



# Environment Protection Licence

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Number:	1646
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<b><u>Licensee</u></b>	
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL	
PO BOX 35	
ORANGE NSW 2800	

  

<b><u>Premises</u></b>	
ORANGE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM	
PHILLIP STREET	
ORANGE NSW 2800	

  

<b><u>Scheduled Activity</u></b>	
Sewage treatment	

  

<b><u>Fee Based Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Scale</u></b>
Sewage treatment processing by small plants	> 5000-10000 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:

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
PO BOX 35
ORANGE NSW 2800

subject to the conditions which follow.



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## 1 Administrative Conditions

### A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

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

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

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Sewage treatment	Sewage treatment processing by small plants	> 5000 - 10000 ML annual maximum volume of discharge

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

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
ORANGE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM
PHILLIP STREET
ORANGE
NSW 2800
LOT 808 DP 1240445

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

A2.3 The premises also includes the reticulation system used to transfer treated effluent to the Cadia Valley Operations Gold Mines. The premises extends to the dissipation pit associated with the effluent re-use scheme located on Mining Lease 1405.

### A3 Information supplied to the EPA

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

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

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



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A3.2 Any other document and/or management plan is not to be taken as part of the documentation in condition A3.1, other than those documents and/or management plans specifically referenced in this licence.

**A4 Other administrative conditions**

- A4.1 The objectives of this licence are to:
- a) prevent as far as practicable sewage overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses;
  - b) require the proper and efficient management of the premises to minimise harm to human and environmental health; and
  - c) require that practicable measures to be taken to protect human and environmental health from sewage overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses and sewage treatment plant effluent generally.
- A4.2 This licence is to be construed in a manner that will promote the objectives referred to in condition A4.1.

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

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

- P1.1 The following utilisation areas referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for any application of solids or liquids to the utilisation area.
- P1.2 The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.

*Water and land*

EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1	Volume monitoring		Inlet works building labelled "EPA ID Point 1" on map titled "Orange Sewage Treatment Plant Monitoring Locations - February 2005" submitted to the EPA on 9 February 2005
2	Discharge to waters Discharge quality and volume monitoring	Discharge to waters Discharge quality and volume monitoring	Discharge to Blackmans Swamp Creek post chlorination tank labelled "EPA ID Point 2" on map titled "Orange Sewage Treatment Plant Monitoring Locations - February 2005" submitted to the EPA on 9 February 2005



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3	Discharge to reuse scheme Effluent quality and volume monitoring	Discharge to reuse scheme Effluent quality and volume monitoring	Discharge to Cadia Valley Operations Re-use Scheme labelled "EPA ID Point 3" on map titled "Orange Sewage Treatment Plant Monitoring Locations - February 2005" submitted to the EPA on 9 February 2005
4	Water quality monitoring		Location labelled "EPA ID Point 4" on map titled "Orange Sewage Treatment Plant Monitoring Locations - February 2005" submitted to the EPA on 9 February 2005
5	Water quality monitoring		Location labelled "EPA ID Point 5" on map titled "Orange Sewage Treatment Plant Monitoring Locations - February 2005" submitted to the EPA on 9 February 2005

## 3 Limit Conditions

### L1 Pollution of waters

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

### L2 Load limits

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

Assessable Pollutant	Load limit (kg)
BOD (Enclosed Water)	23300.00
Nitrogen (total) (Enclosed Water)	49000.00
Oil and Grease (Enclosed Water)	11650.00
Phosphorus (total) (Enclosed Water)	6550.00
Total suspended solids (Enclosed Water)	70000.00

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





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

## L3 Concentration limits

- L3.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified in the table/s below (by a point number), the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, or applied to that area, must not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.
- L3.2 Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the specified ranges.
- L3.3 To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table/s.
- L3.4 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

### POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	3DGM concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
Biochemical oxygen demand	milligrams per litre				30
Chlorine (total residual)	milligrams per litre				0.5
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres				400
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre				15
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre				10
pH	pH				6.5-8.5
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre				1
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre				30

- L3.5 Exceedances of the 100 percentile concentration limits under condition L3 are permitted at the following



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points on days where inflows exceed a flow rate of 400L/s and the plant has experienced a bypass event:  
Point 2

## L4 Volume and mass limits

L4.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the volume/mass of:  
a) liquids discharged to water; or;  
b) solids or liquids applied to the area;  
must not exceed the volume/mass limit specified for that discharge point or area.

