Licence - 350

Licence Details			
Number:	350		
Anniversary Date:	01-September		
Licensee			
COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL			
PO BOX 249			

COONAMBLE NSW 2829

### **Premises**

GULARGAMBONE SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS

CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY

**GULARGAMBONE NSW 2828** 

### **Scheduled Activity**

Sewage treatment

### Fee Based Activity

Sewage treatment processing by small plants

### **Region**

Central West L102, 346 PANORAMA AVENUE BATHURST NSW 2795 Phone: (02) 6333 3800 Fax: (02) 6333 3809

PO Box 1388

**BATHURST NSW 2795** 

Scale

> 20-100 ML annual maximum volume of discharge



Licence - 350



INF	ORMATION ABOUT THIS LICENCE	4
Die	ctionary	4
Re	esponsibilities of licensee	4
Va	ariation of licence conditions	4
Du	Iration of licence	4
Lic	cence review	4
Fe	es and annual return to be sent to the EPA	4
Tra	ansfer of licence	5
Pu	blic register and access to monitoring data	5
1	ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS	6
A1	What the licence authorises and regulates	6
A2	Premises or plant to which this licence applies	6
A3	Information supplied to the EPA	7
2	DISCHARGES TO AIR AND WATER AND APPLICATIONS TO LAND	7
P1	Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas	7
3	LIMIT CONDITIONS	8
L1	Pollution of waters	8
L2	Concentration limits	8
L3	Volume and mass limits	9
L4	Waste	9
L5	Potentially offensive odour	9
4	OPERATING CONDITIONS	10
01	1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner	10
02	2 Maintenance of plant and equipment	10
03	3 Processes and management	10
04	4 Waste management	10
05	5 Other operating conditions	10
5	MONITORING AND RECORDING CONDITIONS	11
M	1 Monitoring records	11
M2	2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged	11
M3	3 Testing methods - concentration limits	12
M4	4 Recording of pollution complaints	12
MS	5 Telephone complaints line	13
Me	8 Requirement to monitor volume or mass	13

Licence - 350



M7	Requirement to record bypass incidents from sewage treatment plants	13
6	REPORTING CONDITIONS	13
R1	Annual return documents	13
R2	Notification of environmental harm	15
R3	Written report	15
7	GENERAL CONDITIONS	15
G1	Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant	15
G2	Contact number for incidents and responsible employees	16
G3	Signage	16
8	SPECIAL CONDITIONS	16
E1	Volume monitoring	16
E2	Special Dictionary	17
DIC	TIONARY	19
Ge	neral Dictionary	19

Licence - 350



# 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).



Licence - 350

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:

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

**PO BOX 249** 

COONAMBLE NSW 2829

subject to the conditions which follow.

Licence - 350



# 1 Administrative Conditions

# A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence regulates water pollution resulting from the activity/ies specified below carried out at the premises specified in A2.

Fee Based Activity	<u>Scale</u>
Sewage treatment processing by small plants	> 20.00-100.00 ML annual maximum volume of discharge

A1.2 The objectives of this licence are to:
a) require practical measures to be taken to protect the environment and public health from sewage treatment plant effluent;
b) minimise the frequency and volume of sewage treatment plant bypasses.

- A1.3 This licence is to be construed in a manner that will promote the objectives referred to in A1.2.
- A1.4 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled 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	> 20 - 100 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
GULARGAMBONE SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS
CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY
GULARGAMBONE
NSW 2828
LOT 1 DP 605094
1.0 KM NORTH EAST OF GULARGAMBONE ON STATE HIGHWAY NO. 18 (CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY)

Licence - 350



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

# A3 Information supplied to the EPA

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

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

a) the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and

b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.

# 2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

# P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

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

	Water and land				
EPA Identi- fication no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description		
1	Discharge to waters effluent quality monitoring	Discharge to waters effluent quality monitoring	Outlet of Tertiary Pond as shown on map titled "Point 1 - Outlet of Tertiary Pond" dated 14 November 2018 (EPA reference DOC18/755051)		
3	Ambient water monitoring		Castlereagh River, 100 metres upstream of river discharge and labelled as Point 3 on map titled "Map of Testing Points" provided to the EPA on 23 May 2018 (EPA Reference DOC18/338893).		

