





Kempsey Shire Council

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

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2	February 2021	KSC Sewer personnel GHD	PIRMP review in response to updated PIRMP guidelines. Full revision and update of Risk Assessment for KSC sewer operations network. PIRMP update including additional maps, response flowcharts and contact details for incident response.
3	July 2022	KSC Sewer Personal	Updates included response flow chart 4-2, stakeholder organisational names, maps (Appendix A), Incident reports (Appendix B and C), risk register (Appendix E),
4	June 2023	KSC Sewer Personal	Updates include: Change on KCS titles, Figure 2-1. Organizational chart, Table 4-1 Incident contact details, Figure 4-1 Incident Management Response Flowchart
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PIRMP '	Testing		
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3	February & March 2022	KSC Sewer personal	Live testing during 2 wet weather events (24/2/22 to 10/3/22 & 24/3/22 to 7/4/22)
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2	April 2022		Water and Sewer team members new to Council. Introduction to PIRMP documentation and scenario incident workshop
3	June - July 2022		Water and Sewer field operational team's workshops/toolbox talks; update on revised documents
4	20 February 2023		New Employee Induction on PIRMP protocols
5	June 2023		Water and Sewer personal yearly PIRMP scenario incident workshop
6	9 April 2024		New Employee Induction on PIRMP protocols
7	June – July 2024		Water and Sewer yearly PIRMP scenario incident workshop

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Kempsey Shire Council (KSC) operates seven sewerage schemes across the local government area (LGA) that each operate under an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Each licensed sewerage scheme has a sewage treatment plant (STP) and infrastructure associated with their reticulation network. Table 1-1 below lists the sewerage schemes and their licence number. Section 2 provides further details on each sewerage scheme.

Table 1-1 KSC Sewerage Schemes and EPL Number

Sewerage Scheme	EPL Number
West Kempsey Sewerage Scheme	763
South Kempsey Sewerage Scheme	720
Gladstone Sewerage Scheme	1781
South West Rocks Sewerage Scheme	2497
Crescent Head Sewerage Scheme	577
Hat Head Sewerage Scheme	11874
Frederickton Sewerage Scheme	363

1.2 Legislative requirements

As per the POEO Act, the holder of an EPL must prepare, keep, test and implement a pollution incident response management plan (PIRMP) that complies with Part 5.7A of the POEO Act in relation to the activity to which the licence relates.

If a pollution incident occurs in the course of an activity so that material harm to the environment (within the meaning of section 147 of the POEO Act) is caused or threatened, the person carrying out the activity must immediately implement this plan in relation to the activity required by Part 5.7A of the POEO Act.

A copy of this plan must be kept at the licensed premises, or where the activity takes place in the case of mobile plant licence and be made available on request by an authorised EPA officer and to any person who is responsible for implementing this plan.

Parts of the plan must also be available either on a publicly accessible website, or if there is no such website, by providing a copy of the plan to any person who makes a written request. The sections of the plan that are required to be publicly available are set out in clause 98D of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.

1.3 Objective

To provide an, updated and complying PIRMP that meets the requirements for EPL holders as specified in Part 5.7A of the POEO Act.

2. Sewerage Schemes of KSC

2.1 Management of the sewerage schemes

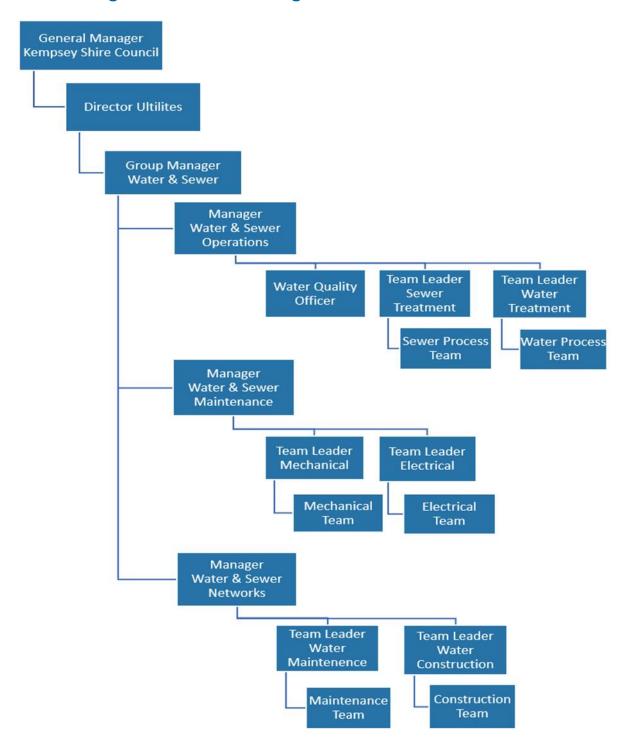


Figure 2.1 Organisational structure for the management of the sewerage schemes administered by KSC.

The Director of Utilities administers the seven KSC sewerage schemes. The Water and Sewer Operations Manager, Water and Sewer Network Manager and the Water and Sewer Maintenance Manager report to the Group Manager Water and Sewer, who is responsible for managing the sewerage schemes. The Team Leader Sewer Treatment is responsible to the Water and Sewer Operations Manager for the day-to-day management of the sewerage schemes, including sewage pump stations (SPS's) and sewer treatment plants (STP's). The Team Leader Water Maintenance and Team Leader Water Construction is responsible to the Water and Sewer Network Manager for the day-to-day management of the scheme's sewage mains including repairs, maintenance and replacements. The Team Leader Mechanical, and the Team Leader Electrical are responsible to the Water and Sewer Maintenance Manager for all electrical, telemetry and mechanical maintenance and repairs at SPS's and STP's.