Point	Unit of Measure	Volume/Mass Limit
2	megalitres per day	35

L4.2 The volume/mass limits for point(s) Point2 specified in condition L4.1 do not apply for flows resulting from wet weather events.

Note: "Wet weather events" are defined as when inflows exceed a flow rate of 400L/s following rainfall.

## 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	Effluent	As defined in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act as in force from time to time	Sewage Treatment	NA
K130	Sewage products	Septic tank sudge or related sludge (i.e. digester sludge)	Waste processing (non-thermal treatment) Waste storage Sewage Treatment	NA
NA	General or Specific exempted waste	Waste that meets all the conditions of a resource recovery exemption under Clause 91(1) of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014	As specified in each particular resource recovery exemption	NA

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## **L6 Potentially offensive odour**

- L6.1 The licensee must not cause or permit the emission of offensive odour beyond the boundary of the premises.

## **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 The requirements of condition O1.1 apply to the whole of the premises, including the reticulation system.

### **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.

- O2.2 The requirements of condition O2.1 apply to the whole of the premises, including the reticulation system.

Note: Plant is defined in the Dictionary. The type of plant and equipment that should be considered includes, but is not limited to, drainage systems; infrastructure and pollution control equipment such as (but not limited to) spill containment and clean-up equipment; dust screens and collectors; sediment collection systems, traps and sumps; waste collection, storage and disposal equipment.

### **O3 Emergency response**

- O3.1 In the event of an overflow or bypass that harms or is likely to harm the environment, the licensee must use all practicable measures to minimise the impact of the overflow or bypass on the environment and public health. These measures are to be implemented as soon as practical after the licensee or one of the licensee's employees or agents becomes aware of the overflow or bypass.

### **O4 Processes and management**

- O4.1 Sewage or effluent must not be discharged from Point(s) 2 unless it has been treated in accordance with the requirements of the table below.



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Required treatment process	Flow range
Screening	All sewage inflows
Screening, degritting, sedimentation and disinfection	All sewage inflows - less than 400L/s

O4.2 However the licensee is not taken to have breached this condition if the licensee can demonstrate:

- a) the failure to treat the liquid waste as required was solely as a result of a failure of the power supply to the premises, or a failure of essential equipment;
- b) the failure of power supply or equipment could not reasonably have been prevented; and
- c) normal operating conditions were restored as soon as possible after the power supply failure or the failure of essential equipment.

O4.3 Dry weather overflows resulting in pollution of waters from any sewage pumping station(s) installed within the sewage treatment system are not permitted, excepting considerations in O4.2.

Note: "Dry weather", in condition O4.3, is defined as when less than 10 millimetres of rainfall has been measured at a Bureau of Meteorology weather station in the catchment of the sewage treatment system during a 24 hour period. Where there is no Bureau of Meteorology weather station present in the catchment of the sewage treatment system, measurements at the closest Bureau of Meteorology weather station, or onsite rain logger, are to be used.

O4.4 The licensee must ensure that any extensions to the reticulation system are planned, designed, constructed and installed to prevent as far as practicable overflows from the premises.

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

## O5 Waste management

O5.1 If biosolids are removed from the premises, the licensee must record the following:

- a) date of the biosolids removal;
- b) estimated weight of the biosolids removed;
- c) identity of the person removing and transporting the biosolids; and
- d) the location of disposal.

O5.2 Biosolids at the premises must be stored, treated, processed, classified, transported and disposed in accordance with the Biosolids Exemption, as in force from time to time, or as otherwise approved in writing by the EPA.

## O6 Other operating conditions

O6.1 The licensee must not consent to the receipt of organochlorine pesticides (including dieldrin, heptachlor and chlordane) into the sewage treatment system.

O6.2 The licensee must not enter into any trade waste agreement to discharge organophosphate pesticides (including chlorpyrifos, diazinon, malathion) into the sewerage system.



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## 5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

### M1 Monitoring records

- M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.
- M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:
- 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.

### M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

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

#### POINT 2,3

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Biochemical oxygen demand	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Cadmium	micrograms per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample
Chlorine (total residual)	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Chromium (hexavalent)	micrograms per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Lead	micrograms per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample
Mercury	micrograms per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample
Nitrogen (ammonia)	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample



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pH	pH	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
Zinc	micrograms per litre	Every 6 months	Grab sample

**POINT 4,5**

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Biochemical oxygen demand	milligrams per litre	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
Nitrogen (ammonia)	milligrams per litre	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
pH	pH	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Yearly during discharge	Representative sample

M2.3 As discharge points 2 and 3 are in close proximity to each other and the origin of the waters discharging from these points is the chlorination contact tank, only one sample is required to be collected between these two points per sampling event. This sample should be taken:

- a) at point 2 at times when a discharge is occurring from point 2, and
- b) at point 3 at all other times.

