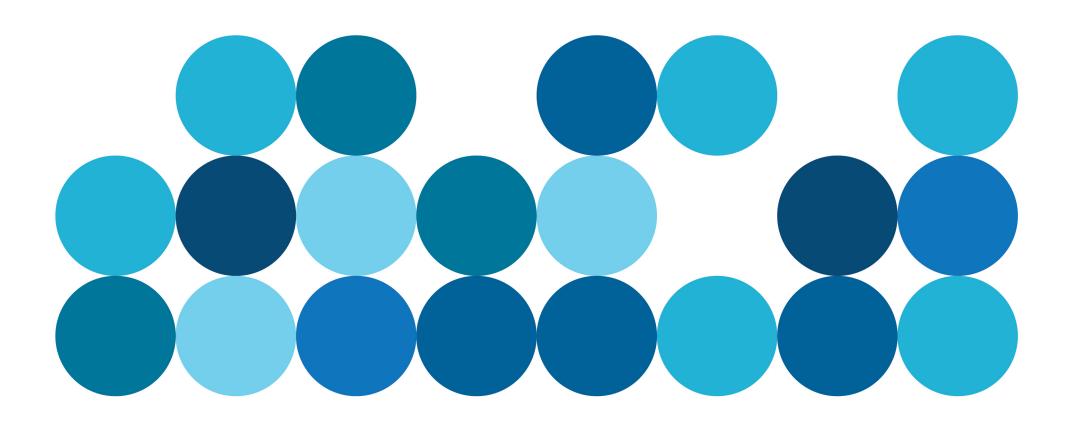
# **Wastewater Quality**

Annual Report 2019 – 20







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### **About this report**

The Water Corporation's 2019-20 Wastewater Quality Annual Report is a review of performance for the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

This report is specifically designed to provide the Department of Health, our customers and the Western Australian public with information on wastewater services and how we manage metropolitan and regional wastewater and recycled water schemes to meet quality and health requirements.

This is the first Wastewater Quality Annual Report made available to the public on our website. Publication of this report allows us to meet the requirements of our <u>Water Services Licence</u> with the Economic Regulation Authority and <u>Memorandum of Understanding for Wastewater Services and Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) with the Department of Health.</u>

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### **Acronyms**

Acronym	Description
ADWG	Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
AGWR	Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling
AWRP	Advanced Water Recycling Plant
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
CCP	Critical Control Point
cfu/100ml	Colony forming units per 100ml
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
DoH	Department of Health
GAR	Goldfields and Agricultural Region
GL	Gigalitre
GSR	Great Southern Region
GWR	Groundwater Replenishment
GWRS	Groundwater Replenishment Scheme
LMS	Learning Management System
μg	Micrograms
ML	Megalitre
MLD	Megalitres per Day
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MWR	Mid West Region

Acronym	Description
NWR	North West Region
ng/L	Nanograms per litre
pg/L	Picograms per litre
PCT	Process Control Table
pfu/100ml	Plaque forming units per 100ml
RO	Reverse Osmosis
RWQI	Recycled Water Quality Indicator
RWQMP	Recycled Water Quality Management Plan
RWQP	Recycled Water Quality Parameter
RWSA	Recycled Water Supply Agreement
SRT	Sludge Retention Time
SWR	South West Region
TWW	Treated Wastewater
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WSAA	Water Services Association of Australia
WWQ	Wastewater Quality
WWIMS	Wastewater Information Management Solution
WWQMS	Wastewater Quality Management System
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant





### **Summary**

Water Corporation is committed to the safe and effective management of wastewater, recycled water, groundwater replenishment, and biosolids and sludge.

Adherence to the management process encompassed by our Wastewater Quality Framework ensures a consistent standard of wastewater quality performance.

We are committed to ensuring the regulatory compliance of all our wastewater operations, and to transparently report to and discuss with our health regulator (DoH) any non-compliance. Our processes and procedures ensure the prompt mitigation of any wastewater incidents and complaints.







Figure 1: Wastewater assets and general scheme – as at 30 June 2020

\* Includes 106 WWTPs owned, operated and managed by Water Corporation and 3 WWTPs managed by Water Corporation in the Indian Ocean Territories; does not include wastewater recycling plants.





### **Our commitment**

Water Corporation manages wastewater from industry and the community to meet public health, environmental and social expectations. We are committed to the responsible use and disposal of the products generated by our wastewater service to meet public health, environment and social expectations. Our products are treated wastewater, recycled water, biosolids gaseous emissions and residual wastes. We partner with our stakeholders and relevant agencies to deliver on our commitment to:

- Implement the Wastewater Quality Framework.
- Progressively adopt a best-practice management and multi-barrier approach to manage wastewater risks from source to end point. This ensures the quality of wastewater products.
- Meet public health, environmental, social and corporate expectations in the management of wastewater services as detailed in agreements, licences, regulations and corporate standards.
- Contribute to the development of wastewater regulations, guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the environment.
- Routinely monitor our systems and use effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information on our performance.
- Use appropriate contingency planning and maintain incident response capability.
- Continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate objectives and stakeholder expectations.
- Engage with employees, contractors, stakeholders and the community to inform them of relevant issues related to wastewater management and

products and listen to their expectations to maintain our social licence to operate.

- Maintain the communication and partnerships with relevant agencies and users of wastewater products to continually improve wastewater quality and environmental outcomes.
- Participate in appropriate research and development activities to develop
  the necessary skills and knowledge to support the operation of the
  Wastewater Quality Framework.
- Implement and maintain processes and procedures consistent with the WA Guidelines for Biosolids Management to safely and sustainably manage biosolids and sludge recovery





### Introduction

Water Corporation provides wastewater services throughout Western Australia and the Indian Ocean Territories (Christmas and Cocos Islands). We manage the state's services through 6 regions: Goldfields and Agricultural region, Great Southern region, Mid West region, North West region, Perth region (Metro) and South West region. As part of these services, we manage the daily treatment of approximately 452 million litres of wastewater (approximately 165 billion litres for the year) through 109 treatment plants across these regions and the Indian Ocean Territories.

Products that are generated following the treatment process are either reused or safely disposed to the environment. There are 76 recycled water schemes, owned and operated by Water Corporation, local government or private industries, supplying recycled water for industrial reuse and irrigation of public open spaces and woodlots. All wastewater treatment and recycling plants are listed in Appendix A.

To ensure we continue to provide a high level of service to customers and produce treated wastewater that is safe and fit-for-purpose, we have ongoing engagement with internal and external stakeholders, local government, and regulators.

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Water Corporation operates under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Wastewater Services and Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) with the Department of Health (DoH).

The MoU applies to the entire wastewater service from collection to disposal and/or beneficial use, including the Groundwater Replenishment Scheme (GWR).

The intent of the MoU is to ensure our wastewater services and GWR meet all required public health regulations and, therefore, do not negatively affect public health across Western Australia.

The MoU was reviewed and updated on 30 November 2018. The DoH has scheduled a third party audit of aspects of the MoU to take place in the second half of 2020.

Both Water Corporation and DoH are committed to ensuring wastewater is managed in accordance with state and national guidelines to ensure public health is protected.



Figure 2: Woodman Point WWTP



### Wastewater quality and wastewater recycling policies

Water Corporation's Wastewater Quality Policy supports and promotes responsible use and management of wastewater products generated by its wastewater service, including recycled water, treated wastewater, biosolids, gaseous emissions (odour/greenhouse gases) and residual waste.

Further to this, our Wastewater Recycling Policy outlines our commitment to sustainable management of WA's limited water resources by maximising wastewater recycling and providing a framework for the management of wastewater recycling schemes.

Our Biosolids and Sludge Management Policy commits us to the responsible use and disposal of biosolids and sludge products generated by our wastewater service.

We use a risk-based Wastewater Quality Framework to deliver on these policies and align with the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling (AGWR).



Figure 3: Wastewater Quality Policy





### **Wastewater quality framework**

#### 12 Elements of the WWQ framework

Water Corporation manages wastewater from industry and the community to meet public health, environmental and social expectations. To achieve this we implemented the Wastewater Quality Framework; a risk-based approach to wastewater management aligned to the AGWR.

The 12 elements of the Wastewater Quality Framework (figure 4) covers fundamental concepts related to our commitment to deliver quality wastewater services, the analysis and management of these services, and their ongoing enhancement.

The structure of the Wastewater Quality Framework allows for and requires:

- articulation of our commitment to wastewater services quality
- clear definition of accountabilities and responsibilities across all risks
- identification of preventive measures and treatment barriers
- providing and documenting processes and procedures for operational control
- continuous improvement and review and optimisation of our systems.

Through our Wastewater Quality Policy endorsement, all employees or contractors involved in the wastewater services are responsible for understanding their role in implementing and continuously improving the Wastewater Quality Framework.

#### **Process Control Tables**

Water Corporation utilises a standard process reference document for each WWTP and recycling scheme, termed a Process Control Table (PCT). The PCT contains key sampling, operating and performance information. This information is used by the Wastewater Information Management Solution (WWIMS) to compare laboratory/site analysis data with agreed alert and violation ranges derived from PCTs and provide notifications of potential/actual non-conformances. Corrective actions to manage such issues are undertaken, with feedback processes for continuous improvement of the PCT.

We have completed PCTs for all 109 WWTPs, 11 of which incorporate a Water Corporation recycling scheme. We also have 65 separate PCTs for non Water Corporation recycling schemes. All compliance samples are scheduled through the Wastewater Quality Management System (WWQMS).

#### Evaluation, audit and continuous improvement

We review our provision of wastewater services from operator to senior executive to ensure all schemes are managed to meet operational and regulatory requirements. Our review processes engage all key stakeholders using internal and external reviews and audits, including an audit of the MoU for Wastewater Services and GWR with DoH.