There are four teams responsible for operating and maintaining the schemes as follows:

- Sewer Process Team Responsible for the day-to-day operation of the STP's and SPS's, and after-hours response to STP failures and SPS failures.
- Water Construction Team Responsible for mains replacements.
- Water Maintenance Team Responsible for repairs and maintenance of the mains and after-hours response to main failures and blockages.
- Water Trades Team Includes fitters, telemetry/instrumentation technicians and electricians responsible for associated maintenance of the scheme.

A summary of each licensed sewerage scheme is included in this section. Schematics of each scheme are included in 0. All STP's have sludge stored in sludge lagoons on site, dewatered by a mobile centrifuge or long arm excavator (West Kempsey STP only). The processed sludge "Biosolids" is transported to one private property as per EPA Biosolids application protocols as described in:

• Review of Environmental Factors for "177 White Rock Road" Volume 1 and 2, prepared by Arkwood Organic Recycling, 2010 (the REF).

It should be noted that when sludge cannot be transported to private property, it is instead transported to the Kempsey Shire Council's landfill site.

2.2 West Kempsey sewerage scheme

2.2.1 Licence details

EPL #: 763

STP site address: North and Belmore Streets, West Kempsey NSW 2440

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >1000-5000 ML annual maximum volume of discharge.

2.2.2 Summary of operations

The West Kempsey sewerage scheme contains:

66 kilometres (km) of gravity sewers

- Current loading of approximately 4,400 equivalent tenements (ET)
- 16 KSC owned pumping stations and a further 11 privately owned pumping stations
- A number of pump stations for the wastewater transportation system which independently discharge to the West Kempsey STP
- A sizeable gravity catchment discharges to the treatment works through two large carrier mains
- One formal overflow structure within the system located at the K6C SPS

The West Kempsey STP has two parallel process trains, consisting initially of primary sedimentation followed by biological trickling filters. The first process train was constructed in 1939 with a duplicate process constructed in 1966. Flow enters the plant through a distribution structure that discharges to the head of the inlet works through a gravity main. The effluent travels through five maturation ponds and then is pumped from the end of the ponds to the Macleay River for discharge.

2.3 South Kempsey sewerage scheme

2.3.1 Licence details

EPL #: 720

STP site address: Woolford Crescent, South Kempsey NSW 2440

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >219 - 1000 ML discharged.

2.3.2 Summary of operations

The South Kempsey sewage scheme contains:

- Approximately 45 km of gravity sewers.
- Current loading of approximately 1,897 ET.
- 16 KSC pumping stations and a further 4 privately owned pumping stations.
- Three separate systems that each independently discharge to the STP.
- One overflow structure in the system discharging to the environment located at K11B SPS. An additional high-level overflow is located at K11C SPS which overflows to K11B SPS.

The plant consists of a trickling filter plant built in 1960 with a nominal capacity of 3,400 equivalent population (EP), and a 2,000 EP Intermittent Extended Aeration Tank (Pasveer Channel P2000). There are also three effluent ponds including a catch pond. The effluent ponds have a detention time of 10 days at average dry weather flow (ADWF) for 5,400 EP. The sludge from the digestion tanks and excess sludge from the Pasveer Channel is treated in sludge lagoons and displaced supernatant liquor is returned to the head works. Currently the South Kempsey Golf course can use the effluent for irrigation reuse during period of dry weather.

2.4 Gladstone sewerage scheme

2.4.1 Licence details

EPL #: 1781

STP site address: Darkwater Street, Gladstone NSW 2440

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >100 - 219 ML discharged.

2.4.2 Summary of operations

The Gladstone sewage scheme, which services Gladstone and Smithtown, contains:

- Approximately 9 km of gravity sewers
- Current loading of approximately 534 ET
- 8 KSC pumping stations and 1 privately owned pumping station.
- No formal overflow structures within the system.

The Gladstone STP is an intermittent extended aeration plant (Bathurst Box) designed for a population of 2,000 EP. The average flow through the plant is approximately 360 kilolitres per day (kL/day). The tertiary ponds provide 15 days retention at ADWF, and the effluent is discharged into the Macleay River. Gladstone is bounded by the Macleay River to the west, and farm land to the north, east and south. Smithtown is bounded on three sides by the Macleay River with open farmland located to the north. All of this land could potentially be impacted upon by overflows from the system.

2.5 South West Rocks sewerage scheme

2.5.1 Licence details

EPL #: 2497

STP site address: Belle O'Connor Street, South West Rocks NSW 2431

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment

Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >219 - 1000 ML annual

maximum volume of discharge.

2.5.2 Summary of operations

The South West Rocks (SWR) sewerage scheme contains:

- Approximately 55 km of gravity sewers
- Current loading of approximately 2,950 ET
- 27 KSC pumping stations and a further 7 privately owned pumping stations, which service the suburbs of South West Rocks, Arakoon and New Entrance
- Three separate systems that independently discharge to the STP
- One formal overflow structure within the system located at the in-ground balance tank
 EPA No. 8 that discharges into a unnamed creek.

The SWR STP is a 6,000 EP Sequence Batch Reactor plant with a further 6,000 EP Pasveer treatment capacity. Excess sludge from the plant is stored in two sludge lagoons and displaced supernatant liquor is returned to the head of the plant. The effluent from the plant is treated with Sodium hypochlorite and discharged to a dune disposal site. Additional storm water attenuation is available on site through the use of one, or all, of the three standby Pasveer channels. During peak periods of tourist visitation, the standby Pasveer channels are brought on line to treat the additional load. The SWR Golf course currently uses SWR effluent for irrigation purposes.

A Water Recycling Plant has also been constructed on site to tertiary treat the SWR STP effluent for reticulation for irrigation, household and laundry use. This plant has to undergo validation prior to operation for full reuse.

2.6 Crescent Head sewerage scheme

2.6.1 Licence details

EPL #: 577

STP site address: Belmore Street, Crescent Head NSW 2440

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >219 - 1000 ML discharged.

