

# Notice

## *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

### **Notice of decision - Temporary emissions licence - TEL100837931**

*This notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 357E of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, to advise you of a decision or action.*

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Attention: Eng Lim  
Your reference: TEL100837931  
Our reference: C-EATEL-100837930; EPPR00904813

#### **1 Application details**

Application for temporary emissions licence (TEL) for rainfall and flooding at Quilpie, relating to environmental authority EPPR00904813.

#### **2 Decision**

Thank you for your application for a temporary emissions licence. Your application, which was received by this office on 27/03/2025, has been granted as submitted.

#### **3 Human rights**

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision, and it was determined that the decision is compatible with human rights.

#### **4 Temporary emissions licence**

This temporary emissions licence commences on **27 March 2025** and ends on **24 April 2025**.

**The licence overrides the following conditions of your environmental authority, EPPR00904813:**

| Condition number | Condition                                                                                                                                                                |
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| W1               | Contaminants must not be directly or indirectly released from the authorised places to any waters or the bed and banks of any waters except as permitted under the water |



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|                                    | schedule, or to a sewer as permitted or otherwise agreed from time to time by the relevant Local Government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |                      |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |
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| W2                                 | The only contaminants permitted to be released from the licensed place at the release point 1 are treated sewage effluent from the Quilpie Town Sewage Treatment Plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |                      |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |
| W3                                 | <p>Contaminants must not be directly or indirectly released from the Quilpie Sewage Treatment Plant to any waters at any location other than the contaminants and sources at the locations listed below:</p> <p>Release point 1 - Treated sewage effluent from the Quilpie Town Sewage Treatment Plant located at Reserve for Local Government Purposes R25, Parish of Woorebil, to waters described as Pinkilla Creek, at a location described as some 1500 metres south of the treatment plant.</p>                                                                                      |                           |                      |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |
| W4                                 | The total quantity of contaminants released from release point 1 during any dry weather day must not exceed 700 cubic metres and during a wet weather day must not exceed 3 500 cubic metres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |                      |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |
| W5                                 | <p>The release of contaminants to waters must comply, at the sampling and in situ measurement point/s specified in conditions S2 – S5, with each of the limits specified in Table 1 for each quality characteristic.</p> <p>Table 1 - Release Quality Characteristic Limits</p> <table><tr><th>Quality Characteristics</th><th>Release Point Number</th><th>Release Limit</th><th>Limit Type</th></tr><tr><td>pH</td><td>1</td><td>6.5-8.5</td><td>Range</td></tr><tr><td>Faecal Coliforms (organisms/100ml)</td><td>1</td><td>1000 organisms per 100 ml</td><td>Maximum</td></tr></table> | Quality Characteristics   | Release Point Number | Release Limit | Limit Type | pH | 1 | 6.5-8.5 | Range | Faecal Coliforms (organisms/100ml) | 1 | 1000 organisms per 100 ml | Maximum |
| Quality Characteristics            | Release Point Number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Release Limit             | Limit Type           |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |
| pH                                 | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6.5-8.5                   | Range                |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |
| Faecal Coliforms (organisms/100ml) | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1000 organisms per 100 ml | Maximum              |               |            |    |   |         |       |                                    |   |                           |         |

### Conditions of the TEL

The following conditions apply to this licence:

| Condition number | Condition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| TEL-1            | <p>This temporary emissions licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Takes effect from 27 March 2025; and</li> <li>b) Will cease on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 24 April 2025; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Releases to waters permitted by this TEL must cease on whichever event arrives sooner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On 3 April 2025; or</li> <li>b. When inflows to the Quilpie Town Sewage Treatment Plant are below 260kL/day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| TEL-2            | Untreated effluent is permitted to be released to waters from the activity, where the release to water must only be released to Pinkilla Creek at Release Point Number 1 - 1500 metres south of the treatment plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| TEL-3 | All reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to prevent or minimise any environmental harm caused, or likely to be caused, by the releases to waters permitted under this TEL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| TEL-4 | The holder of this TEL must:<br>a) Notify the administering authority once discharge of effluent in accordance with the conditions of this TEL have ceased.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| TEL-5 | A final report must be provided to the administering authority by 14 business days after the cessation of releases under this TEL, summarising:<br>a) An analysis of all monitoring results carried out in accordance with the conditions of this TEL; and<br>b) Whether the releases under the TEL may have caused environmental harm; and<br>c) The actions that were undertaken to comply with the conditions of this TEL. |
| TEL-6 | The holder of this TEL must make reasonable efforts to notify potentially impacted downstream landholders and downstream water users of:<br>a) Temporary changes to emissions permitted under this TEL; and<br>b) The reason for the temporary change to emissions; and<br>c) The measures that will be implemented to protect environmental values.                                                                          |
| TEL-7 | Visual monitoring of waters impacted by any release under this TEL must be undertaken daily to search for visual evidence of adverse impacts from releases, including fish kills, debris and scum, unless safety concerns prohibit the monitoring being undertaken.                                                                                                                                                           |
| TEL-8 | If visual monitoring, required by condition TEL-7, indicates adverse impacts from the release(s), the holder of this TEL must take all reasonable and practicable action to clean up and rectify the adverse impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### Definitions for conditions

*Applicants should note that where a term is not defined, the definition in the Environmental Protection Act 1994, its regulations or environmental protection policies must be used. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.*

**Activity** means the environmentally relevant activities, whether resource activities or prescribed activities, to which the environmental authority relates.

**Administering authority** means the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation or its successor or predecessors.

**Day** means any 24 hour period.

**Measures** has the broadest interpretation and includes plant, equipment, physical objects, bunding, containment systems, monitoring, procedures, actions, directions and competency.

**Release** of a contaminant into the environment means to:

- a) deposit, discharge, emit or disturb the contaminant; or
- b) cause or allow the contaminant to be deposited, discharged, emitted or disturbed; or
- c) fail to prevent the contaminant from being deposited, discharged emitted or disturbed; or
- d) allow the contaminant to escape; or

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e) fail to prevent the contaminant from escaping.

**Waters** includes river, stream, lake, lagoon, pond, swamp, wetland, unconfined surface water, unconfined water, natural or artificial watercourse, bed and bank of any waters, dams, non-tidal or tidal waters (including the sea), stormwater channel, stormwater drain, roadside gutter, stormwater run-off, and groundwater and any part thereof.

Should you have any queries in relation to this notice, Hayden Woodall on telephone 07 3330 5708 would be happy to assist you.

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Signature

27/03/2025

Date

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