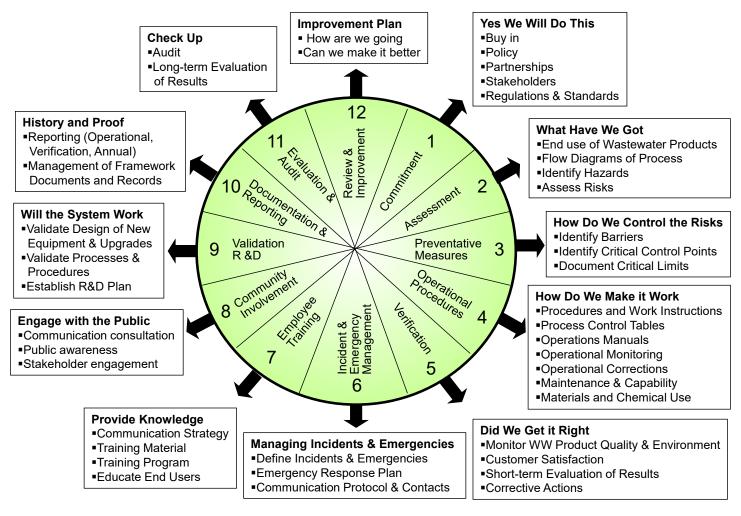


Figure 4: The 12 Elements of the Wastewater Quality Framework





### **Operator training and competence**

Water Corporation has a mature nationally accredited training program. All operators who perform wastewater treatment, quality management and sampling tasks, are identified to attend the program This consists of a Certificate II, III or IV from the National Water Package (NWP). The accredited program, which is internally developed and delivered, allows employees to attain a nationally recognised qualification (refer figure 5). Water Corporation has an auspicing arrangement with North Metropolitan TAFE (NM TAFE) who provide quality control over the course development, delivery and assessment, and issue credentials. As part of this partnership with NMTAFE, Water Corporation offers traineeships to its new and existing workforce, and Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools pathway.

The program also includes a suite of water quality courses which contribute to our implementation of element 7, Employee Training, of the 12 element framework. This is important as training for operators ultimately determines

the ability for Water Corporation to successfully provide recycled water users with the quality of water they require to manage their systems and for disposal of water, not recycled, safely to the environment.

Water Corporation has a contemporary Learning Management System (LMS) which allows for the correct qualification to be assigned to each employee, to ensure they are adequately trained to perform their role safely and competently. The LMS data is regularly checked to maintain accuracy, therefore ensuring the correct training is allocated for the role being performed.

Innovation in training is ongoing and includes a move towards virtual delivery, exploration of visual intelligence technologies to provide hands free point of vision capabilities, and the use of eLearning to supplement existing face-to-face courses. Water Corporation is proud of the investment made towards its workforce's current and future capability.



Figure 5: Certificate training completed





#### Wastewater catchment

Wastewater in Western Australia generally comes from two sources, domestic wastewater and trade waste; there may also be an amount of fresh water during rainfall events from illegal stormwater connections and groundwater infiltration into pipes.

#### **Domestic wastewater**

Domestic wastewater is largely consistent in quality and quantity. The volume generally follows a diurnal cycle with a morning and evening peak and low overnight flows. Wastewater is usually considered to be 99.7 per cent fresh water and 0.3 per cent contaminants.

#### Controlled waste

Controlled waste is managed by Water Corporation in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste)*Regulations 2004. The substances considered to be controlled waste are listed in the regulations and include sewage waste from the reticulated sewerage system, septage waste, trade waste (e.g. from grease traps) and non-toxic salts. Private carriers dispose of controlled waste to Water Corporation main sewers and wastewater treatment plants. Transport of controlled waste is tracked using DWER Controlled Waste Tracking System.

### Septage

Septage is a by-product from the storage of household wastewater in a septic tank where the sludge accumulates over time and must be removed every 4 to 5 years and disposed in a dedicated disposal facility. Under the *Health Act (1911)* Local Government Authorities (LGAs) are responsible for the acceptance and disposal of septage and can charge ratepayers for this service. Septage must be disposed of in a dedicated disposal facility.

Water Corporation's WWTPs are designed, operated and maintained to treat domestic wastewater for subsequent disposal and reuse. The capacity of a WWTP to receive septage, without detriment to the treatment process and quality of the treated wastewater, is governed by the quality and volume of septage, as well as the design, capacity and operation of the plant.

Although Water Corporation is not legally responsible to accept septage, a small number of wastewater treatment plants accepted septage in this financial year to assist LGAs under temporary arrangements. To ensure these plants operate continuously within their licence and performance criteria, a management framework has been developed.

The management framework ensures formal agreements exist with each contractor who disposes of septage at each WWTP. These agreements define the volume and quality of the septage that can be disposed to a plant, and the cost of disposing septage. The framework provides assurance the WWTP has ongoing capacity to receive septage, and the volumed accepted will allow compliance with regulatory requirements for reuse and environmental disposal.

#### **Trade waste**

Trade waste is the wastewater discharged from commercial or industrial premises other than domestic type wastewater. At the end of June 2020 there were 13,399 trade waste customers connected to Water Corporation's wastewater system. Trade waste can be highly variable in quality and quantity and this can pose significant risks for the operation of the wastewater system. The most numerous trade waste dischargers are small retail food outlets such as restaurants and fast food chains, which generate greasy waste. Large industrial customers such as dairies, beverage manufacturers, meat processors, metal finishers, laundries and waste treatment facilities can be significant point sources of trade waste. Metal finishers, laboratories and chemical formulators typically discharge small to





intermediate trade waste volumes, but these wastes may contain compounds of concern for the wastewater system.

Trade waste management and wastewater source control generally is focussed on five key objectives to manage wastewater input, as defined in the Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines (Water Services Association of Australia, 2012):

- safety of people
- protection of assets (pipes, plant and equipment)
- protection of treatment processes
- facilitation of regulatory and licence compliance
- · facilitation of recycling.

Water Corporation has a centre of expertise for trade waste management. They manage trade waste operations state wide using a trade waste framework which includes:

#### **Assessment and approval**

Commercial and industrial customers must obtain approval to discharge trade waste to sewer, usually in the form of a trade waste permit. This permit will specify pre-treatment requirements and other conditions which may include limits on mass and volumetric discharge, monitoring and reporting requirements and maintenance of pre-treatment and monitoring equipment.

#### Fats, oils and grease management program

This program monitors the servicing of 7,124 grease arrestors (as at end June 2020) installed at businesses generating greasy waste, to ensure that the arrestors are pumped out at the required frequency to prevent the discharge of grease and solids into the wastewater system. Unmanaged discharges from these businesses can result in sewer blockages and overflows, and extra loading at WWTPs.

#### Surveillance of large and high-risk customers

An ongoing program of sampling and compliance inspections of industrial customers discharging large organic loads or waste streams of potential quality concern is maintained to monitor loading on the wastewater system and compliance with permit conditions.

#### Permit capture program

An ongoing program is maintained to identify, invariably small, businesses discharging to sewer without a permit. Businesses are required to obtain a permit and meet the relevant permit conditions.

#### Acceptance criteria and other information

A set of trade waste acceptance criteria is published on Water Corporation's website. These specify the levels of various wastewater quality parameters that may be discharged to sewer by trade waste customers under a permit. Compounds not included in the acceptance criteria are evaluated on a case by case basis and, as appropriate, published in the criteria. In addition to the acceptance criteria, there is a range of other information about trade waste on our website

### **Investigations**

Water Corporation conducts a range of investigations to assist trade waste management, including characterising wastewater from industry sectors, assessing pre-treatment products, and investigating unusual discharges observed in the wastewater system.





#### **Wastewater treatment**

Water Corporation managed 106 WWTPs across Western Australia and 3 WWTPs in the Indian Ocean Territories, treating more than 165 GL of wastewater in 2019-20. The emphasis of wastewater treatment is on reducing biological oxygen demand (BOD), in the form of soluble carbon, for environmental, aquatic and public health protection. Effective management of the whole wastewater treatment process is essential in maintaining consistent treatment performance levels. This is achieved through implementation of a wastewater treatment management framework, progression of wastewater system improvements and upgrades, and implementation of research outcomes to improve wastewater treatment practices.

#### How wastewater is treated

Wastewater treatment is generally classified into the following stages:

**Preliminary treatment** – physical removal of inorganic particles that may damage or block equipment in later treatment stages:

- Screens remove items such as rags, paper, cotton buds that may block equipment;
- Grit tanks remove sand and grit.

**Primary treatment** – physical removal of suspended solids using gravity to settle particles, in a primary sedimentation tank followed by the mechanical removal of these settled solids. Generally also includes the mechanical removal of floating contaminants.

**Secondary treatment** – follows on from primary treatment and consists of biological removal of biodegradable dissolved and suspended organic compounds by converting them into biomass. Secondary sedimentation tanks are used to separate the solid biomass from the secondary treated

water prior to the water being discharged or processed further. Secondary treatment processes used by Water Corporation include:

- Lagoons or ponds have long detention times for the wastewater in excess of one month. The larger the inflow volume the greater the area of the ponds. Treatment relies on natural biological processes at the various layers within the pond that will be anerobic at the base and aerobic at the surface. Requires less management than more complex treatment processes. May include aerators to increase the oxygen and mixing, allowing biological processes to occur at a faster rate and reduce the required detention time and pond size.
- Biological filtration systems (e.g. trickling filters) have filter media, such
  as crushed stone, with a large surface area to support a biofilm.
   Wastewater is trickled over the filter media and the organic content of the
  wastewater is used by the organisms in the biofilm to grow and
  reproduce, thus converting the organic matter to biomass.
- Activated sludge, such as extended aeration (e.g. Intermittently
  Decanted and Extended Aeration plant IDEA), oxidation ditches and
  sequencing batch reactors uses returned biomass (activated sludge)
  and dissolved oxygen to rapidly convert the incoming organics into more
  biomass.

Advanced wastewater treatment (sometimes referred to as tertiary) – used when the removal of more intractable contaminants is required. This stage is generally employed to reduce nutrients (mostly nitrogen (ammonia), with phosphorus at some plants) that may be required for environmental disposal options. For more specialised reuse or disposal into sensitive environments other contaminants may also be targeted.

**Disinfection** – used to protect public health by reducing or inactivating pathogenic microorganisms. Not all disposal methods require disinfection – it is only used if there is some risk of contact with people.





All WWTPs are designed with sufficient redundancy for BOD reduction. All Water Corporation wastewater treatment systems are able to consistently reduce BOD to acceptable levels (filtered BOD of less than 20mg/L). Most of Water Corporation's WWTPs have secondary treatment, with the majority of regional plants being pond plants, with added disinfection if there is beneficial reuse on a public open space. Appendix A contains a complete list of our wastewater treatment plants showing treatment type and

The solid waste generated by the wastewater treatment process is termed biosolids or sludge depending on the treatment process. Both solids and sludge cake are rich in nutrients and organic matter making a great natural fertiliser and soil improver

associated recycling schemes.