2.6.2 Summary of operations

The Crescent Head sewage scheme contains:

- Approximately 14 km of gravity sewers
- Current loading of approximately 988 ET
- 6 KSC pumping stations and 1 privately owned pumping station
- No formal overflow structures within the system

The Crescent Head STP is a 2,000 EP Intermittent Decanted Aerated Lagoon (IDAL) plant that consists of two intermittent aeration tanks. The current average daily flow is approximately 300 kL/day. Excess sludge from the plant is stored in two sludge lagoons and displaced supernatant liquor is returned to the head of the plant. The effluent from the plant is stored throughout the day and pumped out, after UV disinfection, to an ocean outfall. Additionally, storm water flow retention is available on site through the use of two decommissioned Pasveer channels.

2.7 Hat Head sewerage scheme

2.7.1 Licence details

EPL #: 11874

STP site address: Hungry Head Road, Hat Head NSW 2440

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment
Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >100 - 219 ML discharged.

2.7.2 Summary of operations

The Hat Head sewage scheme contains:

- A vacuum sewage system with approximately 11 km of sewers
- Current loading of approximately 456 ET
- 1 KSC owned pumping station which houses vacuum pumps, a pressure vessel and discharge pumps
- No formal overflow structures within the system

The Hat Head STP is an intermittently decanted extended aeration plant with sand filtration and effluent Sodium hypochlorite disinfection. Sewage from households flows under gravity to collection pits, which are of typical manhole type construction but are fitted with vacuum interface valves and controllers. There is typically one collection pit per four house lots.

The STP treats an average of approximately 65 kL/day with a current capacity of approximately 250 kL/day. The effluent is discharged to a sand dune disposal area north-west of the village. The permanent population of Hat Head is around 350 EP with a peak holiday population of approximately 2,000 EP.

Hat Head sewerage scheme is bounded by coastal sand dunes to the north and National Park to the east, south and west. The system is bisected by Korogoro Creek, which is subject to primary contact recreation and thus classified as sensitive. All of this land could potentially be impacted upon by overflows from the system.

2.8 Frederickton sewerage scheme

2.8.1 Licence details

EPL #: 363

STP site address: Macleay Valley Way, Frederickton NSW 2440

Contact details: Name: Kempsey Shire Council

Position: Team Leader Sewer Treatment Business hours contact: 02 6566 3200

After hours contact: On call operator 0478 492 540

Scheduled activity: Sewage treatment

Fee based activity: Sewage treatment processing by small plants, >100 - 219 ML discharged.

2.8.2 Summary of operations

The Frederickton sewerage scheme contains:

Approximately 15 km of gravity sewers

- Current loading of approximately 481 ET
- 4 KSC owned pumping stations and 1 privately owned pumping station
- No formal overflow structures within the system

The Frederickton STP consists of one 1,000 EP Pasveer channel with excess sludge from the treatment process being stored in two sludge lagoons and displaced supernatant liquor being returned to the Pasveer channel.

The ADWF for this population is approximately 200 kL/day tertiary treatment provided in the form of three effluent ponds allowing for 15 days detention at ADWF. An effluent reuse system has been installed to provide irrigation water for the nearby golf course. Effluent from the plant is also discharged to the Macleay River when not reused by the golf course.

The Frederickton sewage scheme is bounded by Christmas Creek to the south, the Macleay River to the east, and rural lands to the west and north, which could all potentially be impacted upon by overflows from the system.

3. Pollution incident response planning

3.1 Risk Assessment

A series of initial risk assessment workshops were completed by KSC personnel in August 2020. Additional workshops to review and update the risk assessment have been performed in February and March 2022 and November 2023. The revised, complete risk assessment is a separate excel document; named 0 –KSC PIRMP Risk Register 2023 V2.2.

Table 3-1 summarises the main hazards identified in the risk assessment and the control measures implemented to minimise the occurrence and consequences (people and environment) of the identified hazards.

Note: the summary in Table 3-1 presents the range of residual risk consequences and likelihoods across the KSC sewerage treatment catchments. The specific, detailed risks are documented for each sewer system in the excel document Appendix E – KSC PIRMP Risk Register 2023 V2.2.

Table 3-1 Hazards Summary

Location	Hazard	Escalating Factors	Control Measure/s	Mitigated consequence	Mitigated likelihood of material harm	Residual risk range
STPs	Spill of untreated sewage to land/water and/or community contact	 Significant rainfall event Large volume trade waste discharge Insufficient treatment capacity Plant malfunction/failure Emergency disasters (flood, fire, landslips) Proximity to sensitive human and ecological receptors 	 Certified staff and staff training Inlet level monitoring and telemetry alarming Infiltration abatement programs Physical inlet screen with designed bypass channel Run STP in Wet Weather/flood mode Buffering in tertiary ponds Plant maintenance Business Continuity Plan (BCP) Multiple controlled overflow designs Bypass storage capacities Back up mobile generators 	Moderate to Major	Rare to Possible	Moderate to Very High
	Spill of chemicals / fuels / oils	 Inappropriate storage of chemicals / fuels / oils Use of chemicals / fuels / oils by untrained staff Proximity to sensitive human and ecological receptors 	 Certified staff and staff training Bunded area around chemical storage Chemical spill kits on site Buffering/dilution in tertiary ponds Staff on site for chemical deliveries SDS for chemical handling SDS information box at front of plant 	Insignificant to Major	Rare	Low to High

