

# **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION NOTICE No. 7297/2**

Issued under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994

Issued to:

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Environmentally The operation of a wastewater treatment plant (ACTIVITY TYPE:

Relevant

**Wastewater Treatment Works)** 

Activity:

ROUND HILL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE,

ROUND HILL BURNIE TAS 7320

#### **GROUNDS**

I, Joseph Tranter, Delegate for the Director, Environment Protection Authority, being satisfied in accordance with section 44(1)(d) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act* 1994 (EMPCA) that in relation to the above-mentioned environmentally relevant activity that it is desirable to vary the conditions of a permit (see table below) hereby issue this environment protection notice to the above-mentioned person as the person responsible for the activity.

Permit No.	Date Granted	Granted By	
DA 03/066	20 January 2004	Director of Environmental	
		Management	

#### **PARTICULARS**

The particulars of the grounds upon which this notice is issued are:

- 1 It is necessary to remove conditions C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, G5 and E6 of permit No. DA 03/066 because they detail requirements that have been fulfilled and/or are no longer required.
- 2 It is desirable to remove conditions G1, G2, S1 and S2 of permit No. DA 03/066 because they pertain to specific requirements imposed under EMPCA or Regulations thereunder.
- 3 It is necessary to add a condition to require these conditions and associated documents to be accessible and persons working on The Land to be made aware of conditions as may be relevant to their work, to minimise environmental harm and/or nuisance.
- 4 Conditions are needed to bring the permit into accordance with the development and planning requirements under the EMPCA and the Land Use and Planning Approvals Act 1993.
- 5 A condition requiring notification of a change of ownership of The Land is needed because this Notice may affect title to land and the new owner's interests may be affected by pollutants emitted or disturbed by the activity.

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- 6 It is necessary to add a condition requiring a public complaints register to be maintained so that the Director can appraise the frequency and characteristics of complaints which may indicate nuisance, should any complaints be received.
- 7 It is necessary to add a condition requiring the submission of a publicly available Annual Environmental Review to inform the Director and the public of the environmental performance of the activity.
- **8** It is desirable to add a condition requiring odour management. Odour management consideration is part of best practice environmental management.
- 9 It is necessary to add a condition requiring notification of the likely permanent cessation of the activity so that the Director has sufficient time in which to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to minimise environmental harm arising from the permanent cessation of the activity.
- 10 It is necessary to add a condition to require the submission to the Director, for approval, of a Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan so that appropriate measures to minimise environmental harm are available to be implemented in the event of the permanent cessation of the activity.
- 11 The permit contains no requirements for ensuring that when decommissioning is undertaken, it is done in a manner to minimise environmental harm.
- 12 The permit does not contain a condition that requires signage on land near effluent outfalls. Signage giving notice of potential public health risks is considered best practice environmental management.
- 13 The permit does not contain conditions in relation to dealing with environmentally hazardous substances. Environmentally hazardous substances are likely to be stored and handled on The Land and current best practice environmental management takes into account the storage and handling of environmentally hazardous substances.
- 14 Monitoring and reporting requirements set out in the permit need to be varied to reflect current best practice environmental management and to require accurate measurement of emissions and their impact upon the receiving environment and to consistently inform the Director of the results of monitoring.
- 15 It is desirable to add a condition setting noise emission limits to minimise environmental nuisance and manage noise emissions, in accordance with the Environment Protection Policy (Noise) 2009.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Unless the contrary appears, words and expressions used in this Notice have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1 of this Notice and in the EMPCA. If there is any inconsistency between a definition in the EMPCA and a definition in this Notice, the EMPCA prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

### REQUIREMENTS

The person responsible for the activity must comply with the varied permit conditions as set out in Schedule 2 of this Notice.

#### **INFORMATION**

Attention is drawn to **Schedule 3**, which contains important additional information.

#### **PENALTIES**

If a person bound by an environment protection notice contravenes a requirement of the notice, that person is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding 1000 penalty units in the case of a body corporate or 500 penalty units in any other case (at the time of issuance of this Notice one penalty unit is equal to \$173.00).

#### NOTICE TAKES EFFECT

This notice takes effect on the date on which it is served upon you.

#### **APPEAL RIGHTS**

You may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against this notice, or against any requirement contained in this notice, within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is served. The Appeal Tribunal contact details are:

Registry
Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 1311
Hobart TAS 7001

Phone: 1800 657 500

Email: resourceplanning@tascat.tas.gov.au

Signed:	
	DELEGATE FOR THE DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY
Date:	24 November 2022

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#### **Schedule 1: Definitions**

**90th percentile** means the value at which the relevant parameter is exceeded by no more than 10 percent of all sample results over a twelve month period.