(refer to *Biosolids and sludge management*, page 20). We supply biosolids to farms to help grow crops such as canola. Current design of wastewater

Preliminary

treatment plants considers the intended sludge reuse or disposal options: .... Returned to water cucle Odour control ..... Evaporation ponds •••• Water recycled for use Screening Grit tanks Primary Aeration Secondaru Raw wastewater Agriculture Greenspace Advanced Water Recycling Plant Biosolids Digesters Groundwater

while some older wastewater treatment plants require upgrades to accommodate this.

Water recycling & disposal

Figure 6: Wastewater treatment, recycling and disposal

Primary





### Wastewater schemes - new and upgrades

Three wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) were upgraded in the 2019-20 financial year as part of Water Corporation's Asset Investment Program, which aims to maintain or improve wastewater treatment quality through prioritised and targeted capital expenditure.

- Margaret River WWTP
- Kemerton WWTP
- Bruce Rock STED

The Woodman Point WWTP 180 megalitres per day (MLD) upgrade commenced in 2016-17 and, as this is a large-scale project, is still in progress. Completion of this upgrade is expected in mid-2021, an update of this work is provided below.

The Albany WWTP upgrade commenced in 2017-18 and, due to scope and complexity of the upgrades, remains in progress. Information on this upgrade will be provided in a future report.

A number of additional scheme upgrades were commenced, but not finalised, in 2019-20. Information on these upgrades will be provided in future reports once they have been completed. Upgrades that commenced in design or construction in 2019-20 include:

- Manjimup, Pozzi Road WWTP
- Waroona WWTP
- Gnarabup WWTP
- Broome North WWTP & TWWM
- Esperance WWTP
- Kemerton WWTP

- Carnarvon WWTP
- South Hedland AWRP

#### Woodman Point WWTP 180 MLD upgrade – progress update

- Secondary treatment processes have been upgraded to improve final effluent quality. Commissioning is expected to be completed in late 2020.
- Odour Control System has been refurbished and upgraded to increase its capacity.



**Figure 7: Woodman Point WWTP** 





### Margaret River WWTP and effluent disposal/ reuse upgrade

- Increase in the treatment capacity of the WWTP.
- Improved biosolids processing technology
- Upgrades to recycled water treatment

Figure 8: Margaret River WWTP - New oxidation ditch

### **Kemerton WWTP Improvements**

- Upgraded pumps, tanks and power supply
- New filters to reduce nitrogen in recycled water



Figure 9: Kemerton WWTP – denitrification filtration system





### Biosolids and sludge management

All wastewater treatment plants produce solid waste which, depending on the treatment method, is categorised as biosolids or sludge cake.

Biosolids is the term for organic sludge from domestic and industrial wastewater that has undergone treatment to reduce pathogens and volatile organic matter significantly. This results in a stabilised product suitable for beneficial use in agriculture. This treatment method is only available in our larger metropolitan wastewater treatment plants.

Sludge cake is partially treated dewatered organic sludge that has not undergone the process of controlled stabilisation, and therefore requires further treatment by third party composters prior to beneficial use.

Water Corporation is committed to the vision of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030, for WA to become a sustainable, low-waste, circular economy in which human health and the environment are protected from the impacts of waste. Biosolids and sludge cake are the largest single contributors to Water Corporation's solid waste footprint, and we recover 100 per cent of these valuable resources from Perth metro region and aim to recover at least 75 per cent from regional areas.

We are committed to the responsible use and disposal of biosolids and sludge products generated by our wastewater service to meet public health, environmental and social expectations.

The figures 10 and 11 below show the volumes of biosolids and sludge cake produced in our metropolitan wastewater treatment plants. Figure 12 shows the regional sludge cake volume produced and table 1 shows the percentage of this sludge cake going to beneficial use. The majority of regional WWTPs are pond/ lagoon type plants that don't produce a continuous solid waste stream, therefore the sludge is usually removed in asset maintenance programs called pond desludging. As these ponds are desludged intermittently, the regional yearly sludge volumes are highly variable.

Water Corporation is currently undertaking research and development to verify sludge stabilisation in drying beds and geobags, with the aim of increasing sludge recovery in pond-based treatment plants, particularly in MWR and NWR, to meet the 75 per cent recovery target by 2030. Additional market development of third-party composters and other treatment providers is also being undertaken to meet this target and new research is always ongoing in regard to new and innovative ways for beneficially using wastewater products.





### Metropolitan (Perth-Peel) biosolids & sludge cake production

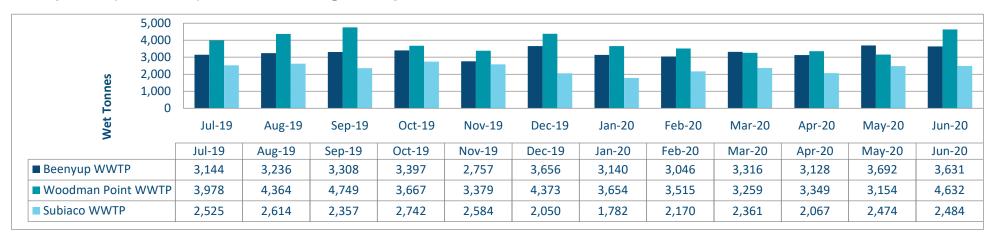


Figure 10: Biosolids produced for beneficial use in agriculture 100 per cent recovery

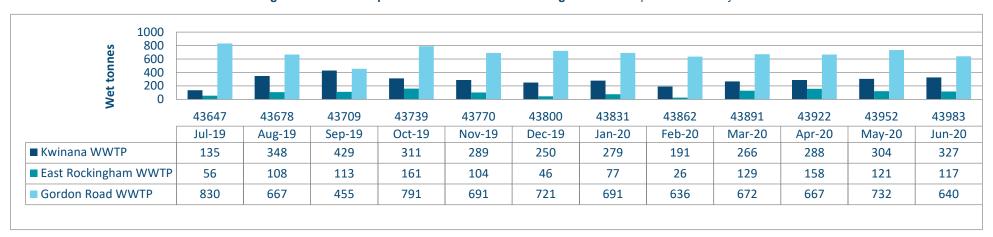
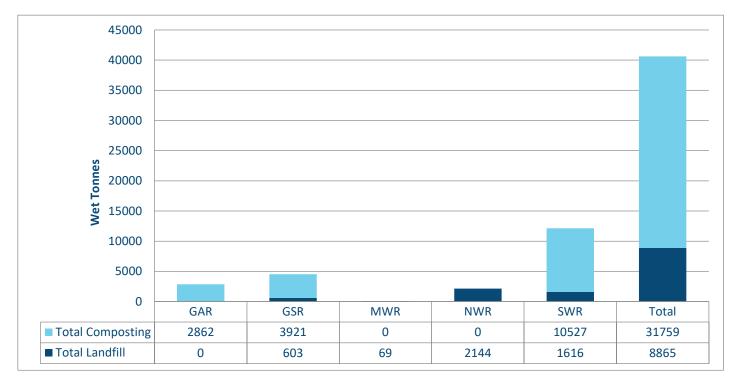


Figure 11: Sludge cake produced for beneficial use in composting 100 per cent recovery





### Regional sludge cake management



#### Note:

GAR = Goldfields & Agricultural region

GSR = Great Southern region

MWR = Mid West region

NWR = North West region

SWR = South West region

Figure 12: Regional sludge cake volume and distribution 2019-20

Table 1: Regional sludge cake recovery for beneficial use

Region	GAR	GSR	MWR	NWR	SWR	Regional total
% Recovery	100%	87%	0%	0%	87%	78%





### Biosolids product quality compliance

Table 2: Biosolids product quality compliance

WWTP	Sludge treatment process	Biosolids product name (grade)		Biosolids product quality compliance										
			Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Beenyup WWTP	Anaerobic digestion	Biosolids cake (P3 C2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Subiaco WWTP	Lime amendment	Lime amended biosolids (P3 C2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodman Point WWTP	Anaerobic digestion	Biosolids cake (P3 C2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	✓	(2)	✓	(2)	✓	✓	✓	(2)

#### Comments:

- (1) Contaminant grade 3 Zn above guideline value refer to incidents section (page 37) for details
- (2) Minor drops in Woodman Point WWTP SRT were due to commissioning of new treatment infratructure from a major capital upgrade project.
- As per the WA Guidelines for Biosolids Management (DEC 2012), pathogen grade 3, contaminant grade 2 (P3 C2) biosolids is suitable for direct beneficial use in broad-acre agriculture, forestry, and/or mine site rehabilitation.
- Biosolids cake critical control points for anaerobic digestion are Sludge Retention Time ≥15 days, and Temperature 35°C ± 3°C.
- Lime amended biosolids critical control point for lime amendment is pH ≥ 12 for > 3 hrs.





### Wastewater recycling and disposal

Water Corporation operates 51 wastewater treatment plants with at least one wastewater recycling scheme, with a total of 76 recycling schemes across the state. These recycling schemes supply recycled water for a range of purposes, including industrial uses and the irrigation of public open space and woodlots. Some treatment schemes have beneficial reuse only, while others have a combination of reuse and environmental disposal or environmental disposal only. We recycled approximately 19.2 GL of treated wastewater this financial year, not including the Groundwater Replenishment Scheme.

Water Corporation owns and manages 11 recycling schemes, while others are owned and managed by third parties, many of which are local government and others are privately-run schemes. Water Corporation provides water of an agreed quality to these schemes, with further treatment and obligation to meet health department requirements being the responsibility of the third party. A complete list of recycling schemes is in Appendix A.

### **Recycling scheme management**

Our approach to managing the treated wastewater recycling process is based on the 12 element framework of the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling and the DoH *Guidelines for the Non-Potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia*. We have systems in place to fulfil the criteria of the 12 elements and we continue on our journey for ongoing improvement in scheme performance.



Figure 13: Harvesting Rhodes Grass crop at Broome North WWTP

#### **Water Corporation operations**

Water Corporation operates 11 treated wastewater (TWW) recycling schemes with formal DoH approval. The schemes are mostly irrigation of woodlots with one Rhodes Grass crop in Broome North. We also reuse TWW for internal use at various process steps within the WWTPs; however this reuse is not subject to formal DoH approval under the Guidelines for Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia.

