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Licence Details	
Number:	1688
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Licensee	
SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	
PO BOX 399	
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124	
Premises	
BONDI SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING THE STP AT	
MILITARY ROAD	
BONDI NSW 2026	
Scheduled Activity	
Sewage treatment	
Fee Based Activity	Scale
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: Not applicable.

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 maximum volume of discharge

A1.3 Not applicable.

A1.4 The objectives of this licence are to:

- require practical measures to be taken to protect the environment and public health from sewage treatment plant effluent and sewer overflows;
- require proper and efficient management of the sewage treatment system to minimise harm to the environment and public health;
- require no deterioration and continuing improvement in the sewage treatment system environmental performance relative to existing conditions; and
- 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:

Premises Details
BONDI SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING THE STP AT
MILITARY ROAD
BONDI
NSW 2026
LOT 4 DP 13858, LOT 5 DP 13858

A2.2 The premises also includes the reticulation system owned and operated by the licensee that is associated

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with the sewage treatment plant(s) identified in condition A2.1.

A2.3 In relation to A2.1 the premises also includes the Diamond Bay North Outfall, the Diamond Bay South Outfall, the Vacluse Outfall and the associated reticulation system owned and operated by the licensee.

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
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.

Air			
EPA identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description

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12	Air emission monitoring Discharge to air	Air emission monitoring Discharge to air	Air sampling outlet of the cogeneration facility labelled "NEW ID Point # 21" on drawing titled "Bondi WWTP Revised: 26 Sep 2012" submitted to EPA on 28 Sep 2012.
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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
1		discharge to waters	located at the deep water ocean outfall on seabed marked as "ADP001" on map titled "General arrangement of Plant" submitted on 17 May 2000 as a supplement to the Licence Information Form. .
2		discharge to waters	located at the shoreline ocean outfall marked as "2" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted to the EPA on 23 June 2005.
3	volume monitoring		in the effluent channel downstream of the sedimentation tanks marked as "3" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted to the EPA on 23 June 2005.
4	volume monitoring		in the sedimentation tanks bypass channel marked as "4" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted to the EPA on 23 June 2005.

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5	effluent quality	in the effluent channel downstream of the sedimentation tanks marked as "5" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted to the EPA on 23 June 2005.
6	volume monitoring	at the overflow channel downstream end of sedimentation tanks leading to shoreline outfall marked as "6" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted
7	volume monitoring	in bypass channel near overflow weir at the head of the works marked as "7" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted to the EPA on 23 June 2005.
8	influent quality	upstream of inlet penstocks marked as "8" on diagram titled "Bondi STP- EPA Licence No. 1688 Licence Identification Number Locations, Diagram 1- Bondi STP Underground Facility" submitted to the EPA on 23 June 2005.
9	discharge to waters	Diamond Bay North outfall, located at the shoreline 60m north of the east end of Kimberley Street, Vaucluse marked as "Diamond Bay North Outfall" on map titled "Environment Protection Licence Map of Discharge Points" on Licence Information Form.
10	discharge to waters	Diamond Bay South outfall, located at the shoreline 30m south of the east end of Oceanview Ave, Vaucluse marked as "Diamond Bay South Outfall" on map titled "Environment Protection Licence Map of Discharge Points" on Licence Information Form.
11	discharge to waters	Vaucluse outfall, located at the shoreline of Christinson Park, Vaucluse marked as "Vaucluse Outfall" on map titled "Environment Protection Licence Map of Discharge Points" on Licence Information Form.

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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.

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)	16863000.00
BOD (Enclosed Water)	
Cadmium (Coastal Water)	117.00
Cadmium (Enclosed Water)	
Chromium (Coastal Water)	537.00
Chromium (Enclosed Water)	
Copper (Coastal Water)	19760.00
Copper (Enclosed Water)	
Lead (Coastal Water)	1616.00

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Lead (Enclosed Water)	
Mercury (Coastal Water)	37.00
Mercury (Enclosed Water)	
Nitrogen (total) (Coastal Water)	3832500.00
Nitrogen (total) (Enclosed Water)	
Oil and Grease (Coastal Water)	3066000.00
Oil and Grease (Enclosed Water)	
Pesticides and PCBs (Coastal Water)	62.00
Pesticides and PCBs (Enclosed Water)	
Phosphorus (total) (Coastal Water)	766500.00
Phosphorus (total) (Enclosed Water)	
Selenium (Coastal Water)	1150.00
Selenium (Enclosed Water)	
Total suspended solids (Coastal Water)	11497500.00
Total suspended solids (Enclosed Water)	
Zinc (Coastal Water)	20346.00
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\ 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\.
- L3.4 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

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POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of Measure	Average percentile concentration limit	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
Aluminium	micrograms per litre	540	-	990	-
Hydrogen sulfide (un-ionised)	micrograms per litre	3000	-	19900	-
Nonylphenol ethoxylates	micrograms per litre	510	-	830	-

POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of measure	3DGM concentration limit	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	60	40	50
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	290	200	250

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: 1.