**Activity** means any environmentally relevant activity (as defined in Section 3 of EMPCA) to which this document relates, and includes more than one such activity.

**Ambient Monitoring Report** means the "North West Ambient Monitoring Report - Stage Two - Burnie Wastewater Treatment Plant" by Jacobs, December 2020 and includes any amendment to or substitution of this document approved in writing by the Director.

**Approved Management Method For Biosolids Reuse** means the document of this title gazetted by the Director in July 2020, as amended by the Director from time to time.

Controlled Waste has the meaning described in Section 3(1) of EMPCA.

**Director** means the Director, Environment Protection Authority holding office under Section 18 of EMPCA and includes a delegate or person authorised in writing by the Director to exercise a power or function on the Director's behalf.

**DRP** means Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan.

**Effluent** means wastewater discharged from The Land.

**Emission Limit Guidelines** means the *Emission Limit Guidelines for Sewage Treatment Plants* that Discharge Pollutants into Fresh and Marine Waters 2001 published by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, dated June 2001, and includes subsequent versions of this document.

EMPCA means the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994.

Environmental Harm and Material Environmental Harm and Serious Environmental Harm each have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 5 of EMPCA.

**Environmental Nuisance** and **Pollutant** each have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 3 of EMPCA.

**Environmentally Hazardous Material** means any substance or mixture of substances of a nature or held in quantities which present a reasonably foreseeable risk of causing serious or material environmental harm if released to the environment and includes fuels, oils, waste and chemicals but excludes sewage.

**Full Effluent Reuse** means an effluent reuse scheme designed to beneficially reuse or contain all effluent during a 90th percentile wet year

**Inflow and Infiltration Management Plan** means the documents entitled 'TasWater Inflow and Infiltration Strategy v1.0 10/3/2016' in conjunction with the document entitled 'TasWater Inflow and Infiltration Management Plan v1.0 19/05/2016' and includes any amendment to or substitution of these documents approved in writing by the Director.

**Mass Load** means the mass of a pollutant discharged over a given period of time calculated in accordance with the method outlined in the Annual Environmental Review Guidelines referred to in these conditions.

**Median** means the value at which the median of all results for the relevant parameter from the previous 12 month period is below the stated value.

**Mixing Zone** means a three dimensional area of the receiving waters around a point of discharge of pollutants within which it is recognised that the water quality objectives for the receiving waters may not be achieved.

**Noise Sensitive Premises** means residences and residential zones (whether occupied or not), schools, hospitals, caravan parks and similar land uses involving the presence of individual people for extended periods, except in the course of their employment or for recreation.

**Person Responsible** is any person who is or was responsible for the environmentally relevant activity to which this document relates and includes the officers, employees, contractors, joint venture partners and agents of that person, and includes a body corporate.

**Reporting Period** means the financial year ending on 30 June of each calendar year.

**Sewage Sludge** means concentrated solids separated from wastewater during the wastewater treatment process.

**SPWQM** means the *State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997*, as may be amended from time to time.

**Tasmanian Biosolids Reuse Guidelines** means the document of this title published by the Environment Protection Authority in June 2020, and includes any subsequent versions of this document.

**Tasmanian Noise Measurement Procedures Manual** means the document titled *Noise Measurement Procedures Manual*, by the Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts, dated July 2008, and any amendment to or substitution of this document.

The Land means the land on which the activity to which this document relates may be carried out, and includes: buildings and other structures permanently fixed to the land, any part of the land covered with water, and any water covering the land. The Land falls within the area defined by:

- 1 Certificate of Title: 144345/1 and Property ID: 3033553; and
- 2 as further delineated at Attachment 1.

**Wastewater** means spent or used water (whether from industrial or domestic sources) containing a pollutant and includes stormwater which becomes mixed with wastewater.

**WWTP** means the wastewater treatment plant located on The Land.

### **Schedule 2: Conditions**

### **Maximum Quantities**

### Q1 Regulatory limits

- 1 The activity must not exceed the following limits:
  - 9,000 kilolitres per day of design capacity to treat an average dry weather flow of sewage or wastewater

#### General

#### G1 Access to and awareness of conditions and associated documents

A copy of these conditions and any associated documents referred to in these conditions must be held in a location that is known to and accessible to the person responsible for the activity. The person responsible for the activity must ensure that all persons who are responsible for undertaking work on The Land, including contractors and sub-contractors, are familiar with these conditions to the extent relevant to their work.

### **G2** Incident response

If an incident causing or threatening environmental nuisance, serious environmental harm or material environmental harm from pollution occurs in the course of the activity, then the person responsible for the activity must immediately take all reasonable and practicable action to minimise any adverse environmental effects from the incident.