Location	Hazard	Escalating Factors	Control Measure/s	Mitigated consequence	Mitigated likelihood of material harm	Residual risk range
Sewer reticulation network	Spill of untreated sewage to land - sewer choke - mains break	 Increase in solids content of sewage Unauthorised material discharged to sewer network or vandalism Infiltration of tree roots or misaligned pipe connections due to ground movement Wet weather events Proximity of sewer choke to sensitive receptors Deteriorating infrastructure Unreported breaks in isolated areas Ground movement due to changes in weather patterns (flood to droughts for example) 	 Certified staff and staff training Incident response plan and protocols Preventative maintenance programme Telemetry that includes monitoring and alarms of pump stations that influence retic flows Documentation and procedures Asset renewal / upgrades and auditing Critical spares 24hrs on call availability Access to plant and equipment (loaders, excavators, CCTV) Access to contractor VAC truck Vegetation management Implement containment measures to minimise impact Remedial actions (lime, disinfection, fencing) Isolation of main at pump stations and valves throughout the sewer system 	Minor to Catastrophic	Rare to Possible	Low to Very High

Location	Hazard	Escalating Factors	Control Measure/s	Mitigated consequence	Mitigated likelihood of material harm	Residual risk range
	Spill of untreated sewage to land: - pump station failure	 Increase in solids content of sewage Unauthorised material discharged to sewer network Proximity to sensitive human and ecological receptors Deteriorating infrastructure Extreme wet weather events 	 Certified staff and staff training Incident response plan and protocols Preventative maintenance programme Telemetry that includes monitoring and alarms Documentation and procedures Asset renewal / upgrades Critical spares Mobile backup generators 24hrs on call availability Access to contractor VAC truck Vegetation management Implement containment measures to minimise impact Designed overflow structures 	Insignificant to Catastrophic	Rare to Possible	Low to Very High

3.2 Potential pollutants and safety equipment

A number of potential pollutants are stored, used and disposed of at each STP for operational activities. These include chemicals, fuels, oils, lubricants, cement, lime, and treated and untreated sewage.

A range of safety equipment and alarms are maintained at the STP's and throughout the sewer network for use during emergencies.

Details of potential pollutants and safety equipment are provided in Table 3-2. The location of the items listed is shown on the maps in 0.

Table 3-2 Inventory of pollutants and safety equipment

Location	Potential Pollutant	Maximum Quantity	Storage	Safety Equipment and Devices	Alarms
	Sewage	ADWF 1645 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's	
	Ferric Chloride	25,000 L	Tank and bund	 First aid kit 	
West Kempsey	Fuel	20 L	Operations building	Spill kits	
STP	Roundup	0.5 L	Storage shed	Signage	Nil
	Hydrate lime	40 kg	Storage shed	 PPE including ear protection, hard 	
	Disinfectant	5 L	Operations building	hats, appropriate footwear, high visibility vests, rubber gloves, face	
	Oils	20 L	Storage shed	masks	
	Sewage	ADWF 590 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's	
	Sodium Hypochlorite	2,000 L	Tank and bund	 First aid kit 	
South Kempsey	Fuel	20 L		Spill kits	
STP	Roundup	0.5 L		Signage	Nil
	Hydrate lime	40 kg	Operations building	 PPE including ear protection, hard 	
	Disinfectant	5 L		hats, appropriate footwear, high visibility vests, rubber gloves, face	
	Oils	20 L		masks	
	Sewage	ADWF 340 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's	
	Fuel	20 L		 First aid kit 	
	Roundup	0.5 L		Spill kits	
Gladstone STP	Hydrate lime	40 kg	On another a building	Signage	Nil
	Disinfectant	5 L	Operations building	 PPE including ear protection, hard 	
	Oils	20 L		hats, appropriate footwear, high visibility vests, rubber gloves, face masks	

Location	Potential Pollutant	Maximum Quantity	Storage	Safety Equipment and Devices	Alarms
	Sewage	ADWF 1300 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's	
	Sodium Hypochlorite	7,000 L	Tank and bund	 First aid kit 	
	Alum	24,000 L	Tank and bund	Spill kits	High level
South West Rocks STP	Fuel	20 L		Signage	alarm for the
RUCKS STP	Roundup	0.5 L		 PPE including ear protection, hard 	effluent pond
	Hydrate lime	40 kg	Storage shed	hats, appropriate footwear, high visibility vests, rubber gloves, face	
	Disinfectant	5 L		masks	
	Oils	20 L			
	Sewage	ADWF 300 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's	
	Alum	16,000 L	Tank and bund	 First aid kit 	
Storage shed	Fuel	20 L	Storage shed	Signage	N 111
Operations	Roundup	0.5 L		 PPE including ear protection, hard 	Nil
building	Soda Ash	40 kg		hats, appropriate footwear, high	
	Disinfectant	5 L		visibility vests, rubber gloves, face masks	
	Oils	20 L		macks	
	Sewage	ADWF 104 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's	
	Sodium Hypochlorite	2,400 L		 First aid kit 	
	Alum	10,000 L	Tank and bund	Spill kits	
Hat Head STP	Caustic	10,000 L		Signage	
	Fuel	20 L		 PPE including ear protection, hard 	Nil
	Roundup	0.5 L		hats, appropriate footwear, high	
	Hydrate lime	40 kg	Site container	visibility vests, rubber gloves, face masks	
	Disinfectant	5 L		sono	
	Oils	20 L			

Location	Potential Pollutant	Maximum Quantity	Storage	Safety Equipment and Devices	Alarms	
	Sewage	ADWF 224 kL/day (approx.)	N/A	Firefighting equipmentSDS's		
	Fuel	20 L		 First aid kit 		
Frederickton	Roundup	0.5 L		Spill kits		
STP	Hydrate lime	40 kg	Site container	Signage	Nil	
	Disinfectant	5 L		 PPE including ear protection, hard 		
	Oils	20 L		hats, appropriate footwear, high visibility vests, rubber gloves, face masks		
Pump stations	Sewage	Site specific – refer to documentation held at pump station	N/A	Standby pumpsBunds	High level alarms connected to telemetry	
Sewer reticulation network	Sewage	Site specific	N/A	N/A	Nil	

3.3 Maps

Pollution incident response maps have been prepared to facilitate planning for incident response and provide readily accessible and accurate information to support the assessment of an incident and assist in the implementation of incident response procedures and clean-up.