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.

POINT 1

Toxicity	Units of Measure	Average limit	90 percentile limit
Sea urchin sperm fertilization	percent effluent by volume	0.27	0.16

L4 Volume and mass limits

L4.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the volume/mass of:

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- 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
1	megalitres per day	680
2	megalitres per day	680
9	megalitres per day	30
10	megalitres per day	10
11	megalitres per day	30

- L4.2 Notwithstanding the volume limits specified in condition L4.1, the combined volume discharged from point(s) 1 and 2 must not exceed 680 ML/day.

L5 Waste

- L5.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste to be received at the premises, except the wastes expressly referred to in the column titled "Waste" and meeting the definition, if any, in the column titled "Description" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises must only be used for the activities referred to in relation to that waste in the column titled "Activity" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises is subject to those limits or conditions, if any, referred to in relation to that waste contained in the column titled "Other Limits" in the table below.

This condition does not limit any other conditions in this licence.

Code	Waste	Description	Activity	Other Limits
NA	Liquid Food Waste	Liquid food waste that meets all the conditions of 'the Bondi biosolids liquid food waste trial order October 2016'	Composting Waste storage	NA

- 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, 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.

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L6 Noise limits

L6.1 Not applicable.

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.

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

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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 19 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.

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.

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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 1 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 4510 L/s (4 primary sedimentation tanks operating)
Screening, degritting and primary sedimentation	Less than 2950 L/s (3 primary sedimentation tanks operating)

O4.2 Sewage or effluent must not be discharged from points 1 or 2 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 and degritting	4510 L/s or more (4 primary sedimentation tanks operating)
Screening and degritting	2950 L/s or more (3 primary sedimentation tanks operating)

O4.3 Not applicable.

O4.4 Not applicable.

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.

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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 2002 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 must compare the number of times the design capacity of the primary sewage treatment process is exceeded per 10 years as predicted by the hydraulic sewer system model for 2002 to the number of times the design capacity of the primary sewage treatment process is exceeded 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 An exceedance of the design capacity of the primary sewage treatment process occurs when the inflow rate of sewage to the sewage treatment plant equals or exceeds 7870 L/s.

O5 Other operating conditions

O5.1 Prohibition on acceptance of pesticides

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 Storage and processing of waste

- a) The licensee must ensure that bunding is provided to the liquid food waste storage tank;
- b) The licensee must ensure that any waste not intended for processing is to be stored
 - (i) within the buildings; or
 - (ii) in sealed containers, pending disposal at a facility which can lawfully accept the waste.
- c) The licensee must ensure that generation of odours from the storage or processing of the liquid food waste must be controlled.

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- d) The licensee must maintain a record of waste truck movements such as the source, time, date and quantity. These records must be available on site and provided when requested by an authorised officer.

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, 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

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frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:

M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements

POINT 12

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

M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

POINT 5

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Aluminium	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 8

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 2	Grab sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 2	Grab sample

M2.4 For the purposes of the tables above:

- Special Frequency 1 means for the purposes of determining compliance with the average and percentile limits sampling must be undertaken every 6 days. 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.
- Special Frequency 2 means the collection of samples when sewage or effluent is discharged to Point 2 during a bypass.

M2.5 The following conditions apply to the monitoring requirements under condition M2:

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- 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 condition M2 for point 5 can be used to determine compliance with the limits in condition L3.4 for point 1.

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 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.

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M3 Testing methods - concentration limits

M3.1 Not applicable.

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".

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.

M3.5 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.

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.

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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.
- 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: Interpretive 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.

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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:
- the volume of liquids discharged to water or applied to the area;
 - the mass of solids applied to the area;
 - the mass of pollutants emitted to the air;
- at the frequency and using the method and units of measure, specified below.

POINT 3

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

POINT 4

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

POINT 6

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Daily during any discharge	kilolitres per day	Estimate

POINT 7

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

- M8.2 The monitoring results collected in accordance with condition M8.1 for:
- points 3 and 4 can be used to determine compliance with the limits in condition L4.1 for point 1.
 - points 6 and 7 can be used to determine compliance with the limits in condition L4.1 for point 2.