**M3 Testing methods - concentration limits**

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

**M4 Testing methods - load limits**

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

**M5 Recording of pollution complaints**



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- M5.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.
- M5.2 The record must include details of the following:
  - 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.
- M5.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.
- M5.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

## M6 Telephone complaints line

- M6.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.
- M6.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.
- M6.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.
- M6.4 For the purpose of condition M6.1, operating hours are defined as twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
- M6.5 The public notification referred to in condition M6.2 must include specific reference to the fact that the complaints line may be used by the community for the reporting of overflows.

## M7 Requirement to monitor volume or mass

- M7.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below, the licensee must monitor:
  - a) the volume of liquids discharged to water or applied to the area;
  - b) the mass of solids applied to the area;
  - c) the mass of pollutants emitted to the air;at the frequency and using the method and units of measure, specified below.

### POINT 1

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Daily	megalitres per day	Flow meter and continuous logger



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POINT 2

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Daily	megalitres per day	By Calculation (volume flow rate or pump capacity multiplied by operating time)

POINT 3

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Daily	megalitres per day	Flow meter and continuous logger

- M7.2 Equipment used to monitor the volume must provide data that is within 5 percent of the actual volume over the likely full range of flow required to be measured by the equipment.
- M7.3 In the event that the licensee cannot comply with a volume monitoring method stipulated in this licence solely due to the failure or malfunction of essential monitoring equipment, volume may be calculated using another method previously approved in writing by the EPA. The alternate method may not be so employed on more than 14 days during the licence period without specific approval of the EPA.

**M8 Requirement to record bypass incidents from sewage treatment plants**

- M8.1 The licensee must record the following details in relation to each observed or reported overflow from the reticulation system and from the sewage treatment plant;
- (a) the location of the overflow;
  - (b) the date, estimated start time and estimated duration of the overflow;
  - (c) the estimated volume of the overflow;
  - (d) a description of the receiving environment of the overflow;
  - (e) classification as a dry or wet weather overflow;
  - (f) the probably cause of the overflow;
  - (g) any actions taken to stop the overflow happening;
  - (h) any actions taken to clean up the overflow; and
  - (i) any actions taken to prevent the overflow happening again.
  - (j) flow rates of bypass events in L/s.

## 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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## R1.9 Monitoring report

The licensee must supply with the Annual Return a report, which provides:

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

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## **R2 Notification of environmental harm**

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

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.

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

## **R3 Written report**

- R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:
- a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or
  - b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence,
- and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.
- R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.
- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
- a) the cause, time and duration of the event;
  - b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
  - c) the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;
  - d) the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort;
  - e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
  - f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and
  - g) any other relevant matters.
- R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

## **R4 Other notifications**

- R4.1 Where there is an observed or reported overflow from the reticulation system or where sewage or partially treated sewage is discharged from the premises as a result of a bypass of the sewage treatment system and this overflow or bypass has the potential to impact on human or environmental health, the licensee is to

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promptly give appropriate notification to any parties that are likely to be affected, including:

- a) the affected community;
- b) the Department of Health and any other relevant authority in accordance with condition R2.1; and
- c) any other parties as identified in, and in accordance with, the current approved version of the Incident Notification Protocol prepared by Orange City Council.