Water Corporation's water quality performance against DoH approval conditions, where Water Corporation is responsible for the scheme or to point of supply in private schemes, are presented in Appendix C. This provides a summary of more than 4,400 results from relevant sampling points. The data demonstrates water quality sampling guideline values





were met with one exception for *E. coli* at Subiaco which was identified as an operational issue having no impact on public health.

### **Capital and operational investment**

Capital investment within the water recycling investment portfolio to improve infrastructure at reuse only schemes, continued to progress over 2019-20. Reuse scheme improvements in delivery during 2019-20 included commissioning new disinfection facilities at Narrogin, developing a new disinfection facility at Narembeen, to be commissioned in 2020-21 and tertiary barriers such as recycled water signage at storage and irrigation sites. Planning and design is under way for improvements to the following schemes:

Kellerberrin

Wundowie

Northam

Wyalkatchem

### **Internal audit process**

Water Corporation supports DoH and the ongoing compliance of recycling schemes by undertaking audits of third party recycling schemes. These internal audits are a compliance requirement of the third parties' DoH

Approval. Audits are conducted by representatives from the Water Corporation and the third party.

Water Corporation undertook 10 audits in 2019-20 and plans to undertake 21 audits, across the state in 2020-21, as agreed with the DoH.

#### **Future focus**

The key points of focus for wastewater recycling are:

- Progress on capital projects related to TWW recycling (York Woodlots, Wyalkatchem, Kellerberrin).
- Regularly review recipient water sampling results, to aid the proactive management of emerging water quality issues.
- Work with recipients to provide support in the development and management of key recycling documentation such as Recycled Water Quality Management Plans.
- Research and development to improve technology and beneficial reuse opportunities to maximise beneficial reuse in WA to meet Water Corporation's wastewater reuse target of 30 per cent by 2030.





### **Groundwater replenishment**

#### Introduction

Groundwater replenishment (GWR) is the process by which secondary treated wastewater undergoes advanced treatment, at the Advanced Water Recycling Plant (AWRP). Water is produced which meets or exceeds the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) prior to being recharged to an aquifer for later use as a drinking water source. Groundwater replenishment has been identified by Water Corporation as a safe, sustainable water source option for the Perth Integrated Water Supply Scheme (IWSS).

Stage 1 of the Perth Groundwater Replenishment Scheme (GWRS) gained approval to recharge in August 2017. Stage 1 of the GWRS has the capacity to recharge up to 14 billion litres a year. For the financial year to 30 June 2020, Stage 1 of the GWRS has recharged 12.73 billion litres.

Water Corporation has constructed Stage 2 GWRS which consists of a second, independently operated AWRP co-located next to the Stage 1 AWRP and adjacent to the Beenyup Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Recharge is to the Leederville and Yarragadee aquifers at two recharge sites approximately 12km north of the Beenyup facility.

#### **GWR** scheme overview

The treatment systems for the GWRS include the Beenyup WWTP, the AWRPs and eight recharge bores. The scheme also includes a monitoring borefield (consisting of 8 bores) which is used to monitor the flow and quality of recycled water in the Leederville and Yarragadee aquifers. They

also overlay a superficial aquifer around the recharge bores, as defined by the GWR Recharge Management Zone and monitoring requirements.



Figure 14: GWR stages 1 and 2

The GWRS takes wastewater from the Beenyup WWTP. This catchment is the northern suburbs of Perth extending from Quinns Beach through to Scarborough and inland through Dianella and Bayswater to the foothills of East Midland.

The majority of wastewater collected in the Beenyup wastewater catchment is domestic wastewater and commercial premises. Trade waste, which is process wastewater from industrial and commercial customers, represents around 2.5 per cent by volume of the wastewater flow to Beenyup WWTP.





The details of the GWR treatment system are illustrated in figure 15.

Beenyup WWTP discharges about 0.135 billion litres a day of treated wastewater via two adjacent outlets known collectively as the Ocean Reef Ocean Outlet, at 1850 m and 1650 m offshore. The outlets discharge into 10 m of water where the treated wastewater is diluted and dispersed.

The majority of the treated wastewater will be diverted from the ocean

The AWRPs use a process of ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet disinfection to further treat the treated wastewater before it is recharged to the Leederville and Yarragadee aquifers.

The GWRS treatment process is operated in accordance with the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) philosophy and the 12-element risk management framework. This is based on the National Water Quality Management Strategy - Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 1) and Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Augmentation of Drinking Water Supplies (Phase 2). There is a total of 15 critical CCPs with

12 CCPs at the AWRP and the remaining at the Beenyup WWTP. These CCPs are continuously monitored online and assure recycled water is of drinking water quality before being recharged to the Leederville and Yarragadee aquifers. If these parameters should fall outside of specification, then an automated corrective action is implemented. The operational philosophy of the automated control system ensures that all CCPs will fail-safe. These CCPs are supported by a number of process control points.

Verification monitoring for Stage 1 has shown that all recycled water recharged to the aquifers has met the water quality requirements specified in the Wastewater Services & GWR MoU and Department of Environmental Regulation (DWER) licence.

Groundwater quality in the recharge zone is monitored via monitoring bores on the Beenyup site to determine the effect of recharged water on the Leederville, Yarragadee and superficial aquifers. All treated water and bore field water samples were 100 per cent compliant with the ADWG.





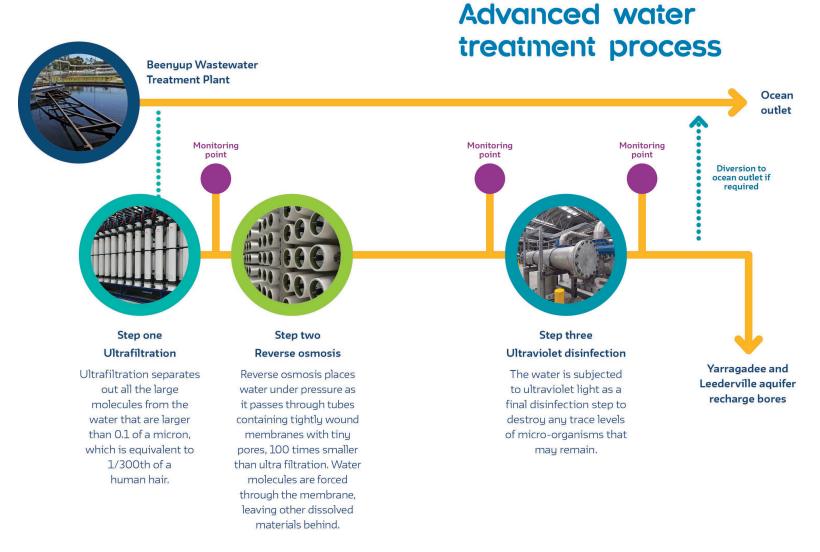


Figure 15: GWRS overview





### Water quality monitoring objectives

The monitoring of the Perth GWRS consists of testing/measurement of the following:

- Recycled water quality indicators (RWQI)
- Recycled water quality parameters (RWQP)
- Membrane integrity testing
- Groundwater monitoring to assess Leederville and Yarragadee response to recharge.

All sampling requirements for the RWQI and RWQP have been endorsed by DoH.

#### Recycled water quality indicators and parameters

An RWQI is an individual chemical or microbiological parameter that represents a class of chemicals or pathogens with similar characteristics. Choice of RWQI considers the parameter's toxicity and its source in the wastewater catchment. The purpose of the RWQI is to demonstrate safety of recycled water with respect to specific chemical and microbiological groups, and hence provide additional confidence that all chemical hazards are mitigated. Table 3 provides a summary of the RWQI monitored in the GWRS from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, including the chemical or microbiological groups they represent.

RWQP refers to the water quality parameters to be achieved in the treated water, as agreed with the DoH. Compliance with the recycled water quality parameters will represent protection of human health and health-

related environmental values (drinking water resource and industrial water), including protection for primary industry environmental values.

We take samples for 169 RWQP at the GWRS. All RWQP were within the guideline as set out within the MoU and represented by the RWQI. These compliant RWQP results indicate the AWRP produced water at a quality within regulatory specifications and, therefore, from a public health perspective is safe.

All RWQP results from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 are given in Appendix C.

### Incident and emergency management

Water Corporation manages the GWRS incidents and emergencies as defined by the Wastewater Services and GWR MoU and outlined in the GWR Incident Management Plan. The plan defines:

- alert and violation levels
- communication protocols
- response plans for dealing with GWRS incidents.

There were no reportable incidents at the GWRS from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.





**Table 3: RWQI summary (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020)** 

Indicator	Group Represented	Units	Guideline	Limit of	Total # of	2019-20	Requirement
			Value	Reporting	data points	Max value reported	met
MS2 Coliphage	Microorganisms (pathogens including viruses)	pfu/100 mL	<1	1	25	<1	✓
Boron	Inorganic compounds, metals and	mg/L	4	0.02	23	0.17	✓
Nitrate as nitrogen	metalloids	mg/L	11	0.01	24	2.9	✓
N-nitrosodimethylamine	Nitrosamine disinfection by-products	ng/L	100	2	7	<2.0	✓
Chlorate	Inorganic disinfection by-products	mg/L	0.7	0.01	14	<0.01	✓
Chloroform	Other disinfection by-products	μg/L	200	0.05	23	<1.0	✓
Carbamazepine	Pharmaceuticals and personal care	μg/L	100	0.1	23	<0.1	✓
Diclofenac	products	μg/L	1.8	0.1	23	<0.1	✓
Estrone	Hormones	ng/L	30	1	11	<1.0	✓
Trifluralin	Pesticides and herbicides	μg/L	90	1	11	<1.0	✓
1,4-Dioxane		μg/L	50	0.1	23	<0.1	✓
1,4-dichlorobenzene		μg/L	40	1	23	<1.0	✓
Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA)	Other organic chemicals	μg/L	250	10	23	<10	✓
Fluorene		μg/L	140	0.001	9	<0.001	✓
Octadioxin		pg/L	9,000	2	9	<2.0	✓
Alpha particle activity	Radioactivity	mBq/L	500	10	6	36	✓
Beta particle activity (-K40)		mBq/L	500	10	6	76	✓

All RWQI results from 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 were below their respective MoU guideline limit, demonstrating the safety of the recycled water produced by the AWRP while using the stringent management systems and processes adapted and developed by Water Corporation to GWRS.