Licence - 350



4

Ambient water monitoring

Castlereagh River, 100 metres downstream of river discharge and labelled as Point 4 on map titled "Map of Testing Points" provided to the EPA on 23 May 2018 (EPA Reference DOC18/338893).

#### Limit Conditions 3

#### 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.

#### L2 **Concentration limits**

- L2.1 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.
- L2.2 Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the specified ranges.
- L2.3 To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table\s.
- Water and/or Land Concentration Limits L2.4

### POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	80 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
BOD	milligrams per litre				30
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres				600
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre				15
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre				10

Licence - 350



рН	рН	6.5-8.5
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	15
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	30

## L3 Volume and mass limits

- L3.1 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
1	kilolitres per day	200

# L4 Waste

- L4.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.
- L4.2 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 Potentially offensive odour

- L5.1 No condition in this licence identifies a potentially offensive odour for the purposes of section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- Note: Section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 provides that the licensee must not cause or permit the emission of any offensive odour from the premises but provides a defence if the emission is identified in the relevant environment protection licence as a potentially offensive odour and the odour was emitted in accordance with the conditions of a licence directed at minimising odour.

# 4 Operating Conditions

Licence - 350



## 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.

## 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 Processes and management

O3.1 Sewage or effluent must not be discharged from Point 1 unless it has been treated in accordance with the requirements of the table below.

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

### O4 Waste management

- O4.1 If biosolids are removed from the premises, the licensee must record the: a) date;
  - b) estimated weight of biosolids;
  - c) identity of the person removing biosolids.

### O5 Other operating conditions

O5.1 The licensee must not enter into any trade waste agreement to discharge organophosphate pesticides (including chlorpyrifos, diazinon, malathion) into the sewerage system.

### O5.2 **Prohibition on acceptance of pesticides**

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

### O5.3 Biosolids management

Biosolids at the premises must be stored, treated, processed, classified, transported and disposed in

Licence - 350



accordance with the Biosolids Guidelines, or as otherwise approved in writing by the EPA.

# 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 1

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
BOD	milligrams per litre	Quarterly	Representative sample
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres	Quarterly	Representative sample
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre	Quarterly	Representative sample
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Quarterly	Representative sample
рН	рН	Quarterly	Representative sample
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	Quarterly	Representative sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Quarterly	Representative sample

### POINT 3,4

Licence - 350



Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
BOD	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Special Method 1
Faecal Coliforms	colony forming units per 100 millilitres	Yearly	Special Method 1
Nitrogen (total)	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Special Method 1
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Special Method 1
рН	рН	Yearly	Special Method 1
Phosphorus (total)	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Special Method 1
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Yearly	Special Method 1

M2.3 Special method 1 means ambient samples must be taken at points 3 and 4 yearly whenever there is a discharge from point 1 and flow in the receiving waters.

# 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.
- M3.2 The requirements of condition M3.1 also apply to the monitoring of the concentration of pollutants in waters.

# M4 Recording of pollution complaints

- M4.1 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.
- M4.2 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.

- M4.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.
- M4.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

Licence - 350



### M5 Telephone complaints line

- M5.1 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.
- M5.2 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.
- M5.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.

### M6 Requirement to monitor volume or mass

- M6.1 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 during any discharge	kilolitres	In line instrumentation

- M6.2 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.
- M6.3 Equipment used to monitor the volume must provide data which is within 10 percent of the actual volume over the likely full range of flows required to be measured by the equipment.

# M7 Requirement to record bypass incidents from sewage treatment plants

- M7.1 The licensee must record the following details in relation to each bypass from the premises:
  - a) the EPA point identification number for the location at which the bypass occurs;
    - 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.

# 6 Reporting Conditions

# R1 Annual return documents

Licence - 350



- 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.
- 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.