# G3 No changes without approval

- 1 The following changes, if they may cause or increase the emission of a pollutant which may cause material or serious environmental harm or environmental nuisance, must only take place in relation to the activity if such changes have been approved in writing by the EPA Board following its assessment of an application for a permit under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, or approved in writing by the Director:
  - 1.1 a change to a process used in the course of carrying out the activity; or
  - the construction, installation, alteration or removal of any structure or equipment used in the course of carrying out the activity; or
  - a change in the quantity or characteristics of materials used in the course of carrying out the activity.

### G4 Change of ownership

If the owner of The Land upon which the activity is carried out changes or is to change, then, as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 30 days after becoming aware of the change or intended change in the ownership of The Land, the person responsible must notify the Director in writing of the change or intended change of ownership.

### G5 Complaints register

- A public complaints register must be maintained. The public complaints register must, as a minimum, record the following detail in relation to each complaint received in which it is alleged that environmental harm (including an environmental nuisance) has been caused by the activity:
  - 1.1 the date and time at which the complaint was received;
  - 1.2 contact details for the complainant (where provided);
  - 1.3 the subject matter of the complaint;

- 1.4 any investigations undertaken with regard to the complaint; and
- 1.5 the manner in which the complaint was resolved, including any mitigation measures implemented.
- 2 Complaint records must be maintained for a period of at least 3 years.

### **G6** Annual Environmental Review

Unless otherwise approved by the Director a publicly available Annual Environmental Review must be submitted each year within 3 months of the end of the Reporting Period. The Annual Environmental Review must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Director using the latest version of the Annual Environmental Review Guidelines which is available on request from the Director.

# **Atmospheric**

### A1 Odour management

The person responsible must institute such odour management measures as are necessary to prevent odours causing environmental nuisance beyond the boundary of The Land.

### **Decommissioning And Rehabilitation**

#### DC1 Notification of cessation

Within 30 days of becoming aware of any event or decision which is likely to give rise to the permanent cessation of the activity, the person responsible for the activity must notify the Director in writing of that event or decision. The notice must specify the date upon which the activity is expected to cease or has ceased.

### DC2 DRP requirements

Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director, a Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) for the activity must be submitted for approval to the Director within 30 days of the Director being notified of the planned cessation of the activity or by a date specified in writing by the Director. The DRP must be prepared in accordance with any guidelines provided by the Director.

#### DC3 Rehabilitation following cessation

- 1 Following permanent cessation of the activity, and unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director, The Land must be rehabilitated including:
  - 1.1 stabilisation of any land surfaces that may be subject to erosion;
  - 1.2 removal or mitigation of all environmental hazards or land contamination, that might pose an on-going risk of causing environmental harm; and
  - 1.3 decommissioning of any equipment that has not been removed.
- Where a Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) has been approved by the Director, decommissioning and rehabilitation must be carried out in accordance with that plan, as may be amended from time to time with written approval of the Director.

#### **Effluent**

### EF1 Effluent discharge locations

- 1 Effluent from the activity must only be discharged at the following discharge location(s):
  - 1.1 Discharge to water: discharge to Emu Bay, Bass Strait at grid reference GDA94 411314E, 5453775N as depicted on the plan at Attachment 1.

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### EF2 Signage of discharge location

Signage must be installed and maintained on land near to outfalls to discourage recreational activities within waters immediately around the outfall. Signage is to alert the public as to the proximity and nature of the discharge.

### EF3 Effluent quality limits for discharge to Bass Strait

- 1 Effluent discharged to Bass Strait must comply with the effluent quality limits set out in the Table of Effluent Quality Limits for discharge to Bass Strait, at the Effluent Quality monitoring location specified in Attachment 1.
- 2 For the purpose of this condition 'median' means the value at which the relevant parameter is exceeded by no more than 50 percent of all sample results over a 12 month period, '90th percentile' means the value at which the relevant parameter is exceeded by no more than 10 percent of all sample results over a twelve month period.
- 3 Table of Effluent Quality Limits for discharge to Bass Strait

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Substance or measure	Unit of measurement	Minimum limit	Median limit	90th Percentile limit	Maximum limit
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	-	10	15	20
Suspended Solids	mg/L	-	10	20	30
Ammonia Nitrogen	mg/L	-	1	2	5
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	-	5	10	15
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	-	1	3	5
Oil and Grease	mg/L	-	1	2	5
Escherichia coli	MPN/100 mL	-	200	500	750
рН	pH units	6.5	-	-	8.5

#### EF4 Mass load limits

- 1 Unless otherwise specified in writing by the Director, the mass load of nitrogen and phosphorus discharged to water must not exceed:
  - 1.1 26,300 kg per annum of total nitrogen; and
  - 1.2 7,250 kg per annum of total phosphorus.