The following maps are provided in 0:

- Locality maps of each STP and associated sewerage network.
- Site features map of each STP showing a radius of potential influence in the event of an incident, and the location of potential pollutants.
- Stormwater and potential pollutants flow direction at each STP.
- Site feature maps of each STP showing monitoring points.
- Locality maps of each STP and associated sewerage network showing monitoring and discharge points.

3.4 Pre-emptive management strategies

KSC uses a combination of monitoring, physical controls and preventative maintenance to reduce the potential for pollution incidents to occur within the sewerage schemes. The following sections provide a summary of the pre-emptive management strategies employed by KSC.

3.4.1 Remote Monitoring

A telemetric monitoring system is in place that enables remote monitoring of the sewerage schemes. Radio telemetry units (RTUs) are located at all sewage pump stations in each of the sewerage schemes. In addition, there are RTUs at each of the sewage treatment plants. Each RTU has a battery-sourced power back up in order that it can continue to operate in the event of failure of a power phase or the mains supply.

Radio signals from the RTUs are directed to Yarrahapinni (Mountain) where there is a radio repeater station, which relays the signals to a number of base stations. There are duty and stand by radios at Yarrahapinni. There is no power back up at this location, however power supply here is generally reliable given that there are a number of other radio communication systems that rely on Yarrahapinni.

Data is processed by dedicated software and can be monitored on screens at various locations such as a number of STPs, the Managers offices and the Works Depot. The system can also be monitored remotely on laptops and mobile devices. This system has alarm monitoring and generates alarms to the designated responsible officers through an SMS alarm system. Hat Head STP and South West Rocks STP are operated through Citect which is also monitored remotely by the above outlined systems.

During working hours, the monitor screens are generally under surveillance by those staff stationed at the relevant locations. After hours general surveillance is conducted by the staff members that are on-call. Alarms are also generated and are sent out through a SMS alarm system to designated staff throughout the day and to the appropriate after hours on-call staff.

Maintenance of the telemetry system is undertaken by Telemetry Team and some maintenance is outsourced to contractors.

3.4.2 Physical Controls

All chemical storages are bunded to ensure that if the storage fails the pollutant is contained. Some of the older bunded storage areas have discharge pipework to drain the spilled chemical

from the bund pits. The pipework has isolation valves, which are kept in the closed position. Additional labelling at each of the valves is provided to ensure that the valve is maintained in the closed position and only operated to allow removal of rain in the bund.

• At the South West Rocks STP and Crescent Head STP, offline Pasveer channels have been set up to store excessive flow from infiltration during a storm event to prevent offsite discharges of partially treated sewage. If capacity is reached at South West Rocks STP, discharge occurs at licensed controlled bypass EPA No. 8 into a storm water drain. At all other STPs, there is sufficient capacity to treat additional inflows due to storm events, however this normally results in reduced treatment performance at the plant. The West Kempsey STP has a licensed controlled bypass to the Macleay River through the K6C SPS. Significant controls are in place to minimise the use of this bypass.

The SPSs also have multiple alarm systems to alert operators of conditions that may result in incidents, which include:

- High level alarms
- Communication failure
- Pump failure alarms
- Power failure alarms

Only South West Rocks STP has a high-level alarm on the effluent pond.

3.4.3 Preventative Maintenance

Sewer Process Team

The Sewer Process team are responsible for the operation of all the STPs and the SPSs. Each member of the team is designated a STP or a number of STPs that they are responsible for. They are also designated a number of SPSs that they are responsible for within their STPs catchment area. They are required to attend the plants daily, during the working week, to monitor the performance of the plant. They are also required to attend each pump station on a weekly basis to monitor its performance. A single operator is designated as on-call for one week periods. This operator is required to check the STPs on a weekend roster and monitor all alarms for the whole KSC Sewage Scheme. They are also required to attend to any alarms for the STPs after hours.

General tasks include the following:

- Checking plant performance including water quality testing
- Housekeeping, including cleaning
- Visual checks of all equipment
- Minor maintenance tasks
- Chemical system checks
- Site security checks
- SCADA monitoring and alarm performance
- Alarm testing operating floats
- Vermin proofing
- Biosolids management and off-site disposal
- Organising grit and screenings removal to landfill

- Contractor site management
- Overflow structure inspections
- EPA licence sampling

Water Maintenance Team

The Water Operations and Maintenance teams are responsible for the planned repairs and replacement of all sewer mains. The Maintenance team is also responsible for providing after hours responses to mains breaks and SPS alarms.

General tasks include:

- All valve operations exercising, maintenance
- Inlet Valves exercising, maintenance
- Isolation Valves exercising, maintenance
- Spray and exercise locks
- Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) Device testing
- CCTV and jetting for repeat chokes
- Tree removal where there are repeat chokes
- Inspection and mowing of pipeline easements
- Condition assessment of above ground rising mains
- Manhole inspections

Water Trades Team

The Water Trades Team are responsible for all electrical, telemetry and mechanical maintenance of STPs and SPSs. The team are responsible for managing the preventative maintenance of these systems as well as rectifying equipment defects. KSC are currently in the process of developing a preventative maintenance system to improve the monitoring and control of its equipment. This team is also responsible for the maintenance of the telemetry system.