### Stakeholder and community engagement

The GWRS has continued its community and stakeholder engagement strategy carried forward from the Groundwater Replenishment Trial. These engagement activities include: advertising, traditional media and public relations, correspondence with the Community Advisory Panel, updating groundwater recharge information on Water Corporation's Groundwater Replenishment website, use of social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, and conducting tours at the AWRP and visitor centre, as well as the distribution of guarterly E-newsletters.

Regular presentations and meetings with internal and external stakeholders, including regulators (DoH and DWER) and local government, are conducted to keep them informed regarding the scheme's performance.

Overall, the GWRS has been positively received and publicly supported by the community, local government and stakeholders.



Figure 16: Students and guide at GWR visitor centre





### Wastewater performance, incidents and complaints

### Sewer network performance

The performance of our assets has a direct impact on our ability to deliver essential wastewater conveyance and treatment services.

Service interruptions and compliance breaches are often caused by gravity sewer blockages and wastewater overflows. Through ongoing corrective and preventive maintenance, we keep sewer blockages below the target limit of 40 blockages per 100 km of sewer main (see Figure 17). In 2019-20 there were a total of 2935 blockages in 17,280 km of main.

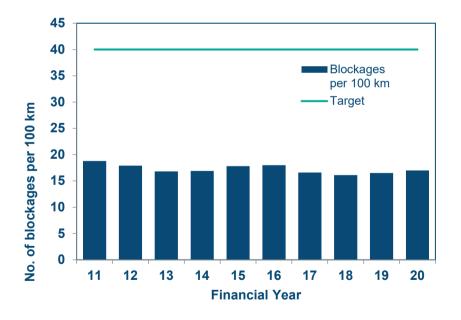


Figure 17: Sewer blockages - number per 100km (2011-2020) - all regions

### Wastewater incidents background

WWTPs are designed to reduce biological oxygen demand (BOD) and have sufficient redundancy to ensure Water Corporation's wastewater treatment systems should always be able to reduce BOD to acceptable levels (filtered BOD of less than 20mg/L). Water Corporation regularly monitors the hydraulic and organic loading of its WWTPs to prioritise operational and capital improvements at plants reaching their capacity. Treated wastewater recycled on public open space or anywhere human contact may occur must be adequately disinfected to protect public health.

Required water quality may not be achieved as a result of a WWTP being organically or hydraulically overloaded, an algal bloom, a contaminant introduce in the sewerage system, or treatment issues. This may in turn impact directly on a scheme's ability to achieve appropriate quality for the receiving environment.

In addition, overflows from treatment plants or mains may occur due to hydraulic overloading or burst mains.

### Wastewater scheme incident management

We report to the DoH, wastewater incidents with a potential public health impact. There were no incidents of public health impact in the 2019-20 financial year.





#### **Wastewater overflows**

We operated with 17,280 km of gravity and pressure sewer mains and moved more than 165 GL of untreated wastewater through these pipes in 2019-20. Blockages and bursts within these pipes may result in overflows of wastewater into the environment or residential / commercial property. Water Corporation follows strict guidelines to manage these overflows to reduce both the public health and environmental impacts. DoH and / or Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) are alerted to these overflows and provide advice in their management as required.

Where overflows occur on residential or commercial property Water Corporation works with owners and occupiers to remediate any damage and reduce any inconvenience caused by the overflows.

Overflows can be symptomatic of underlying asset or scheme issues but are more often caused by tree roots or solid items that have been put into the sewer system though a sink or toilet. Items such as fats and cooking oils, kitchen scraps, cotton buds, hygiene products and wet wipes don't break down and can create a blockage in a sewer. Water Corporation continues working to determine root causes of overflows and provide recommendations for future work to decrease the number of overflows occurring each year. See watercorporation.com.au/blockage for more information.

The number of overflow events for 2019-20 was 739 and include volumes as low as 0.2 litres. The following graph (figure 18) shows the numbers of overflow for the 2019-20 financial year. It is presented by volume range, wastewater type (i.e. treated or untreated wastewater) and by location of the overflow (to the environment or residential/ commercial property). Water Corporation is continuing to improve its reporting and response procedures.





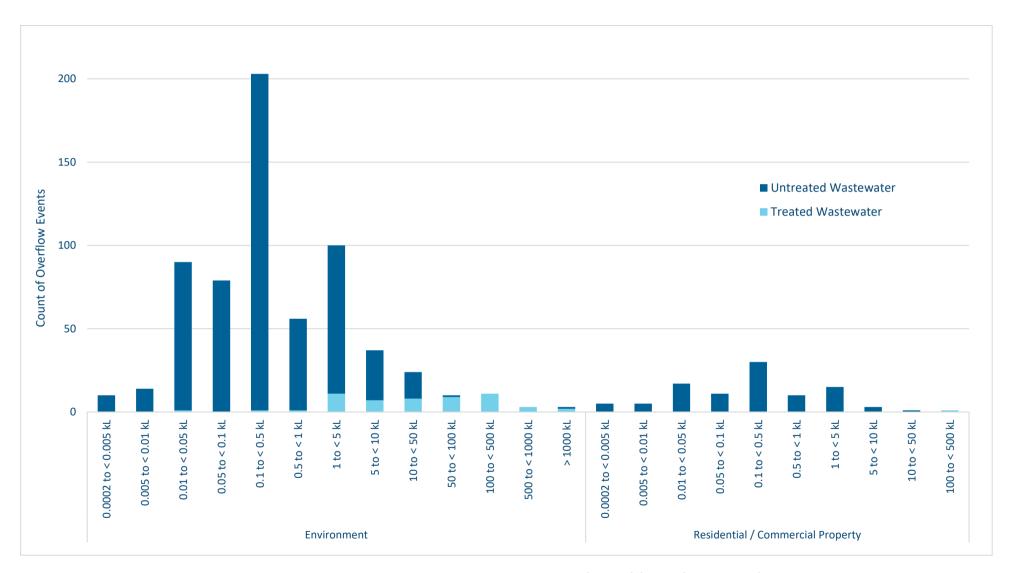


Figure 18: All overflows from Water Corporation assets 2019 - 20 by receiving environment and range





### WWQ incidents at recycling schemes

In the period 2019-20, there were zero wastewater quality incidents at WWTPs where recycling occurs that required advice or technical on-site remediation.

#### **GWR** incidents

There were no reportable incidents at the GWRS from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

#### **Odour contacts**

We are committed to providing high quality management of wastewater; odour buffering and treatment forms part of this management process. Odour is monitored regularly throughout the wastewater treatment process; however, due to the extensive nature of wastewater collection systems and the maintenance of wastewater treatment plants, as well as environmental factors such as high rainfall, wastewater odours can escape the sewer network or the boundaries of wastewater treatment plants.

Although wastewater odours are not a health hazard to the community, we are committed to reducing these odours to maintain the amenity and aesthetic values of surrounding land. Therefore, as part of the commitment to customers to provide wastewater services, we investigate all wastewater odour contacts.

Odours may be related to manholes, wastewater pump stations, overflows or cracked pipes in the conveyance system and, WWTP maintenance, odour scrubbers or process upsets.

A total of 994 customer contacts, relating to odour, were received for 2019-20. Of these contacts 902 were recorded as <sup>1</sup>enquiries and 92 as complaints.

Any instance of odour may result in numerous customer contacts, so multiple contacts related to the same odour instance may be recorded here. Figure 20 shows the total odour contacts received per region.

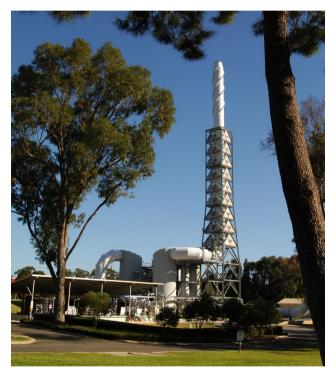


Figure 19: Subiaco WWTP odour control



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An enquiry is a request for information or a specific action, a complaint is recorded when an expression of dissatisfaction is made related to a wastewater odour.



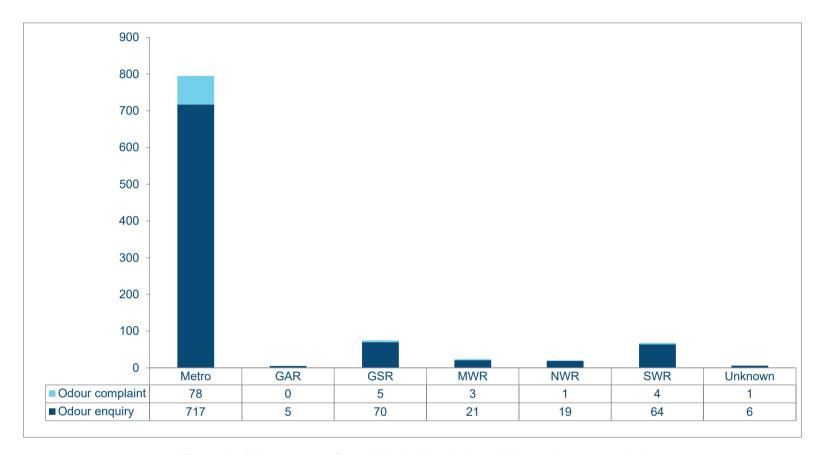


Figure 20: Odour contacts from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (total contacts = 994)

#### Notes:

This includes biosolids odour contacts.