#### **Effluent Management**

### **EM1** Effluent Management

- 1 The person responsible must:
  - 1.1 submit to the Director by 31 December 2025, a written undertaking to implement full effluent reuse; or
  - 1.2 submit an Emission Limit Guidelines Compliance Plan to the Director for approval within 3 years and 6 months of the date on which these conditions take effect, or by a date otherwise specified in writing by the Director; or
  - 1.3 submit a Discharge Management Plan to the Director for approval by 31 December 2025, or by a date otherwise specified in writing by the Director.

### EM2 Effluent reuse feasibility study

- A feasibility study for reuse of effluent from the activity must be submitted to the Director by 31 December 2025, or a date otherwise specified in writing by the Director. The study must be to the satisfaction of the Director and must include:
  - 1.1 a strategic evaluation of the potential for the establishment of an effluent reuse scheme;
  - 1.2 details of investigations undertaken to maximise the reuse of treated effluent discharged from the activity including identification of potential land areas and uses suitable for reuse and a summary of discussions undertaken with potential end users to enable reuse; and
  - 1.3 where reuse is feasible, a written commitment from the person responsible to implement a reuse scheme including an action plan with timelines for completion of significant actions.

### EM3 Discharge Management Plan

- 1 For the purposes of these conditions a Discharge Management Plan must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Director and must include the following:
  - an assessment of the available options for improved effluent management in accordance with the hierarchy set out in Division 2: 'Management of Point Sources of Pollution' of the SPWQM;
  - 1.2 a description of the volume and quality of effluent likely to be discharged to the receiving waters with consideration of effluent loads discharged to any approved reuse schemes;
  - 1.3 an assessment of the current impact of effluent discharges from the activity on the receiving environment. The assessment must incorporate and analyse the findings of an Ambient Monitoring Report submitted to the Director in accordance with these conditions;
  - 1.4 measures to ensure that the discharge of effluent to the receiving waters does not prejudice the achievement of the recommended water quality objectives at the discharge point including:
    - 1.4.1 recommended emission limits determined in accordance with the SPWQM;
    - 1.4.2 proposed effluent management measures including alternate discharge point options, seasonal discharge management and / or the establishment of a mixing zone, where necessary; and
    - 1.4.3 details of any upgrades of wastewater treatment infrastructure necessary to achieve the recommended emission limits and implement the discharge management measures.
  - 1.5 a table containing all of the major commitments made in the plan;
  - 1.6 an implementation timetable for key aspects of the plan; and
  - 1.7 a reporting schedule to regularly advise the Director of progress with implementation of the plan.
- 2 The person responsible must not implement the Discharge Management Plan until it is approved by the Director, once approved the person responsible must act in accordance with the approved Plan.

In the event that the Director, by notice in writing to the person responsible, either approves a minor variation to the approved Discharge Management Plan or approves a new Discharge Management Plan in substitution for the plan originally approved, the person responsible must implement and act in accordance with the varied plan or the new plan, as the case may be. The varied plan must not be implemented until it is approved.

# **Hazardous Substances**

# H1 Storage and handling of hazardous materials

- 1 Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director, environmentally hazardous materials held on The Land must be:
  - 1.1 stored within impervious bunded areas, spill trays or other containment systems; and
  - 1.2 managed to prevent unauthorised discharge, emission or deposition of pollutants:
    - 1.2.1 to soils within the boundary of The Land in a manner that is likely to cause serious or material environmental harm;
    - 1.2.2 to groundwater;
    - 1.2.3 to waterways; or
    - **1.2.4** beyond the boundary of The Land.

### **Monitoring**

### M1 Samples and measurements for monitoring purposes

- 1 Any sample or measurement required under these conditions must be taken and processed in accordance with the following:
  - 1.1 sampling and measuring must be undertaken by a person with training, experience, and knowledge of the appropriate procedure;
  - 1.2 the integrity of samples must be maintained prior to delivery to a testing facility;
  - 1.3 sample analysis must be conducted by a testing facility accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA), or a testing facility approved in writing by the Director, for the specified test;
  - 1.4 details of methods employed in taking samples and measurements and results of sample analysis, and measurements must be retained for at least three (3) years after the date of collection; and
  - 1.5 sampling and measurement equipment must be maintained and operated in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and records of maintenance must be retained for at least three (3) years.

#### M2 Signage of monitoring points

With the exception of open water sampling, all monitoring points must be clearly marked to indicate the location and name of the monitoring point.