General tasks for this team include:

- Alarm monitoring and testing
- Telemetry system performance monitoring and maintenance
- Pump maintenance and performance testing
- Organising contractors for scheduled maintenance of blowers, air compressors and gas chlorine dosing systems
- UPS and back up battery checks and maintenance

4. Incident response

4.1 Notifiable Incidents

4.1.1 POEO Act Definitions

A pollution incident is defined by the POEO Act as:

An incident or set of circumstances during or as a consequence of which there is or is likely to be a leak, spill or other escape or deposit of a substance, as a result of which pollution has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur. It includes an incident or set of circumstances in which a substance has been placed or disposed of on premises, but it does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise.

Material harm is defined by the POEO Act as:

- (1) For the purposes of this Part:
- (a) harm to the environment is material if:
- (i) it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
- (ii) it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
- (b) loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part, it does not matter that harm to the environment is caused only in the premises where the pollution incident occurs.

Licensed facilities are required to report pollution incidents immediately to the EPA, NSW Health, Fire and Rescue NSW, SafeWork NSW and the local council. 'Immediately' has its ordinary dictionary meaning of promptly and without delay.

4.2 Immediate notification incident

4.2.1 Incident response and notification

As per the definition of an immediate notification incident in section 4.1.1, KSC has identified several hazards in their risk assessment which have the potential to require immediate notification. These hazards have a consequence of Major or Catastrophic with a residual risk rating of High or Very High.

KSC's procedures for responding to a potential immediate notification incident are outlined in Figure 4-1. Contact details for notifying KSC personnel and the required external agencies are provided in and Table 4-2. The applicable Work Method Statement to assist in incident response actions is provided in 0.

Incident occurs involving material harm to people or the environment First staff respondent notifies the Call 000 or 112 if personnel are relevant Team Leader who manages the injured or firefighting response is incident response actions as per KSC required Work Method Statements The Team Leader notifies their manager and manages KSC and external notifications as per Table 4-2. Direction given by inspector and / or corrective actions advised by appropriate authority to be implemented immediately Manager advises Manager Water and Sewer of all outstanding corrective actions PIRMP 'test' or debrief session held and outcomes documented in PIRMP revision or meeting

Figure 4-1 Incident Notification Response Flowchart

Table 4-1 Incident contact details - Council

Location	Name	Role Title	24 hrs contact number
ALL STPs Pump stations	Blake Giddy	Team Leader Sewer Treatment	0427 475 253
Network Assets (pipes, manholes, etc)	Douglas Tovey	Team Leader Water Maintenance	0427 302 256
Network Assets (pipes, manholes, etc)	Peter Ingold	Team Leader Water Construction	0429 827 377

Table 4-2 Incident contact details - External

Organisation	Contact Number	Local office if applicable
Emergency Services	000 or 112	
NSW EPA	131 555	
SafeWork NSW	131 050	
Essential Energy	132 080	
NSW Health/Service NSW	137 788	
National Parks and Wildlife Service	1300 361 967	(02) 6561 6700
NSW Fisheries	(02) 6391 3100	0407 957 631
Roads and Maritime Service	132 213	

In the event of an immediate notification incident, responsibilities for incident management are as follows:

- Team Leader Sewer Treatment, Team Leader Water Maintenance, or Team Leader Water Construction is responsible for actioning response to the incident.
- Group Manager Water and Sewer or their delegate is responsible for notifying internal
 parties such as the Principal Work Health and Safety if Fire and Rescue attended the
 incident, external authorities, potentially affected community, and ensuring adequate
 resources are available for incident response.

Information that will need to be provided to the EPA may include:

- Time, date, nature, duration, and location of the incident
- Estimated quantity and pollutants involved
- · Cause and circumstances of the incident
- · Action taken or proposed to be taken

The Manager Water and Sewer shall determine the most appropriate means of contacting potentially affected community including:

- Door knocking
- · Letterbox drops
- Phone
- Local media
- Social media
- Signage

Information provided to the community would depend on the incident but could include:

- Description of the incident
- Status of incident
- Response actions
- · Actions to minimise harm
- Likely duration

As per all KSC EPL conditions, the licensee must provide written details of the notification to the NSW EPA within seven days of the date on which the incident occurred. The appropriate notification and reporting forms are presented in 0 through to 0.

4.3 General incident

KSC maintain incident response procedures for all potential incidents.

General incidents addressed in the risk assessment may also include fuel, oil and chemical spills.

General incidents (i.e., those not requiring notification to the NSW EPA) are to be reported to the appropriate KSC management staff and details recorded for annual reporting purposes.

Figure 4-2 below depicts the procedures to follow in the event of a general incident.

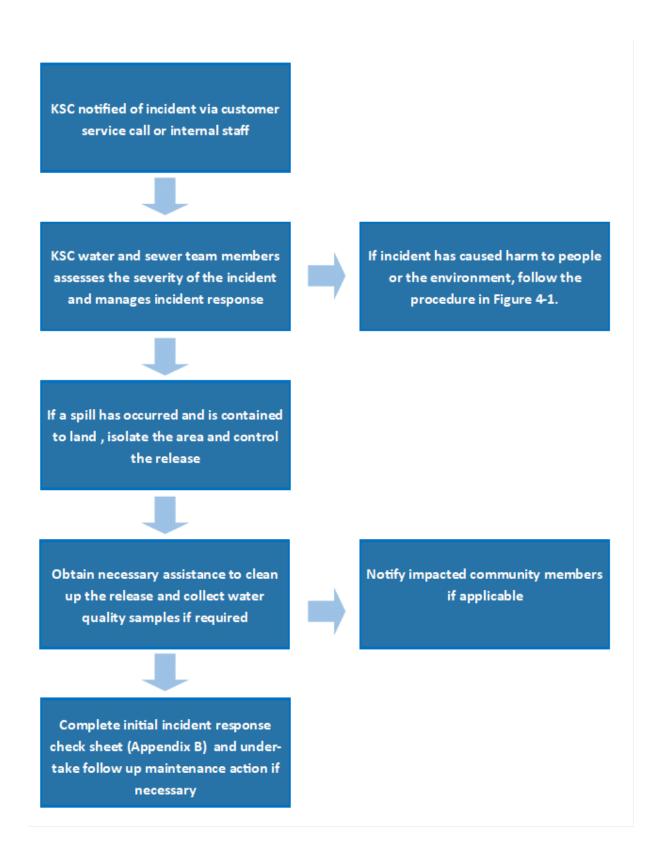


Figure 4-2 General Incident Response

5. Training

5.1 Training

Personnel involved in sewage operations undertake a range of training to assist in the response to potential incidents and to test the adequacy of incident response procedures and plans. Details of the training and testing of the PIRMP is provided in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1 Incident Response Training