- M8.3 In the event that the licensee cannot comply with a volume monitoring method as required by this licence

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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 3000 L/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

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

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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 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

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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

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:

- a) tide height at the end of the outfall;
- b) head loss through the outfall; and
- c) flow rate over time through the outfall.

M10.8 The licensee must undertake an underwater inspection of the following components of the outfall as necessary:

- a) each individual diffuser nozzle, while discharge is occurring;
- b) external components of the riser and those parts of the diffuser not covered by (a) above; and
- c) the sacrificial anodes.

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:

- 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.

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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

- 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

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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 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.

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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.
- h) 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.
- 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;

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- 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 Annum
S_BONDI BEACH	2
S_BONDI JUNCTION	1
S_CAMPERDOWN	3
S_EDGECLIFF	2
S_ROSE BAY	1
S_ROZELLE	2
S_SYDNEY EAST	3
S_SYDNEY WEST	4
S_VAUCLUSE	1

R5.6 Wet weather overflow improvement requirements

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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 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:

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- 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 & 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 303 Wet weather overflow abatement strategic framework

- U1.1 **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 Bondi Open Outfall Sewer System".
- U1.2 **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 overflows abatement program to 2021. The framework must include proposed investigations, works and activities capable of achieving the long term 2021 targets of 20 wet weather overflows per 10 years.
- U1.3 **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.
- U1.4 **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 must 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;

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- 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 wet weather overflows per 10 years.

U2 PRP 304: Wet weather overflow abatement Pollution Reduction Program 2014-2016

U2.1 **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 Bondi sewage treatment system.

U2.2 Bondi System Wet Weather Overflow Abatement Interim Progress

304.2 By 31 December 2015 the licensee must undertake all works and actions necessary to reduce the number of wet weather overflows in the Bondi sewage treatment system to no more than 130 overflows per 10 years.

U2.3 **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.

U2.4 **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 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.

U3 PRP 305: Pollution Study for Diamond Bay Ocean Discharges

U3.1 Objective

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PRP305.1 The objective of this Pollution Study is to assess the level of risk to the environment and public health posed by discharging untreated sewage from Sydney Water's 3 ocean outfalls at Vaucluse, Diamond Bay North and Diamond Bay South. The risk assessment should be based on a literature review of all existing relevant information on these discharges and their impact that is publically available or held by Sydney Water. This study should also identify any critical knowledge gaps to understanding the risks to the environment and health.

U3.2 Project Plan

PRP305.2 The licensee is to develop a project plan for the Pollution Study that meets the objectives stated in PRP305.1 and clearly outlines the project tasks, scope, methodology and timeframes. The project plan should outline the data and information that Sydney Water proposes to review as part of this Pollution Study.

The licensee is required to provide the EPA with a copy of the Project Plan by *Friday 8th July 2016* for EPA's review prior to commencing the Pollution Study.

U3.3 Draft Report

PRP305.3 The licensee is required to provide the EPA with a copy of a draft report that meets the objectives outlined in PRP305.1 and has been developed in accordance with the project plan outlined in PRP305.2.

The draft report should contain:

- An introduction
- A methodology including any relevant Australian or international standards
- Findings of the literature review. The section should describe but not explain or interpret the findings; it should however draw attention to specific trends, research or data that are important.
- A discussion on the level of risk to the environment and human health. This section should also identify any critical knowledge gaps to understanding the level of risk to the environment and human health.
- Reference list and appendices section.

The draft report is to be provided to the EPA within 6 months from the date that the Project Plan is finalised in agreement with the EPA, or within a timeframe agreed to in writing by the EPA.

U3.4 Final Report

PRP305.4 The licensee is required to provide the EPA with a copy of a final report that:

- Meets the objective outlined in PRP305.1
- Has been developed in accordance with the project plan outlined in PRP305.2
- Conforms with the report structure outlined in PRP305.3

The final report should take into consideration any comments from the EPA on the draft report and be provided to the EPA within 8 weeks of the licensee receiving comments from EPA on the draft report.

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U4 PRP 306: Separation of the Woolloomooloo combined sewer and stormwater system

- U4.1 **306.1** By 31 December 2019 the licensee must undertake all works and actions necessary to completely separate the sewer and stormwater system in Sydney East SCAMP (Woolloomooloo).
- U4.2 **306.2** The sewerage system constructed to comply with 306.1 is to meet a discharge frequency target of 20 overflow events in 10 years.
- U4.3 **306.3** The licensee must submit to the EPA for approval, a draft water quality monitoring plan for the project, with a monitoring objective of assessing the water quality benefits from the works required under 306.1. The monitoring program in the plan is to include appropriate baseline monitoring to be completed prior to the works under 306.1 commencing and post-construction monitoring. The plan is to be submitted to the EPA by 30 September 2016.
- U4.4 **306.4** The licensee must implement the plan approved by the EPA under 306.3. The licensee must provide an interim monitoring report to the EPA by 1 October 2017 which contains the results of the baseline monitoring. A final monitoring report is to be provided to the EPA by 1 October 2020.
- U4.5 **306.5** In addition to the reporting requirements of condition R5.6, the licensee must submit with each Annual System Performance Report:
- details of any investigations, plans, works and activities that were undertaken during the reporting period and an outline of progress toward achieving the objectives of this PRP.