#### M3 Monitoring requirements

- 1 Unless otherwise specified in writing by the Director, monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with the Table of Monitoring at Attachment 2, as follows:
  - 1.1 the items listed in Column 1 must be sampled or tested at the locations listed in Column 2 for the parameters listed in Column 3 at the frequencies listed in Column 5 using the techniques listed in Column 6; and
  - 1.2 resultant monitoring data must be reported to the Director in accordance with the requirements set out in Column 7 and in the units listed in Column 4.

### M4 Monitoring reporting and record keeping

- 1 Unless otherwise specified in writing by the Director, a Monthly Monitoring Report, in an electronic format approved by the Director, must be submitted to the Director by the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the following month. As a minimum, the Monthly Monitoring Report must include the following information:
  - 1.1 the laboratories at which sample analyses were carried out
  - 1.2 contact details for a person responsible for managing monitoring programs;
  - 1.3 the estimated or measured average daily flow to the wastewater treatment plant; and
  - **1.4** for each sample or measurement:
    - **1.4.1** a sample or measurement identification which allows the location from which the sample or measurement was taken to be clearly identifiable;
    - 1.4.2 the date and time at which each sample or measurement was take;
    - **1.4.3** the parameters for which analyses or measurements were carried out and the units in which the results are reported; and
    - **1.4.4** the results for all sample analyses and measurements.
- A record of all Monthly Monitoring Reports submitted to the Director must be maintained and copies of all test reports referenced to the relevant Monthly Monitoring Reports kept for a minimum period of three (3) years.

# M5 Flow monitoring equipment

- 1 Flow monitoring equipment must be maintained in accurate working order in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director, must be validated at least once every 12 months.
- 2 The dates on which flow monitoring equipment has been validated must be recorded and validation records kept for a minimum of 3 years.
- 3 For the purposes of this condition:
  - 3.1 'validate' means to undertake a set of actions including inspecting the flow monitoring equipment to check that it is installed in compliance with any relevant standards and is maintained to an acceptable state of repair, which provides an acceptable level of confidence that the flow monitoring equipment operates within an acceptable range of error under normal operating conditions.
  - 3.2 'Flow monitoring equipment' means an instrument, including a flow meter, that measures and may record a flow or level of liquid and includes any ancillary device attached to or incorporated into the instrument.

# **Noise Control**

#### N1 Noise emission limits

- 1 Noise emissions from the activity when measured at any noise sensitive premises in other ownership and expressed as the equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level must not exceed:
- 2 For residences within 200 metres from Bass Highway:
  - **2.1** 55 dB(A) between 0700 hours and 1800 hours; and
  - **2.2** 50 dB(A) between 1800 hours and 2200 hours; and
  - **2.3** 45 dB(A) between 2200 hours and 0700 hours.
- 3 For residences greater than 200 metres from Bass Highway:
  - **3.1** 45 dB(A) between 0700 hours and 1800 hours; and

- **3.2** 40 dB(A) between 1800 hours and 2200 hours; and
- **3.3** 35 dB(A) between 2200 hours and 0700 hours.
- 4 Where the combined level of noise from the activity and the normal ambient noise exceeds the noise levels stated above, this condition will not be considered to be breached unless the noise emissions from the activity are audible and exceed the ambient noise levels by at least 5 dB(A).
- 5 The time interval over which noise levels are averaged must be 10 minutes or an alternative time interval specified in writing by the Director.
- 6 Measured noise levels must be adjusted for tonality, impulsiveness, modulation and low frequency in accordance with the Tasmanian Noise Measurement Procedures Manual.
- 7 All methods of measurement must be in accordance with the Tasmanian Noise Measurement Procedures Manual.

### **Operations**

### OP1 Operational Procedures and Maintenance Manual

- 1 An Operational Procedures and Maintenance Manual ('the Manual') must be developed within 12 months of the date on which these conditions take effect or by a date specified in writing by the Director. The Manual must provide detailed information relating to the activity and must detail operational procedures as required to ensure compliance with these conditions.
- 2 The Manual must be prepared in accordance with any reasonable guidelines provided by the Director. If no guidelines are provided, the Manual must:
  - be written in an easy to understand format, with checklists, diagrams, instructions and photographs as appropriate.
  - 2.2 be available for easy reference by operational staff, including any documents referenced by the Manual
  - 2.3 be clear about who is responsible for carrying out tasks, as well as how, when or how often tasks should be performed.
- 3 The Manual must be kept up to date, and reviewed at least annually, and must take into account environment related complaints, incidents and changes to the activity.