Type of Training	Personnel Involved	Frequency	Records
Pollutant containment and clean up	New water and sewer staff	On-the-job for first six months prior to going on the On Call roster	Nil
NSW DPE Part 1 – Basic Wastewater Treatment Operations	Sewer Operators	Once	People and Culture
NSW DPE Part 2 – Advanced Wastewater Treatment Operations	Sewer Operators	Once	People and Culture
Water Operations Cert 3	Water and sewer Operators	Once	People and Culture
Confined space	Water and Sewer staff	As required by training provider	People and Culture
Toolbox meetings	Water and Sewer staff	As required – document updates	Minutes
PIRMP testing and VOC	Water and Sewer staff Water Quality Officer	Annually	People and Culture Section 6 of PIRMP
Incident debrief/PIRMP test	Personnel involved in incident Independent chair Water Quality Officer	Within one month of a notifiable incident	Minutes Section 6 of PIRMP

6. PIRMP Review

6.1 PIRMP Review

The guidelines require the PIRMP to be reviewed annually. The PIRMP will be updated when there is a material change to operations including but not limited to:

- Modification of any EPL conditions
- Changes in standard operating procedures referred to in this PIRMP
- Review or changes to the risk assessment for licensed sites
- Change in legislative requirements
- Recommendations arising from an incident debrief emergency drill or emergency simulation exercise

The responsibility for reviewing the PIRMP is the Water and Sewer Operations Manager with assistance from relevant operations staff.

Records of PIRMP review and testing is provided in Table 6-1. An update of the PIRMP would trigger all staff to undergo refresher training as part of toolbox meetings as per Table 5-1.

Table 6-1 PIRMP Review and Test

Issue	Date	Reviewed by	Description		
PIRMP Review					
1	September 2012	KSC Sewer personnel	Initial document prepared to meet the PIRMP guidelines		
2	February 2021	KSC Sewer personnel GHD	PIRMP review in response to updated PIRMP guidelines. Full revision and update of Risk Assessment for KSC sewer operations network. PIRMP update including additional maps, response flowcharts and contact details for incident response.		
3	July 2022	KSC Sewer Personal	Updates include, response flow chart 4-2, stakeholder organisational names, maps (Appendix A), Incident reports (Appendix B and C), risk register (Appendix E),		
4	June 2023	KSC Sewer Personal	Updates include: Change on KCS titles, Figure 2-1. Organizational chart, Table 4-1 Incident contact details, Figure 4-1 Incident Notification Response Flowchart		
5	July 2024	KSC Sewer Personal	Removal of reference to Greenvale Park as a location for biosolids reuse. Update organisational Chart. Change quantity KSC Pumpstations South Kempsey. Updated Appendices (Appendix A, B & E).		
PIRMP Testing					
1	16 June 2020	KSC Sewer personnel	PIRMP desktop scenario test with KSC sewer personnel in response		

		GHD	to updated PIRMP guidelines and PIRMP review process.
2	June 2021	KSC Sewer personnel	8 separate live testing events of PIRMP for notified Incidents to EPA. As reported as E statement of Compliance during report year 2020-2021
3	Feb 2022 and March 2022	KSC Sewer personnel	Live testing during 2 wet weather events (24/2/22 to 10/3/22 & 24/3/22 to 7/4/22)
4	February 2023	KSC Sewer personal	Live test during wet weather event on 23/02/2023
5	June 2024	KCS Sewer Personal	Live test EPA self-reported pollution event REF-NO-30355 on 01/06/2024