U5 PRP 307: Wet Weather Overflow Pollution Reduction Program

U5.1 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 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)

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- EPL No. 1728 (Cronulla)

U5.2 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.

U6 Pollution Study 307: Development of wet weather overflow prioritisation methodologies to produce prioritisation profiles

U6.1 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:

- the objective stated in a) and
- 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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

- j. processes or procedures for response to, and rectification of, faults;
- k. adequacy of processes and procedures for achieving timely and satisfactory fault rectification;
- l. 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

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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**

- 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:

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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 EDCs Literature Review

- E2.1 The licensee must undertake a comprehensive literature review (including peer reviewed scientific papers; United Nations agency publications; European Union member country, Canadian, US, New Zealand and Australian governmental agency and advisory/research body publications; and European Commission publications) concerning:
- (a) the effects of endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors on human health and wildlife towards developing an 'atlas' of those disruptors most likely to be of concern (individually and in mixtures) when present –
 - (i) in sewage effluent discharged to waters, and
 - (ii) in bio-solids whether disposed to landfill or re-used by land application;
 - (b) the toxicology of endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors likely to be entrained in sewage effluents and bio-solids, including-
 - (i) exposure paths,
 - (ii) dose-toxicity relationship for identification of concentration levels of concern leading to adverse health effects (human and wildlife) in an intact organism, or its progeny, or (sub) populations exposed to EDCs, especially steroid hormones,
 - (iii) propensity to bio-accumulate, and
 - (iv) propensity to persist in the environment;
 - (c) the efficacy of current sewage treatment processes and technologies (employed by the licensee) in reducing concentrations of the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern' to levels below those levels of concern;
 - (d) research projects designed to monitor the concentrations of

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the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors in pre-treatment and post treatment sewage effluents and in bio-solids; and

- (e) research projects, trials, pilot rigs and full-production models of treatment processes/technologies designed to reduce concentrations of the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern' to below levels of concern

For the purposes of this condition and conditions E1.2 to E1.4 inclusive –

'endocrine disruptor' means an exogenous substance or mixture that alters function(s) of the endocrine system and consequently causes adverse health effects in an intact organism, or its progeny, or (sub)populations.

'feasible and reasonable measures' where feasibility relates to engineering considerations and what is practical to build whilst reasonableness relates to the application of judgement in arriving at a decision, taking into account the following factors:

- mitigation benefits,
- cost of mitigation versus benefit provided,
- community views, and
- existing levels and predicted future levels, and changes in levels.

'of concern' means of concern due to adverse effects on human health and wildlife, including effects on developmental stages of organisms.

'potential endocrine disruptor' means an exogenous substance or mixture that possesses properties that might be expected to lead to endocrine disruption in an intact organism, or its progeny, or (sub)populations.

'wildlife' includes aquatic invertebrate animals (marine and freshwater).

E2.2 The licensee must, in preparing the literature review required by condition E1.1 and the supplementary review required by condition E1.4, have regard to the objectives of those reviews as outlined below and include in those reviews, inter alia –

- (a) a detailed index,
- (b) a concise executive summary,
- (c) an informed discussion of options for monitoring and treatment of endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern',

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- (d) comprehensive bibliography, and
- (e) glossary of terms and abbreviations.

The objectives of the literature review and supplementary literature review are to:

1. identify the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors most likely to be of concern (individually and in mixtures) from the perspective of short term and long term effects on human health and wildlife as a result of-
 - (a) sewage effluent discharges to waters (inland and ocean), and
 - (b) bio-solids disposal or re-use;
2. assess the effectiveness of current sewage treatment processes employed by the licensee in their ability to reduce concentrations of the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern' to concentrations below those of concern; and
3. provide informed discussion of sewage treatment and effluent monitoring options for endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern' as a basis for follow-up work concerning inter alia –
 - (a) the effects of those disruptors in sewage effluent and bio-solids on human health and wildlife,
 - (b) effectively monitoring concentrations of the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern', and
 - (c) feasible and reasonable measures for reducing concentrations of the endocrine disruptors and potential endocrine disruptors identified as 'of concern' to below levels of concern.