### **OP2** Contingency management

- A Contingency Management Plan must be prepared and submitted to the Director for approval within six (6) months of the date on which these conditions take effect and maintained with relevant and contemporary information. The plan must detail measures to prevent and mitigate environmental harm if an unplanned event occurs. Unplanned events that must be addressed by the plan include but are not limited to:
  - incidents, accidents, power failures and malfunctions with the potential to cause the release of effluent that does not comply with these conditions;
  - 1.2 pipe ruptures leading to discharge of wastewater; and
  - **1.3** fire and flooding.
- 2 The Contingency Management Plan must include communication procedures that ensure that water users and land holders that may be adversely impacted, the general public and relevant government agencies are informed of any unplanned event to the extent necessary to allow them to take precautions against adverse impacts upon the environment, human health and livestock health.
- 3 As far as is reasonable and practicable, the Contingency Management Plan must include contact details for all water users and land holders that may be impacted by an unplanned event and must be kept up to date by the person responsible.

- 4 The person responsible must ensure that all personnel are aware of the Contingency Management Plan and their responsibilities in relation to unplanned events and have access at all times to the Contingency Management Plan.
- 5 The approved Plan, including any amendment to or substitution of that Plan, approved in writing by the Director, must be implemented as approved.

### **OP3** Site security

The WWTP must be fenced to prevent entry by unauthorised persons and these fences must be adequately maintained for this purpose.

### OP4 Inflow and Infiltration Management Plan

- 1 An Inflow and Infiltration ('I&I') Management Plan must be submitted annually by the person responsible to the Director for approval within three (3) months of the end of the Reporting Period or by a date otherwise specified in writing by the Director.
- 2 The I&I Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the Inflow and Infiltration Management Plan Guidelines.
- 3 The person responsible must not implement an I&I Management Plan until it is approved by the Director. Once approved the person responsible must act in accordance with the approved I&I Management Plan.

# Waste Management

### WM1 Sewage Sludge Management Plan

- 1 A Sewage Sludge Management Plan must be submitted annually by the person responsible to the Director for approval by 30 September, or by a date otherwise specified in writing by the Director.
- 2 The Sewage Sludge Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the *Sewage Sludge Management Plan Guidelines* and the *Tasmanian Biosolids Reuse Guidelines*.
- 3 The person responsible must implement and act in accordance with the approved Sewage Sludge Management Plan.

# WM2 Controlled Waste Register

- 1 A Controlled Waste Register, to document storage and movement of sewage screenings, grit material, sewage sludge and biosolids must be maintained.
- 2 The Controlled Waste Register must:
  - 2.1 keep an accurate record of type and quantity of Controlled Wastes stored on The Land, with the exception of sewage sludge contained within lagoons; and
  - 2.2 record the following detail in relation to Controlled Waste removed from The Land:
    - **2.2.1** the type of Controlled Waste;
    - **2.2.2** the quantity of Controlled Waste;
    - **2.2.3** the Controlled Waste Transporter who moved the Controlled Waste;
    - **2.2.4** the date the Controlled Waste was moved;
    - 2.2.5 the recipient of the Controlled Waste; and
    - **2.2.6** the destination address of the Controlled Waste.
- 3 Controlled Waste records must be maintained for a period of at least 3 years.

#### Schedule 3: Information

# **Legal Obligations**

#### LO1 EMPCA

The activity must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* and Regulations thereunder. The conditions of this document must not be construed as an exemption from any of those requirements.

### LO2 Change of responsibility

If the person responsible for the activity ceases to be responsible for the activity, they must notify the Director in accordance with Section 45 of the EMPCA.

### LO3 Storage and handling of dangerous goods, explosives and dangerous substances

- The storage, handling and transport of dangerous goods, explosives and dangerous substances must comply with the requirements of relevant State Acts and any regulations thereunder, including:
  - 1.1 Work Health and Safety Act 2012 and subordinate regulations;
  - 1.2 Explosives Act 2012 and subordinate regulations; and
  - **1.3** Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act 2010 and subordinate regulations.

### LO4 Controlled waste transport

Transport of controlled wastes to and from The Land must be undertaken only by persons authorised to do so under EMPCA or subordinate legislation.

#### **Other Information**

### OI1 Notification of incidents under section 32 of EMPCA

Where a person is required by section 32 of EMPCA to notify the Director of the release of a pollutant, the Director can be notified by telephoning **1800 005 171** (a 24-hour emergency telephone number).

### OI2 Waste management hierarchy

- 1 Wastes should be managed in accordance with the following hierarchy of waste management:
  - 1.1 waste should be minimised, that is, the generation of waste must be reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practicable, having regard to best practice environmental management;
  - **1.2** waste should be re-used or recycled to the maximum extent that is practicable; and
  - 1.3 waste that cannot be re-used or recycled must be disposed of at a waste depot site or treatment facility that has been approved in writing by the relevant planning authority or the Director to receive such waste, or otherwise in a manner approved in writing by the Director.

