influent point of the STP equals or exceeds the rate specified in condition O6.3.                                                                                                                          |
| Partial treatment discharge     | Means a discharge of sewage or effluent from an STP that occurs when the flow rate of sewage at the influent point of the STP equals or exceeds the rate specified in condition O6.3 for Bondi, Malabar and North Head STPs only.                                                                              |
| performance acceptance criteria | In relation to hydraulic sewer stem model, means the standard of accuracy (sometimes called the "goodness of fit") to be achieved when observations of a particular performance indicator are compared to the results predicted by the model.                                                                  |

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| reticulation system                | Means that part of the sewage treatment system which collects and transports sewage to the sewage treatment plant and includes all sewer pipes (whether greater or less than 300mm diameter), access chambers, vent shafts, directed overflow structures and sewage pumping stations, but does not include the sewage treatment plant. |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SCAMP                              | Sewer Catchment Asset Management Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| sewage                             | Means all material received in the reticulation system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| sewage products                    | Means any by-product of the treatment processes and includes biosolids, raw sludge, liquid sludge, thickened sludge, digested sludge, screenings and grit.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| sewage pumping station (SPS)       | Is a structure which controls the transport of sewage through the sewer pipes, where steep hills and other variations in the land topography can prevent or limit the gravity flow of sewage to the sewage treatment plant.                                                                                                            |
| sewage treatment plant (STP)       | Is a facility at which sewage is stored and treated following delivery from the reticulation system prior to discharge, and includes discharge structures and STP bypass points.                                                                                                                                                       |
| sewage treatment system            | Means the reticulation system and the sewage treatment plant used for the transport, treatment and discharge of effluent and sewage.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| sub-catchment                      | Sub-catchment boundaries are marked on the system map.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| ten year rainfall time series data | Means the rainfall data for the period 1985 to 1994 as used in the EISs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Trade waste agreements             | Means agreements reached between the licensee and industrial and commercial customers to restrict the amount of toxic and other potentially harmful substances discharged to the sewerage system.                                                                                                                                      |
| ug/L                               | Means micrograms per litre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| uncontrolled overflow              | Means an overflow from any part of the reticulation system that is not a directed overflow. Leakage or overflows from access chambers are examples or uncontrolled overflows.                                                                                                                                                          |
| waters                             | Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| waterways                          | Means the whole or any part of any river, stream, lake, lagoon, swamp, wetlands, natural or artificial watercourse, dam or tidal waters (including the sea), but does not include watercourses that are dry at the commencement of the overflow, or underground pipes, channels or gutters designed to receive or pass rainwater.      |
| wet weather                        | Wet weather occurs when 10 millimetres or more of rainfall has been measured at a rain gauge in the catchment of the sewage treatment system during a 24 hour period (where there is no rain gauge in the catchment, at the rain gauge closest to the centre of the catchment).                                                        |
| wet weather overflow               | Means an overflow in the reticulation system caused by wet weather as determined by the hydraulic sewer system model.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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### Dictionary

### **General Dictionary**

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|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3DGM [in relation<br>to a concentration<br>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 Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 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<br>Publication                   | Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| assessable<br>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 Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 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<br>protection<br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act

general solid waste (non-putrescible)

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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 Environmen t 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

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]

plant

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.

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

TM

Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act

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

Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the

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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.

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

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- 1 Licence varied by notice V/M upgrade, issued on 06-Jul-2000, which came into effect on 06-Jul-2000.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1004847, issued on 29-Oct-2001, which came into effect on 23-Nov-2001.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1013879, issued on 20-Mar-2002, which came into effect on 10-Apr-2002.
- 4 Licence varied by notice 1016557, issued on 22-Apr-2002, which came into effect on 17-May-2002.
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1018038, issued on 27-Jun-2002, which came into effect on 28-Jun-2002.
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1020247, issued on 23-Dec-2002, which came into effect on 17-Jan-2003.
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1028329, issued on 09-Jul-2003, which came into effect on 03-Aug-2003.
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1031297, issued on 19-Mar-2004, which came into effect on 02-Apr-2004.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1038498, issued on 30-Jun-2004, which came into effect on 30-Jun-2004.
- 10 Licence varied by notice 1046682, issued on 30-Jun-2005, which came into effect on 30-Jun-2005.
- 11 Licence varied by notice 1054588, issued on 01-Mar-2006, which came into effect on 07-Mar-2006.
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1061422, issued on 29-Jun-2006, which came into effect on 29-Jun-2006.
- 13 Licence varied by notice 1067914, issued on 13-Dec-2006, which came into effect on 13-Dec-2006.
- Licence varied by notice 1078271, issued on 18-Sep-2007, which came into effect on 18-Sep-2007.
- 15 Licence varied by notice 1081522, issued on 10-Jun-2008, which came into effect on 10-Jun-2008.
- Licence varied by notice 1088809, issued on 16-Jun-2008, which came into effect on 16-Jun-2008.
- 17 Licence varied by notice 1092486, issued on 04-Nov-2008, which came into effect on 04-Nov-2008.





| 18 | Licence varied by admin corrections to annual return, issued on 02-Jul-2009, which came into effect on 02-Jul-2009. |                                                           |
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| 19 | Licence varied by notice of 05-Mar-2010.                                                                            | 1111582, issued on 05-Mar-2010, which came into effect on |
| 20 | Licence varied by notice of 02-Jul-2010.                                                                            | 1116698, issued on 02-Jul-2010, which came into effect on |
| 21 | Licence varied by notice 15-Feb-2011.                                                                               | 1124005, issued on 15-Feb-2011, which came into effect on |
| 22 | Licence varied by notice 7 07-Mar-2011.                                                                             | 1125607, issued on 07-Mar-2011, which came into effect on |
| 23 | Licence varied by notice 27-Jun-2011.                                                                               | 1129021, issued on 27-Jun-2011, which came into effect on |
| 24 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1503817 issued on 28-Jun-2012                             |
| 25 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1516029 issued on 30-Aug-2013                             |
| 26 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1519256 issued on 25-Jul-2014                             |
| 27 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1528278 issued on 11-Feb-2015                             |
| 28 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1528938 issued on 23-Mar-2015                             |
| 29 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1534786 issued on 19-Oct-2015                             |
| 30 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1538183 issued on 19-Feb-2016                             |
| 31 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1539400 issued on 14-Apr-2016                             |
| 32 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1542267 issued on 22-Jul-2016                             |
| 33 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1553530 issued on 29-Jun-2017                             |
| 34 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1553732 issued on 04-Jul-2017                             |
| 35 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1566899 issued on 07-Aug-2018                             |
| 36 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1572461 issued on 30-Nov-2018                             |
| 37 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1576705 issued on 25-Mar-2019                             |
| 38 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1580179 issued on 01-Jul-2019                             |
| 39 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1586410 issued on 04-Oct-2019                             |
| 40 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1587660 issued on 31-Oct-2019                             |
| 41 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1588649 issued on 17-Dec-2019                             |
| 42 | Licence varied by notice                                                                                            | 1592847 issued on 20-Mar-2020                             |