E2.3 The licensee must submit:

- (1) a report on the progress of completion of the literature review required by condition E1.1 to the EPA by not later than –
 - (a) 10.00 am on 17 March 2014,
 - (b) 10.00 am on 16 May 2014, and
 - (c) 10.00 am on 16 July 2014; and
 - (d) 10.00 am on 18 September 2014.

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- (2) the completed literature review (required by condition E1.1) to the EPA by not later than 18 November 2014.

E2.4 The licensee must undertake an environmental impact study comprising a supplementary literature review to that literature review required by condition E1.1.

- (1) The supplementary literature review required by this condition must:
- (a) concern those matters set out in condition E1.1 (a) to (e) inclusive; and
 - (b) be submitted to the EPA by not later than 10.00 am on that date being not more than 2 calendar months immediately after the date of publication of research project reports/papers concerning that project known as "investigation of endocrine disruption in Australian aquatic environments" and which is being conducted under the auspices of Water Research Australia Limited.
- (2) Excepting that, where the project reports/papers (referred to in paragraph (1) (b) of this condition) are published before 18 September 2014 the licensee is not required to submit the supplementary literature review required by this condition.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, if the supplementary literature review is not required pursuant to the provisions of clause (2) to this condition then the material that would otherwise have been incorporated in the supplementary literature review referred to in this condition must be incorporated in the the literature review required by condition E1.1.

E3 Special Dictionary

E3.1

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.

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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.
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 millimetres 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.

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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.
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.

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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

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

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

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

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End Notes

- 1 Licence varied by notice V/M upgrade, issued on 07-Jul-2000, which came into effect on 07-Jul-2000.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1005987, issued on 29-Oct-2001, which came into effect on 23-Nov-2001.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1018039, issued on 27-Jun-2002, which came into effect on 28-Jun-2002.
- 4 Licence varied by notice 1020268, issued on 23-Dec-2002, which came into effect on 17-Jan-2003.
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1028456, issued on 08-Jul-2003, which came into effect on 02-Aug-2003.
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1032917, issued on 19-Mar-2004, which came into effect on 02-Apr-2004.
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1038500, issued on 30-Jun-2004, which came into effect on 30-Jun-2004.
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1048169, issued on 30-Jun-2005, which came into effect on 30-Jun-2005.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1061420, issued on 29-Jun-2006, which came into effect on 29-Jun-2006.
- 10 Licence varied by notice 1092483, issued on 04-Nov-2008, which came into effect on 04-Nov-2008.
- 11 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1100035, issued on 23-Apr-2009, which came into effect on 23-Apr-2009.
- 13 Licence varied by admin corrections to annual return, issued on 02-Jul-2009, which came into effect on 02-Jul-2009.
- 14 Licence varied by notice 1113404, issued on 07-May-2010, which came into effect on 07-May-2010.
- 15 Licence varied by notice 1116051, issued on 02-Jul-2010, which came into effect on 02-Jul-2010.
- 16 Licence varied by notice 1129020, issued on 23-Jun-2011, which came into effect on 23-Jun-2011.
- 17 Licence varied by notice 1501628 issued on 28-Jun-2012
- 18 Licence varied by notice 1511651 issued on 04-Feb-2013

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19	Licence varied by notice	1512437 issued on 30-Aug-2013
20	Licence varied by notice	1517113 issued on 03-Oct-2013
21	Licence varied by notice	1519383 issued on 14-Jan-2014
22	Licence format updated on	17-Feb-2014
23	Licence varied by notice	1523568 issued on 24-Jul-2014
24	Licence varied by notice	1528284 issued on 11-Feb-2015
25	Licence varied by notice	1528935 issued on 23-Mar-2015
26	Licence varied by notice	1538186 issued on 19-Feb-2016
27	Licence varied by notice	1539406 issued on 14-Apr-2016
28	Licence varied by notice	1540655 issued on 13-May-2016
29	Licence varied by notice	1542269 issued on 06-Jul-2016
30	Licence varied by notice	1542537 issued on 13-Jul-2016
31	Licence varied by notice	1542680 issued on 22-Jul-2016
32	Licence varied by notice	1545172 issued on 11-Oct-2016
33	Licence varied by notice	1572465 issued on 30-Nov-2018
34	Licence varied by notice	1577313 issued on 25-Mar-2019
35	Licence varied by notice	1580184 issued on 01-Jul-2019
36	Licence varied by notice	1586414 issued on 04-Oct-2019
37	Licence varied by notice	1587662 issued on 31-Oct-2019
38	Licence varied by notice	1592851 issued on 20-Mar-2020