### **Policy Requirements**

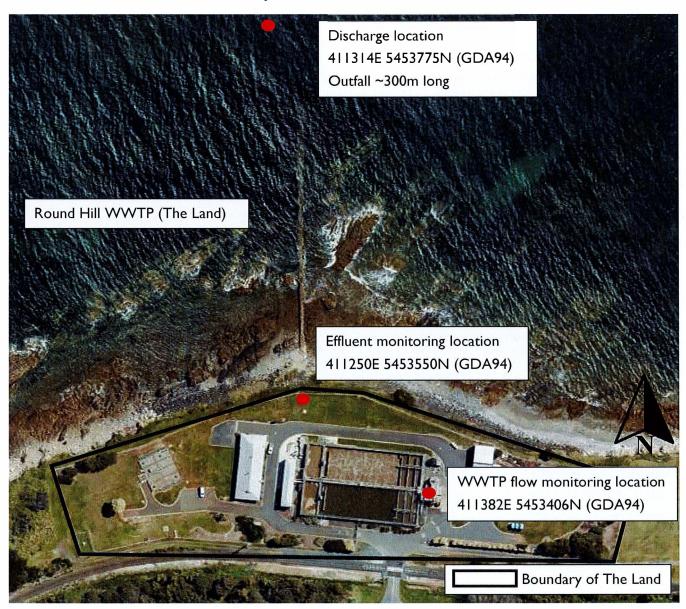
### PR1 Policy Objectives

- Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) in Tasmania must comply with the requirements for best practice environmental management (BPEM) and move toward implementing accepted modern technology (AMT) under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) and the *State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997* (SPWQM). The management of pollutant discharge from point sources is governed by the principles defined in clause 16.2 of SPWQM, namely:
  - 1.1 pollutant discharges must not prejudice water quality objectives (WQO) defined for the receiving waters; and
  - 1.2 pollutant discharges must be reduced to the maximum extent that is reasonable and practical having regard to Best Practice Environmental Management and in accordance with the hierarchy of waste management.

# PR2 Policy Framework

- 1 The policy framework and guidelines relevant to implementation of policy are as follows:
  - 1.1 State Policy on Water Quality Management (SPWQM);
  - 1.2 Emission Limit Guidelines for Sewage Treatment Plants That Discharge Pollutants In To Fresh And Marine Waters, June 2001;
  - 1.3 Approved Management Method For Biosolids Reuse;
  - 1.4 Tasmanian Biosolids Reuse Guidelines;
  - 1.5 Regulatory Framework for the Sustainable Discharge of Treated Wastewater from Level 2 WWTPs, November 2020; and
  - **1.6** Environmental Guidelines for the Use of Recycled Water in Tasmania, December 2002.

# Attachment 1 – Plan of Activity EPN 7297/2



All coordinates are based on best available information at the time of the EPN issue but can only be considered accurate within a few meters.

# ATTACHMENT 2: TABLE OF MONITORING REQUIREMENTS EPN 7297/2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Item	Locations	Parameter	Unit of Measure	Frequency	Technique	Reporting requirements
WWTP Inflow	WWTP Inlet Approximate grid reference 411382E, 5453406N	Flow	kL/day	Continuous measurement	On-line Flow Meter	To be reported in the Monthly Monitoring Report as an average for the reporting period of daily flow.     To be reported in the Monthly Monitoring Report or Annual Environmental Review as monthly averages of daily flow.
WWTP Outflow	WWTP Outlet to Bass Strait Approximate grid reference 411314E, 5453775N	Flow	kL/day	Continuous or periodic measurement or estimate	On-line Flow Meter or other approved technique	Results to be reported as required by the Annual Environmental Review.
Effluent	Effluent Quality Monitoring Location	рН		Weekly	Field Test	Results to be reported in the Monthly Monitoring Report
	Approximate grid reference:	Temperature	°C			2. A summary of results to be provided in the Annual
	411250E, 5453550N	E. coli	MPN/100 mL	Weekly	Grab Sample	Environmental Review.
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Enterococci	MPN/100 mL	1		
		BOD	mg/L	Weekly	24-hour flow-	
		Conductivity	dS/m		weighted composite	
		Suspended Solids	mg/L	1	sample	
		Ammonia-Nitrogen	mg/L	1		
		Nitrate-Nitrogen	mg/L			
		Nitrite-Nitrogen	mg/L	1		
		Total Nitrogen	mg/L	1		
		Total Phosphorus	mg/L	_		
		Oil and Grease	mg/L			
		Aluminium	mg/L	Annually		
		Arsenic	mg/L			
		Cadmium	mg/L			
		Chromium	mg/L			
		Copper	mg/L			
		Lead	mg/L			
		Manganese	mg/L			
		Mercury	mg/L			
		Nickel	mg/L			
		Selenium	mg/L			
		Zinc	mg/L			
Wastewater	Bypass monitoring location	Date and time	Date and time	When bypass	Automated event recorder that logs bypasses	Report the following in the Annual Environmental Review:  1. Date, volume discharged, discharge location and
treatment bypass		Duration of bypass	Time (days, hours, minutes)	occurs		
		Flow	Kilolitres (kL)	When bypass occurs	Automated event recorder that allows the estimation or measurement of the volume of a bypass	level of treatment;  2. Total number of bypasses in the reporting period.
		Level of treatment prior to discharge	Primary, secondary or tertiary	When bypass occurs	Observation during the bypass	