*Unknown* = odour contact where the region and district details have not been stored in the database





### **Biosolids complaints and incidents**

Table 4: Complaints and incidents relating to metropolitan biosolids production and use

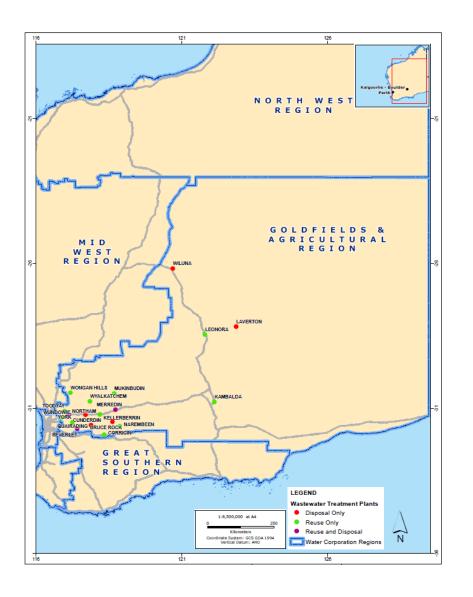
Date	Issue	Actions taken
1/07/2020 to 30/09/2020 22/11/2019	Woodman Pt WWTP - Elevated biosolids zinc concentrations.  13,091 tonnes of biosolids cake from Woodman Point wastewater treatment plant that did not meet P3C2 grade as per the WA Guidelines for Biosolids Management was applied to land. Biosolids zinc concentration ranged from 2,500 to 4,700 mg/kg between March and September 2019. Biosolids zinc returned to C2 levels (<2,500mg/kg) on 1/10/2019. C2 zinc levels were maintained thereafter.  Community Complaint (Flies)  Complaint received from community member regarding alleged fly breeding in stockpiles of biosolids at a biosolids receiving Farm. Contributing factors could have been time of year, regional animal manure spreading activities and deliveries/spreading of biosolids.	<ul> <li>Woodman Pt WWTP undertook numerous actions to determine the source of zinc, including:         <ul> <li>Zinc violation initially reported to DWER and DoH March 2019:</li> <li>Increased sample frequency, increased sampling points at Woodman Pt WWTP;</li> <li>Increased sampling of trade waste customers in the Woodman Pt WWTP catchment to determine the source of zinc, however no point sources identified;</li> <li>Worked with all stakeholders, including DWER to better understand and track contributions to the sewer network where possible dumping could have occurred;</li> <li>Water Corporation undertook the necessary calculations to ensure zinc rates applied to agricultural land did not exceed Guideline levels.</li> <li>Post-harvest soil sampling found that soil zinc levels remained relatively low after biosolids applications.</li> <li>Water Corporation inspection 20/12/19 biosolids cake stockpile - no evidence of fly breeding, material dry and friable upon inspection;</li> <li>All biosolids spread by 24/12/19;</li> <li>Complainant reported flies were no longer a nuisance (26/11/19) prior to spreading being completed;</li> <li>Proactive liaison by Water Corporation and farmer with complainant and Shire to resolve concerns; all parties satisfied with response;</li> <li>Spraying with insecticide arranged for future management of flies;</li> <li>Noted that during this time there were a number of days where there were vehicle movement bans in place which will inevitably make it difficult to get the spreading done in a timely manner as the farmer also juggles other farm business priorities.</li></ul></li></ul>
4/12/2019	Biosolids truck rollover  A truck carrying biosolids intended for receiving Farm rolled over on the Midlands Rd, Walebing. The biosolids in the trailer were discharged to the road verge and adjacent paddock.	<ul> <li>Reported to DoH, DWER and LGA by email;</li> <li>Arranged for the collection of the discharged material and removed this waste to the intended waste facility;</li> <li>Report submitted to DWER on 6th December 2019.</li> </ul>
29/06/2020	Community Complaint (Odour)  Complaint received from neighbour regarding prolonged storage time and odour. Possible contributing factors regional animal manure spreading activities, odour from rotting vegetation in a nearby swamp and deliveries/spreading of biosolids.	<ul> <li>Proactive liaison by Water Corporation on behalf of the farmer with complainant and Shire to resolve concerns; all parties satisfied with response;</li> <li>Deliveries commenced to this farm in the cooler months in response to the previous fly complaints;</li> <li>Spreading commenced on the afternoon of the 30/06/20 and was completed by 5/07/20;</li> <li>Storage exceeded approval time;</li> <li>The nearest biosolids stockpile was 2.5km south west of the complainant's house.</li> </ul>



## **Appendix A - Wastewater treatment plants and recycling schemes**

### **Goldfields and Agricultural region**

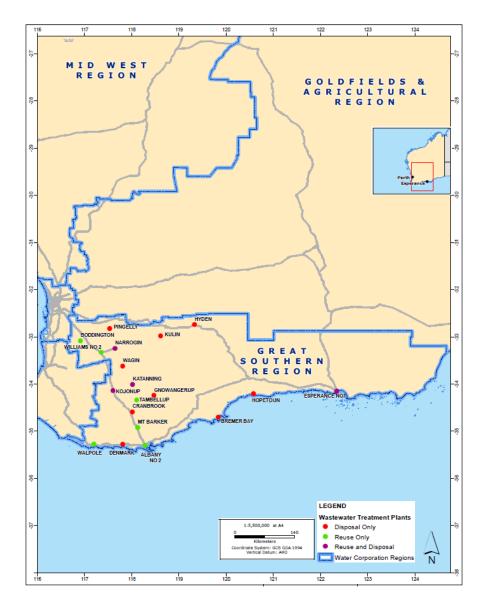
Region	Location	Treatment type	Recycling
	BEVERLEY	Pond	Shire of Beverley
	BRUCE ROCK	Septic Tank Effluent Disposal	
	CORRIGIN	Pond	Shire of Corrigin
	CUNDERDIN	Pond	
	KAMBALDA	Activated sludge	Private scheme
	KELLERBERRIN	Pond	Shire of Kellerberrin
	LAVERTON	Pond	
	LEONORA	Pond	Shire of Leonora
	MECKERING	Pond	
	MERREDIN	Pond	Shire of Merredin
GAR	MUKINBUDIN	Pond	Shire of Mukinbudin
	NAREMBEEN	Pond	Shire of Narembeen
	NORTHAM	Pond	Shire of Northam
	QUAIRADING	Pond	
	TOODYAY	Pond	Water Corporation
	WILUNA	Pond	
	WONGAN HILLS	Pond	Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
	WUNDOWIE	Pond	Shire of Northam (Wundowie and Bakers Hill Ovals)
	WYALKATCHEM	Pond	Shire of Wyalkatchem
	YORK	Pond	





### **Great Southern region**

Region	Location	Treatment type	Recycling
	ALBANY, TIMEWELL RD	Activated sludge	Water Corporation
	BODDINGTON	Pond	Private scheme
	BREMER BAY	Pond	
	CRANBROOK	Pond	
	DENMARK	Activated sludge	
	ESPERANCE	Pond	Shire of Esperance
	GNOWANGERUP	Pond	
	HOPETOUN	Pond	
	HYDEN	Septic Tank Effluent Disposal, Pond	
GSR	KATANNING	Pond	Shire of Katanning 2 Private schemes
	KOJONUP	Pond	Shire of Kojonup
	KULIN	Pond	Shire of Kulin
	MOUNT BARKER	Pond	Water Corporation
	NARROGIN	Pond	Town of Narrogin
	NEWDEGATE	Pond	
	PINGELLY	Pond	Shire of Pingelly
	TAMBELLUP	Pond	Shire of Tambellup- Broomehill
	WAGIN	Pond	
	WALPOLE	Activated sludge	Water Corporation
	WILLIAMS	Pond	Shire of Williams





### **Mid West region**

Region	Location	Treatment type	Recycling
	BOOTENAL, CAPE BURNEY	Pond	
	CARNARVON	Pond	Shire of Carnarvon Private scheme
	CERVANTES	Pond	
	CORAL BAY	Pond	
	DENHAM	Pond	
	DONGARA	High Performance Aerated Lagoon	Shire of Irwin
	ENEABBA	Pond	
	EXMOUTH	Pond	
MWR	GERALDTON NORTH GLENFIELD	Pond	
	GERALDTON 2	Pond	5 Private schemes
	GREEN HEAD	Pond	
	HORROCKS	Pond	
	JURIEN BAY	Pond	
	KALBARRI	Pond	Shire of Northampton
	LANCELIN	Pond	
	LEDGE POINT	Pond	
	LEEMAN	Pond	
	NARNGULU (SOUTH GERALDTON)	High Performance Aerated Lagoon	
	THREE SPRINGS	Pond	

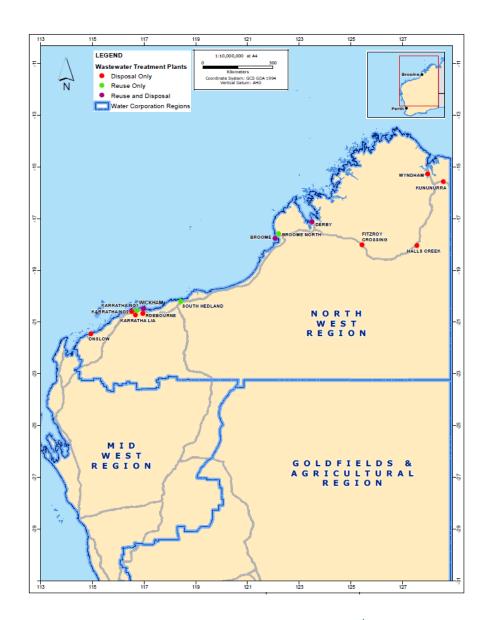




### **North West region**

Region	Location	Treatment type	Recycling
	BROOME NORTH	Pond	Water Corporation Private scheme
	BROOME SOUTH	Pond	Shire of Broome 2 Private schemes
	DERBY	Pond	Private scheme
	FITZROY CROSSING	Pond	
	HALLS CREEK	Pond	
	KARRATHA 1 MILLSTREAM RD	Pond	City of Karratha
	KARRATHA 2	Pond	
	KARRATHA 3, LIA	Pond	
NWR	KUNUNURRA	Pond	
	ONSLOW	Pond	
	ROEBOURNE	Pond	
	SOUTH HEDLAND	Pond	Town of Port Hedland Private scheme
	WICKHAM	Pond	Shire of Roebourne Private scheme
	WYNDHAM	Pond	
	CHRISTMAS ISLAND (IOT)	Activated sludge	
	COCOS HOME ISLAND (IOT)	Activated sludge	
	COCOS WEST ISLAND(IOT)	Activated sludge	

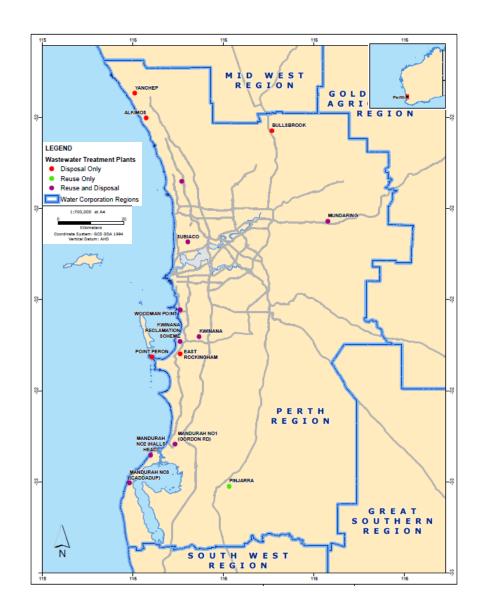
Includes Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) owned by Commonwealth, managed by Water Corporation – not shown on map.