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 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.
- R1.7 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.
- 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.
- Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

Licence - 350



### R2 Notification of environmental harm

- R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.
- R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which the incident occurred.
- Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

## **R3** Written report

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

a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or

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

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

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

# 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.

Licence - 350



- 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 of the representative or representatives and their telephone number within 3 months of the date of the issue of this licence. The EPA must be notified of the telephone number on commencement of its operation.
- G2.3 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, 3 and 4 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.
- G3.2 Condition G3.1 does not apply until 3 months after:
  - a) the date of the issue of this licence; or

b) 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.

# 8 Special Conditions

# E1 Volume monitoring

E1.1 Condition M6.1 of this licence does not apply until the commissioning of volume monitoring equipment to monitor the discharge from the tertiary pond consisting of Monitoring and Discharge Point 1. The licensee must install the volume monitoring equipment by 28 June 2019. The licensee is to notify the EPA once the volume monitoring equipment is fully operational as well as provide updated location details.

Licence - 350



# E2 Special Dictionary

E2.1

Term	Definition
ug/L	Means micrograms per litre.
access chamber	a structure constructed to provide physical access to sewer pipes. Also known as a manhole.
approved	Means approved in writing by the EPA. The EPA's approval may be given unconditionally, or subject to conditions.
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 in October 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.
cfu	Means colony forming units
condition	Means a condition of this licence.
designed 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.
designed overflow	Means an overflow from a designed overflow structure.
dry weather bypass	Means a bypass that occurs when the flow rate of sewage at the inflow point of the STP does not exceed the flow rate specified in the conditions of this licence.
dry weather overflow	Means an overflow that is not a wet weather overflow.
dry weather sewage treatment plant discharge	Means a discharge of sewage or effluent from the STP that occurs when the flow rate of sewage at the inflow point of the STP does not exceed the flow rate specified in the conditions of this licence.
effluent	Means sewage that has received all of the designed treatment processes at the sewage treatment plant.
fc	Means faecal coliforms expressed in colony forming units per 100mL.
Group C waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
ISO	Means International Standards Organisation.
kL	Means kilolitre.
L/s	Means litres per second.
metal-A	Means the following metals: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver and zinc.
mL	Means millilitres.

Licence - 350



ML	Means megalitres.
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.
reticulation system	Means that part of the sewage treatment system owned and operated by the licensee which collects and transports sewage to the sewage treatment plant and includes all sewer pipes (whether greater or less than 300mm diameter), sewer rising mains, access chambers, vent shafts, designed overflow structures, sewage ejection units and sewage pumping stations, but does not include the sewage treatment plant.
sewage	Means untreated liquid waste received in the reticulation system.
sewage ejection unit	Is a pump intended to control the transport of sewage from premises normally occupied by no more than 10 persons, or of an average daily flow of sewage not exceeding 2,000 litres 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 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, but does not include a sewage ejection unit.
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.
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 reticulation system.
TRC	Means total residual chlorine.
waters	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
wet weather bypass	Means a bypass that occurs when the flow rate of sewage at the inflow point of the STP equals or exceeds the rate specified in the conditions of this licence.
wet weather overflow	A wet weather overflow is an overflow where the probable cause is rainfall.

Licence - 350



# 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
АМ	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.
AMG	Australian Map Grid
anniversary date	The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
annual return	Is defined in R1.1
Approved Methods 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

Licence - 350



flow weighted composite sample	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
general solid waste (putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environmen t Operations Act 1997
grab sample	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
hazardous waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
licensee	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
load calculation protocol	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
local authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
material harm	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
MBAS	Means methylene blue active substances
Minister	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
mobile plant	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 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
тм	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

Licence - 350



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

Mr Tim Gilbert

**Environment Protection Authority** 

(By Delegation)

Date of this edition: 29-March-2000

# **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 change to contact details, issued on 16-Jul-2001, which came into effect on 16-Jul-2001.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1024972, issued on 02-Dec-2003, which came into effect on 27-Dec-2003.
- 4 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1505139 issued on 16-Jun-2014
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1565325 issued on 14-Dec-2018