## R5 Annual system performance report

- R5.1 The licensee must supply to the EPA an Annual System Performance Report not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period.
- R5.2 The report is to supplement the Annual Return and must include but need not limited to:
- (a) the 50 percentile, 90 percentile, 100 percentile and 3DGM values calculated from the monitoring data required by this licence for the reporting period for each pollutant which has corresponding concentration limits specified in this licence;
  - (b) the total amounts of biosolids, as classified in the Biosolids Guideline, disposed of on-site, off-site and to landfill during the reporting period;
  - (c) a diagram showing the major process elements, discharge points and monitoring points at the premises' sewage treatment plant(s), where there has been any significant change since the previous reporting period or this information has not been provided previously to the EPA;
  - (d) the number of bypasses recorded over the reporting period (recorded in accordance with condition M8);
  - (e) a breakdown of the total number of complaints received by the licensee during the reporting period in relation to the premises into categories of "odours - sewage treatment plant", "odours - reticulation system", "water pollution - sewage treatment plant", "water pollution - reticulation system" and any other category indicated by the complaints;
  - (f) a summary of observed, reported or recorded wet weather overflows and observed, reported recorded dry weather overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses. These data are to be for the current reporting period and for the four previous twelve-month periods, for which data has been collected. Any significant actions taken to address bypasses or overflows are to be noted;
  - (g) the amount of rainfall measured at a rain gauge at the STP, or at the gauge closest to the centre of the catchment of the sewage treatment system, for each month of the reporting period; and
  - (h) a progress report on implementation of the recommended actions to improve the performance of the Orange sewerage network identified within the report titled "PRP100 Sewer Overflow Investigation Report for the Orange Sewerage System, June 2007" (SOIR report 2007). The report should focus on works undertaken and completed (including investigations), and work remaining for those pumps stations and sewer network sub-catchments identified as moderate to high risk within the SOIR report 2007.
- R5.3 The Annual System Performance Report must be presented in a format approved in writing by the EPA.
- R5.4 The requirements of R5.2 (d), (e), (f) and (g) apply to the part of the reporting period beginning three months after the date the licence is varied to include this condition.

## 7 General Conditions

### G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

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- G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.
- G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.
- G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

## **G2 Contact number for incidents and responsible employees**

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

## **G3 Signage**

- G3.1 The location of EPA point number(s) 1 to 5 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.



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## Dictionary

### General Dictionary

<b>3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]</b>	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
<b>Act</b>	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>activity</b>	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>actual load</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>AM</b>	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> .
<b>AMG</b>	Australian Map Grid
<b>anniversary date</b>	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.
<b>annual return</b>	Is defined in R1.1
<b>Approved Methods Publication</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>assessable pollutants</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>BOD</b>	Means biochemical oxygen demand
<b>CEM</b>	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> .
<b>COD</b>	Means chemical oxygen demand
<b>composite sample</b>	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.
<b>cond.</b>	Means conductivity
<b>environment</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>environment protection legislation</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
<b>EPA</b>	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
<b>fee-based activity classification</b>	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
<b>general solid waste (non-putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

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<b>flow weighted composite sample</b>	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
<b>general solid waste (putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>grab sample</b>	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
<b>hazardous waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>licensee</b>	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
<b>load calculation protocol</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>local authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>material harm</b>	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>MBAS</b>	Means methylene blue active substances
<b>Minister</b>	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>mobile plant</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>motor vehicle</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>O&amp;G</b>	Means oil and grease
<b>percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]</b>	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.
<b>plant</b>	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
<b>pollution of waters [or water pollution]</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>premises</b>	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
<b>public authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>regional office</b>	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
<b>reporting period</b>	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.
<b>restricted solid waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>scheduled activity</b>	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>special waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>TM</b>	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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<b>TSP</b>	Means total suspended particles
<b>TSS</b>	Means total suspended solids
<b>Type 1 substance</b>	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>Type 2 substance</b>	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>utilisation area</b>	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
<b>waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>waste type</b>	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non-putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste
<b>Wellhead</b>	Has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021.

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## End Notes

- 1 Licence varied by notice 1015400, issued on 24-Jun-2002, which came into effect on 19-Jul-2002.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1029324, issued on 22-Aug-2003, which came into effect on 16-Sep-2003.
- 3 EPA Condition ID S40934 amended 13-08-04
- 4 Licence varied by notice 1044574, issued on 27-Apr-2005, which came into effect on 22-May-2005.
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1048457, issued on 29-Jun-2005, which came into effect on 24-Jul-2005.
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1060347, issued on 22-May-2006, which came into effect on 22-May-2006.
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1067555, issued on 29-Nov-2006, which came into effect on 29-Nov-2006.
- 8 Licence fee period changed by notice 1071907 approved on 02-Apr-2007.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1088012, issued on 01-Aug-2008, which came into effect on 01-Aug-2008.
- 10 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 11 Licence varied by admin corrections to annual return, issued on 02-Jul-2009, which came into effect on 02-Jul-2009.
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1104798, issued on 08-Mar-2010, which came into effect on 08-Mar-2010.
- 13 Licence varied by notice 1123734, issued on 23-Mar-2011, which came into effect on 23-Mar-2011.
- 14 Licence varied by notice 1505274 issued on 06-Nov-2012
- 15 Licence varied by notice 1553584 issued on 23-Aug-2017
- 16 Licence varied by notice 1626122 issued on 28-Mar-2023
- 17 Licence varied by notice 1628893 issued on 30-Aug-2023