### Perth (Metro) region

Region	Location	Treatment type	Recycling
	ALKIMOS	Activated sludge	, ,
	BEENYUP	Activated sludge UF, RO and UV Disinfection for GWRS	Groundwater Replenishment Scheme (refer to page 26)
	BULLSBROOK	Activated sludge	
	CADDADUP, MANDURAH 3	Activated sludge	City of Mandurah Private scheme
	EAST ROCKINGHAM	Activated sludge	
	KWINANA	Activated sludge	
	MANDURAH 1, GORDON RD	Activated sludge	City of Mandurah
Perth	MANDURAH 2, HALLS HEAD	Activated sludge	City of Mandurah Private scheme
	MUNDARING	Activated sludge	Shire of Mundaring Private scheme
	PINJARRA, ADELAIDE RD	Pond	Private scheme
	POINT PERON	Primary; sludge thickening	
	SUBIACO	Activated sludge	Water Corporation 3 Private schemes
	WOODMAN POINT	Activated sludge UF and RO at KWRP for recycled water	4 Private industrial schemes





### **South West region**

Region	Location	Treatment type	Recycling
	AUGUSTA	Pond	
	BINNINGUP	Pond	
	BRIDGETOWN 2	Activated sludge	Private scheme
	BRUNSWICK	Pond	
	BUNBURY 2	Activated sludge	
	BUREKUP	Pond	
	BUSSELTON (YUNDERUP)	Activated sludge	2 Private schemes
	CAPEL	Pond	
	COLLIE	Activated sludge	
	DARDANUP	Pond	
	DONNYBROOK (BOYANUP)	Pond	Water Corporation
SWR	DUNSBOROUGH 2	Activated sludge	Water Corporation
	GNARABUP BEACH (PREVELLY)	Activated sludge	
	HARVEY	Pond	
	KEMERTON (AUSTRALIND)	Activated sludge	Water Corporation
	MANJIMUP	Pond	Water Corporation Private scheme
	MARGARET RIVER 2 (COWARAMUP)	Activated sludge	DWER Shire of Augusta and Margaret River Private scheme
	NANNUP	Pond	Water Corporation
	PEMBERTON	Activated sludge	Shire of Manjimup
	WAROONA	Pond	







# Appendix B - Groundwater replenishment – all recycled water quality parameter (RWQP) results 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Note: All data statistics are calculated assuming limit of reporting (LOR) data are equal to LOR (e.g. <0.1 µg/L is 0.1 µg/L for calculation purposes).

Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
2-chlorophenol	μg/L	300	1	2	<1	✓
2-propyltoluene	μg/L	0.7	0.5	8	<1	✓
4-nonylphenol	μg/L	500	10	2	<10	✓
4-chlorophenol	μg/L	10	1	2	<1	✓
4-cumylphenol	μg/L	0.35	0.05	2	<0.05	✓
4-nitrophenol	μg/L	30	1	2	<1	✓
4-tert-octylphenol	μg/L	50	10	2	<10	✓
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	μg/L	40	1	23	<1	✓
17alpha-estradiol	ng/L	175	1	2	<1	✓
17beta-estradiol	ng/L	175	1	2	<1	✓
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	μg/L	30	0.5	2	<0.5	✓
2,4-dichlorophenol	μg/L	200	1	2	<1	✓
2,6-dichlorophenol	μg/L	10	1	2	<1	✓
2,6-di-tert-butylphenol	μg/L	2	0.05	2	<0.05	✓
Acenaphthene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Acenaphthylene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Silver	mg/L	0.1	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Aluminium	mg/L	0.2	0.005	8	<0.005	✓
Aluminium Unfiltered	mg/L	0.2	0.005	8	0.03	✓
Androstenedione	ng/L	9	2	2	<2	✓
Anthracene	μg/L	150	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Arsenic	mg/L	0.010	0.001	16	0.002	✓





Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
Arsenic Unfiltered	mg/L	0.01	0.001	8	<0.001	✓
Atrazine	μg/L	40	0.1	2	<0.1	✓
Boron	mg/L	4	0.02	23	0.17	✓
Benzo(a)anthracene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Barium	mg/L	2	0.002	8	<0.002	✓
Bromochloromethane (LOR - 1 μg/L)	μg/L	40	1	2	<1	✓
Beryllium	mg/L	0.004	0.0001	10	<0.0001	✓
Benzo(a)pyrene	μg/L	0.01	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Benzidine	ng/L	0.2	20	2	<20	✓
Benzotriazole	μg/L	20	1	2	<1	✓
Bisphenol A	μg/L	200	1	2	<10	✓
Bromochloroacetic acid	μg/L	0.7	0.7	8	<0.7	✓
Bromoform	μg/L	100	1	2	<1	✓
Carbamazepine (LOR - 0.1 μg/L)	μg/L	100	0.1	23	<0.1	✓
Cadmium	mg/L	0.002	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Chlorate	mg/L	0.7	0.01	14	<0.01	✓
Chloride	mg/L	250	1	7	7	✓
Chloroacetic acid	μg/L	150	2	2	<2	✓
Chloroform	μg/L	200	1	23	<1	✓
Chlorophene	μg/L	0.35	0.05	2	<0.05	✓
Chrysene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Total cyanide	mg/L	0.08	0.01	2	<0.01	✓
Cobalt	mg/L	0.001	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Clostridium perfringens spores	cfu/100mL	<1	1	2	<1	✓





Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
Chromium	mg/L	0.05	0.0005	8	<0.0005	✓
Carbon disulfide	μg/L	700	1	2	<1	✓
Copper	mg/L	2	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Bromodichloromethane	μg/L	6	1	2	<1	✓
N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide	μg/L	2500	0.1	2	<0.1	✓
Dibromochloroacetic acid	μg/L	0.7	<0.7	8	<0.7	✓
Dibromomonochloromethane	μg/L	100	1	2	<1	✓
Dichloroacetic acid	μg/L	100	2	2	<2	✓
Dichloromethane	μg/L	4	1	2	<1	✓
Diclofenac (LOR - 0.1 μg/L)	μg/L	1.8	0.1	23	<0.1	✓
1,4-Dioxane	μg/L	50	0.1	23	<0.1	✓
DTPA	μg/L	20	10	2	<10	✓
Escherichia coli	cfu/100 mL	<1	1	2	<1	✓
Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid	μg/L	250	10	23	<10	✓
Ethinyl Estradiol	ng/L	1.5	1	2	<1	✓
Equilenin	ng/L	30	2	2	<2	✓
Equilin	ng/L	30	2	2	<2	✓
Estriol	ng/L	50	1	2	<1	✓
Estrone	ng/L	30	1	11	<1	✓
Etiocholanolone	ng/L	7	2	2	<2	✓
Fluoride laboratory measurement	mg/L	1.5	0.05	8	0.10	✓
Iron	mg/L	0.3	0.005	8	<0.005	✓
Iron unfiltered	mg/L	0.3	0.01	8	0.01	✓
Fluoranthene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Fluorene	μg/L	140	0.001	9	<0.001	✓
Flupropanate	ug/L	9	0.5	2	<0.5	✓





Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
Galaxolide	μg/L	1800	1	2	<1	✓
Gross beta activity minus K40	mBq/L	500	0.01	6	76	✓
Glyphosate	μg/L	1000	100	2	<100	✓
Gross alpha activity	mBq/L	500	0.01	6	36	✓
Mercury	mg/L	0.001	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
HeptaCDD (1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD)	pg/L	-	2	2	<1	$\checkmark$
HeptaCDF (1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HeptaCDF (1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDD (1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDD (1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDD (1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDF (1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDF (1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDF (1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
HexaCDF (2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	μg/L	-	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
lodide	mg/L	0.1	0.02	8	<0.02	✓
Lithium	mg/L	0.15	0.0001	8	0.0006	✓
2-methyl-naphthalene	μg/L	-	0.1	2	<0.1	✓
4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy acetic acid	μg/L	35	1	2	<1	✓
Mestranol	ng/L	2.5	2	2	<2	✓
Metolachlor	μg/L	300	0.1	2	<0.1	✓
Magnesium	mg/L	800	0.1	7	<0.1	✓
Manganese	mg/L	0.5	0.001	8	<0.001	✓
Manganese unfiltered	mg/L	0.5	0.001	8	<0.001	✓
Molybdenum	mg/L	0.5	0.001	8	<0.001	✓
Coliphage (MS2)	pfu/100mL	<1	1	25	1	✓





Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
Methyl-tert-butyl ether	μg/L	13	1	2	<1	✓
Sodium	mg/L	180	0.1	7	10.6	✓
N-nitrosodi-n-butylamine	ng/L	6	2	7	<2	✓
N-nitrosodiethylamine	ng/L	10	2	7	<2	✓
N-nitrosodimethylamine	ng/L	100	2	27	2.8	✓
N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine	ng/L	5	2	7	<2	✓
N-nitroso-diphenylamine	ng/L	7000	10	7	<10	$\checkmark$
N-nitrosoethylmethylamine	ng/L	2	2	7	<2	$\checkmark$
Ammonia as nitrogen	mg/L	0.5	0.01	7	0.51	$\checkmark$
Nickel	mg/L	0.02	0.001	8	0.001	✓
N-nitrosomorpholine	ng/L	5	2	7	<2	$\checkmark$
Nitrite as nitrogen	mg/L	1	0.01	7	<0.01	$\checkmark$
Nitrate as nitrogen	mg/L	11	0.01	31	2.9	$\checkmark$
Norethindrone	ng/L	250	100	2	<100	$\checkmark$
N-nitrosopiperidine	ng/L	4	2	7	<2	$\checkmark$
N-nitrosopyrrolidine	ng/L	20	2	7	<2	$\checkmark$
2-nitrophenol	μg/L	0.7	0.5	8	<1	✓
2-phenylphenol	μg/L	20	1	2	<1	✓
Octadioxin	pg/L	9000	2	9	<2	$\checkmark$
Octafuran	pg/L	-	4	2	<1	$\checkmark$
Lead	mg/L	0.1	0.0001	8	<0.0001	$\checkmark$
PCB 77	pg/L	-	2	2	<5	✓
PCB 81	pg/L	-	1	2	<2	$\checkmark$
PCB 105	pg/L	-	20	2	<20	$\checkmark$
PCB 114	pg/L	-	4	2	<4	$\checkmark$
PCB 118	pg/L	-	100	2	<100	✓
PCB 123	pg/L	-	2	2	<2	✓





Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
PCB 126	pg/L	-	1	2	<2	✓
PCB 156	pg/L	-	10	2	<10	✓
PCB 157	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
PCB 167	pg/L	-	10	2	<10	✓
PCB 169	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
PCB 189	pg/L	-	2	2	<2	✓
PentaCDD (1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD)	pg/L	-	1	42	<1	✓
PentaCDF (1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
PentaCDF (2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
Pentachlorophenol	μg/L	10	1	2	<1	✓
Perchlorate	μg/L	6	0.5	2	<0.5	✓
pH measured in laboratory	NOUNIT	6.0-8.5	0.1	17	7.3	✓
Phenanthrene	μg/L	150	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Progesterone	ng/L	105	100	2	<100	✓
Propiconazole	μg/L	100	0.1	2	<0.05	✓
Pyrene	μg/L	150	0.001	2	<0.001	✓
Antimony	mg/L	0.003	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Selenium	mg/L	0.01	0.001	8	<0.001	✓
Simazine	μg/L	20	0.1	2	<0.1	✓
Tin	mg/L	14	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Coliphage (somatic)	pfu/100mL	<1	1	2	<1	✓
Strontium	mg/L	4	0.0001	8	<0.002	✓
Sulphate	mg/L	500	0.01	7	<0.1	✓
TetraCDD(2,3,7,8-TCDD)	pg/L	-	1	2	1	✓
Total dissolved solids by evaporation	mg/L	500	10	17	38	✓
TetraCDF (2,3,7,8-tetraCDF)	pg/L	-	1	2	<1	✓
Testosterone	ng/L	7	2	2	<2	✓





Parameter	Units	Guideline	LOR	Total Readings	Max	Requirement met
Thallium	mg/L	0.002	0.0001	8	<0.0001	✓
Thallium - Total	mg/L	0.002	0.0001	5	0.0001	✓
Thermotolerant coliforms	cfu/100 mL	<1	1	2	<1	$\checkmark$
Total trihalomethanes	μg/L	250	4	2	<4	✓
Tolyltriazole	μg/L	20	1	2	<1	$\checkmark$
Tribromoacetic acid	μg/L	0.7	0.7	8	<1	$\checkmark$
Trichloroacetic acid	μg/L	100	1	2	1	$\checkmark$
2,4,6-trichlorophenol	μg/L	20	1	2	<1	✓
Trifluralin	μg/L	90	1	11	<1	$\checkmark$
Turbidity	NTU	5	0.5	17	<0.5	✓
Uranium	mg/L	0.02	0.0001	8	<0.0001	$\checkmark$
Vanadium	mg/L	0.015	0.005	8	<0.0001	$\checkmark$
Zinc	mg/L	3	0.005	8	0.029	✓



## Appendix C



### Appendix C – Recycled Water Quality Data - sampling undertaken by Water Corporation as per MoU

Table 5: Low and medium exposure risk recycling schemes

Region	WWTP	Primary Recipient	Residual  (1)TCI  mnthly  compliance (# samples)	Samples <0.2 mg/L	Requirement met	Residual <sup>(1)</sup> TCI wkly check (# samples)	Samples <0.2 mg residual	Requirement met	Suspended Solids (# samples)	Samples >30 mg/L	Requirement met	pH (# samples)	samples outside 6.5-8.5	Requirement met	E.coli (# samples)	samples >1000cfu/ 100mL (for low risk)	Requirement met
GAR	Beverley	Shire of Beverley	-	-	(2)	43	35	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GAR	Kambalda	Private Scheme	-	-	(2)	13	0	✓	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GAR	Leonora	Shire of Leonora	-	-	(2)	64	11	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GAR	Mukinbudin	Shire of Mukinbudin	-	-	(2)	44	9	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Boddington	Private Scheme	-	-	(2)	43	2	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Esperance 1	Shire of Esperance	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Katanning	Private Scheme 1	-	-	(2)	58	17	(6)	-	-	(3)	13	1	(6)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Katanning	Private Scheme 2	-	-	(2)	58	17	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Katanning	Shire of Katanning	-	-	(2)	58	17	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Kojonup	Shire of Kojonup	-	-	(2)	55	3	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Kulin	Shire of Kulin	-	-	(2)	20	0	✓	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Narrogin	Shire of Narrogin			(2)	30	0	✓	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Tambellup	Shire of Tambellup- Broomehill	-	-	(2)	49	0	✓	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
GSR	Williams	Shire of Williams	-	-	(2)	38	0	✓	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
MWR	Dongara	Shire of Irwin	-	-	(2)	24	0	✓	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
MWR	Kalbarri	Shire of Northampton	-	-	(2)	48	1	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
NWR	Broome North	Water Corporation	12	0	✓	61	3	(6)	-	-	(3)	12	0	✓	13	1	(4)
NWR	Broome South	Shire of Broome	12	1	(6)	66	4	(6)	-	-	(3)	24	0	✓	17	0	✓
NWR	Broome South	Private scheme 1	12	1	(6)	66	4	(6)	-	-	(3)	24	0	✓	17	0	✓
NWR	Broome South	Private scheme 2	12	1	(6)	66	4	(6)	-	-	(3)	24	0	✓	17	0	✓
NWR	Derby	Private Scheme.	12	0	✓	61	5	(6)	-	-	(3)	12	0	✓	12	0	✓
Perth	Mundaring	Shire of Mundaring	12	0	✓	50	0	✓	12	0	✓	12	0	✓	12	0	✓
Perth	Mundaring	Private scheme	12	0	✓	50	0	✓	12	0	✓	12	0	✓	12	0	✓
SWR	Bridgetown	Private Scheme	8	0	✓	28	0	✓	-	-	(3)	8	5	✓	8	0	✓
SWR	Manjimup	Private Scheme	-	-	(2)	18	1	(6)	-	-	(3)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
SWR	Margaret River	Shire of Margaret River	-	-	(2)	61	0	✓	12	0	✓	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
SWR	Margaret River	Private Scheme	-	-	(2)	61	0	✓	12	0	✓	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
SWR	Margaret River	Water Corporation	12	0	✓	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)

### Notes:

- (1) TCI = total chlorine
- Total chlorine
   This sampling is not the responsibility of Water Corporation
   Suspended Solids not applicable to these schemes
   Resample taken and within Guideline and approval limits
   This sampling is not required in the DoH approval
   Operational exception; health compliance still achieved



### Appendix C



Table 6: Low and medium exposure risk recycling schemes with continuous online analysis of chlorine residual.

Region	WWTP	Primary Recipient	Residual TCI mnthly compliance (#samples)	Samples <0.2 mg/L	Requirement met	Residual TCI wkly check (# samples)	Samples <0.2 mg residual	Requirement met	Suspended Solids (#samples)	Samples >30 mg/L	Requirement met	pH (samples taken)	samples outside 6.5-8.5	Requirement met	<i>E.coli</i> (#samples)	samples >1000cfu/ 100mL (for low risk)	Requirement met
NWR	Karratha 1	City of Karratha	-	-	(6)	-	-	(6)	12	0	✓	17	0	✓	52	0	✓
NWR	South Hedland	Private Scheme	-	-	(6)	-	-	(6)	12	0	✓	12	0	✓	11	0	✓
NWR	South Hedland	Town of Port Hedland	Scheme non-	Scheme non-operational in 2019-20													
NWR	Wickham	Private Scheme	-	-	(6)	-	-	(6)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
Perth		Water Corporation						(0)				40	0				
Perth	Cubiasa	Private Scheme			(6)										0		(7)
Perth	Subiaco Private Scheme	Private Scheme		(6)	-	-	(6)	2	0	•	<b>√</b> 12	0	•	9	1	(7)	
Perth		Private Scheme															
SWR	Pemberton	Shire of Manjimup	-	-	(6)	-	-	(6)	9	0	✓	9	0	✓	9	1	✓

### Table 7: Extra low exposure risk recycling schemes (all schemes wholly operated and maintained by the Water Corporation)

Region	WWTP	Primary Recipient	Residual TCI mnthly compliance (#samples)	Samples <0.2 mg/L	Requirement met	Residual TCI wkly check (# samples)	Samples <0.2 mg residual	Requirement met	Suspended Solids (#samples)	Samples >30 mg/L	Requirement met	pH (samples taken)	samples outside 6.5-8.5	Requirement met	<i>E.coli</i> (#samples)	samples >10000cfu/10 0mL (for low risk)	Requirement met
GAR	Toodyay	Water Corporation	Scheme nor	Scheme non-operational in 2019-20													
GSR	Albany 2	Water Corporation	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	12	0	✓	12	0	✓
GSR	Mt Barker	Water Corporation	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	12	6	(7)	12	0	✓
GSR	Walpole	Water Corporation	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	6	3	(7)	6	0	✓
SWR	Donnybrook	Water Corporation	12	4	(7)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	-	-	(5)	12	0	✓
SWR	Dunsborough	Water Corporation	9	0	✓	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	-	-	(5)	10	0	✓
SWR	Kemerton	Water Corporation	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	36	2	(7)	38	1	✓
SWR	Manjimup	Water Corporation	_	-	(5)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	24	3	(7)	24	0	✓
SWR	Nannup	Water Corporation	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)		-	(5)	22	19	(7)	10	0	✓

### Notes:

- (2) This sampling is not the responsibility of Water Corporation
- (5) This sampling is not required in the DoH approval
- (6) Continuous online sampling of chlorine residual, therefore no requirement to undertake monthly compliance or weekly check samples
- (7) Sample exceedance; review of barriers showed no elevated public health risk.

There are 25 recycling schemes where the responsibility to sample lies with the third party – these schemes are not included in these tables.