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Item	Locations	Parameter	Unit of Measure	Frequency	Technique	Reporting requirements
Ambient Monitoring	Physiochemical and ambient water quality monitoring to be conducted at the following 11 monitoring sites:  • At the end of outfall • 15m, 50m & 100m west of outfall	pH Temperature	°C	Annually	Field test	Results to be submitted in the form of an annual report prepared by a suitably qualified professional and submitted
		Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	-		at the end of the monitoring period. The report must provide the following information:
		Depth of sample	metres	-		Interpretation as to whether monitoring results
		Salinity	ppt			
	• 15m, 50m & 100m east of	Turbidity	NTU			indicate evidence of any impacts to the receiving water that could be attributed to the activity, and;
	outfall	Suspended Solids	mg/L	Annually	Grab Sample	Details of measures proposed to remediate any
	<ul> <li>50m &amp; 100m north of outfall</li> <li>50m &amp; 100m south of outfall</li> </ul>	Ammonia-Nitrogen	mg/L	1	1.22	environmental impact detected.
	And the following 3 reference sites:	Total Nitrogen	mg/L			
	500m east of outfall	Total Phosphorus	mg/L			
	500m north of outfall	Nitrate	mg/L			
	500m west of outfall	Nitrite	Mg/L			
	or at locations otherwise approved in writing by the Director, EPA.	Dissolved Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L			
		Enterococci	MPN/100 mL			
		E. coli	MPN/100 mL			
		Chlorophyll "a"	μg/L			
		Aluminium (Total & Dissolved)	mg/L			
		Copper (Total & Dissolved)	mg/L			
		Zinc (Total & Dissolved)	mg/L			
Biological Monitoring	Biological survey at the following 20 monitoring sites:	As described in the North Marine Ambient Monitoring Ambient Monitoring Repor	g Plan, North West	Annually	As described in the North West Estuarine and Marine Ambient Monitoring Plan, North West Ambient Monitoring Report – Stage Two – Burnie Wastewater	indicate evidence of any impacts to the receiving water that could be attributed to the activity, and;  2. Details of measures proposed to remediate any environmental impact detected.
	<ul> <li>5m, 25m, 50m, 75m, 100m, 125m, 150m, 175m &amp; 200m east of the outfall</li> <li>5m, 25m, 50m, 75m, 100m, 125m, 150m, 175m &amp; 200m west of the outfall</li> </ul>	Burnie Wastewater Treatn by Jacobs and dated Dece otherwise approved by the	nent Plan, prepared ember 2020, or as			
	And the following 2 reference sites:				Treatment Plan, prepared by Jacobs and dated December 2020, or	
	or at locations otherwise approved in writing by the Director, EPA.				as otherwise approved by the Director, EPA.	
Sludge/Biosolids	Sludge/Biosolids located on The Land	In accordance with the Ta- versions of this document,				A summary of results to be provided in the Annual Environmental Review.

For the purposes of the Table of Monitoring Requirements the following definitions apply:

Flow Meter means an instrument that measures and records a flow or level of liquid and includes any ancillary device attached to or incorporated into the instrument

Continuous measurement means automatic, ongoing, measurement at all times.

On-line means measurements or analyses are carried out automatically and the results electronically recorded for remote viewing and analysis Field test/ on-site test means either in situ testing or analysis of samples immediately with appropriate instrumentation

Grab sample means a discrete sample collected in a manner that ensures it is a representative sample

Time-weighted 24-hour composite sample means a composite sample consisting of equal volume discrete sample aliquots collected at constant time intervals into one container. Aliquots are taken in such a way as to ensure the final composite sample represents the average wastewater characteristics during the 24hr compositing period.

Grid references are expressed as Map Grid of Australia Zone 55 GDA94. Coordinates can only be considered accurate within a few metres.