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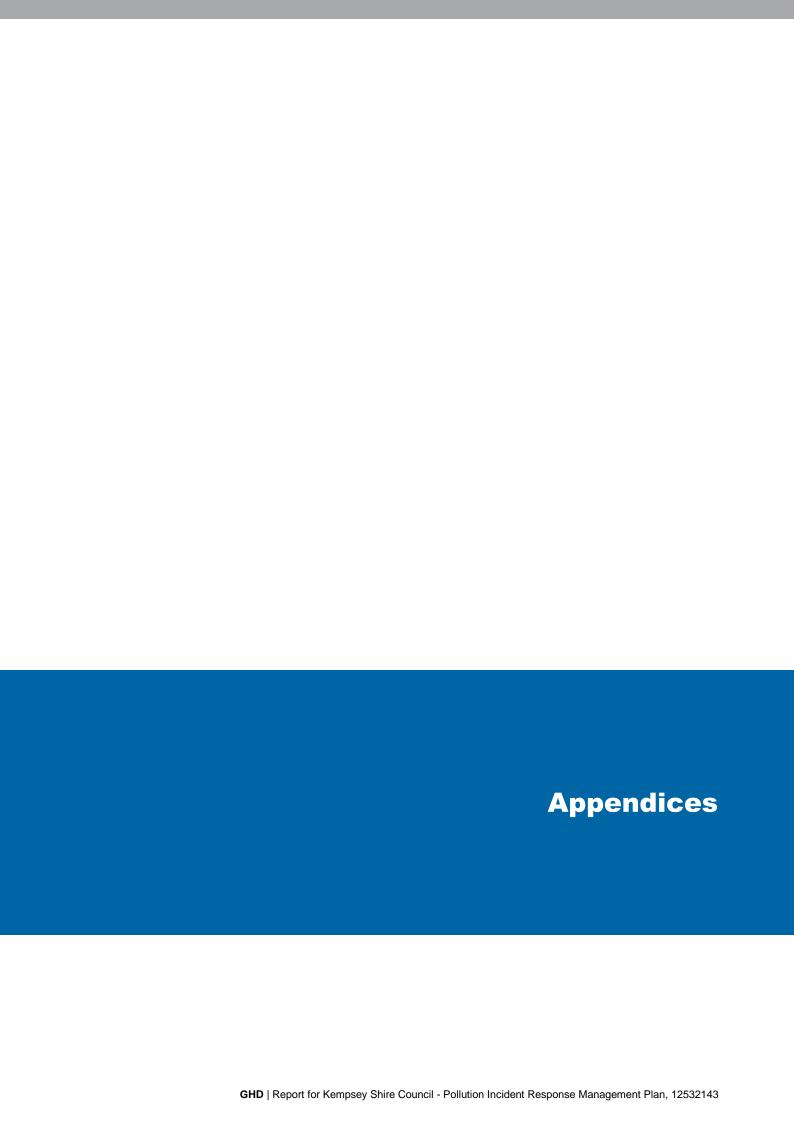
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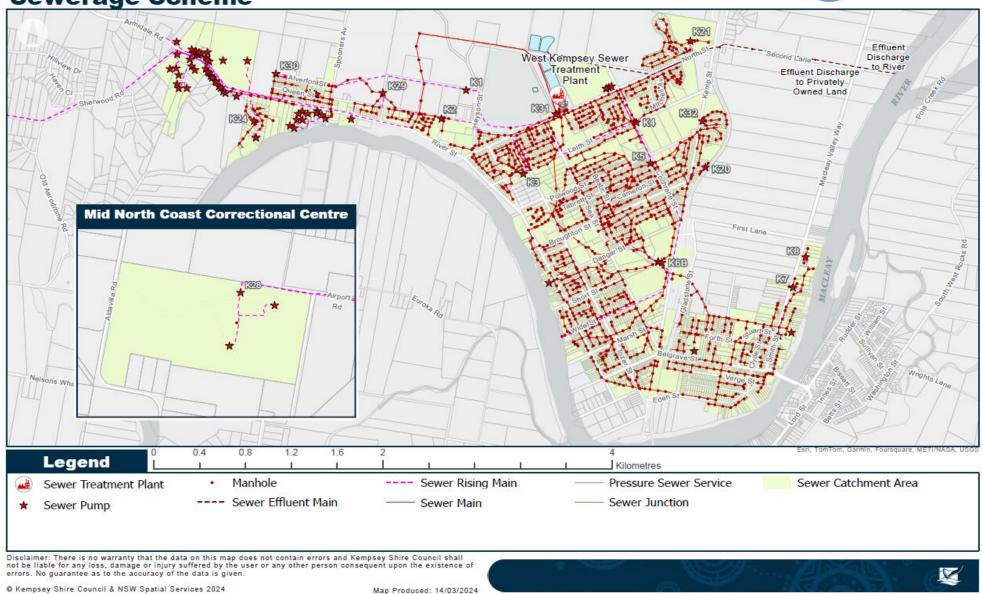


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West Kempsey STP Lic. No. 763 Pollution Impact Zone





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A-1d West Kempsey Sewage Treatment Plant – Location of EPA Licence Monitoring at Treatment Facility

West Kempsey STP Lic. No. 763 Location of Monitoring Points





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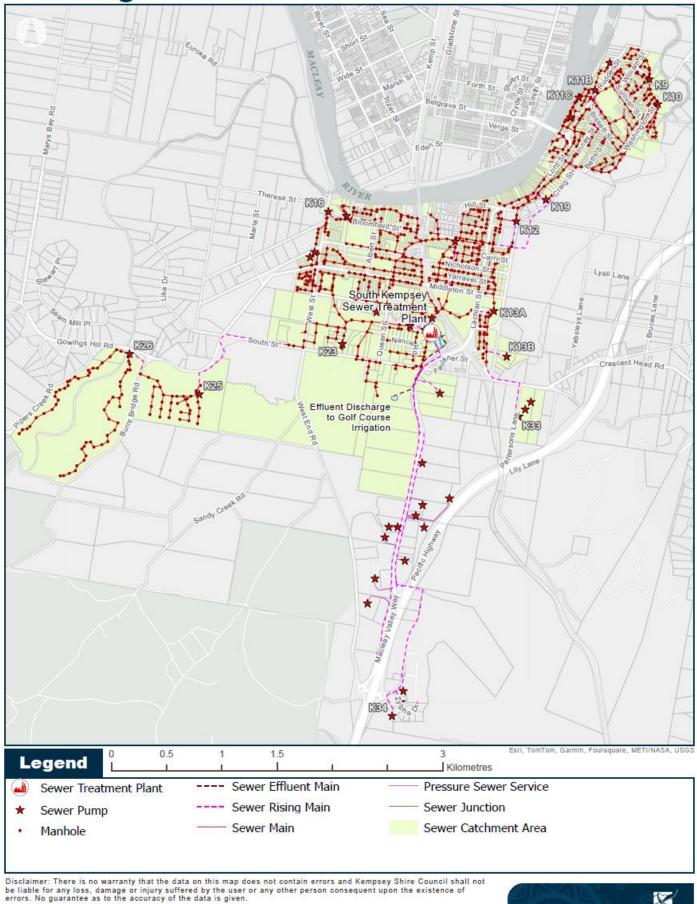




A-2a South Kempsey Sewage Treatment Plant – Sewerage Network Locality

South Kempsey Lic. No. 720 **Sewerage Scheme**





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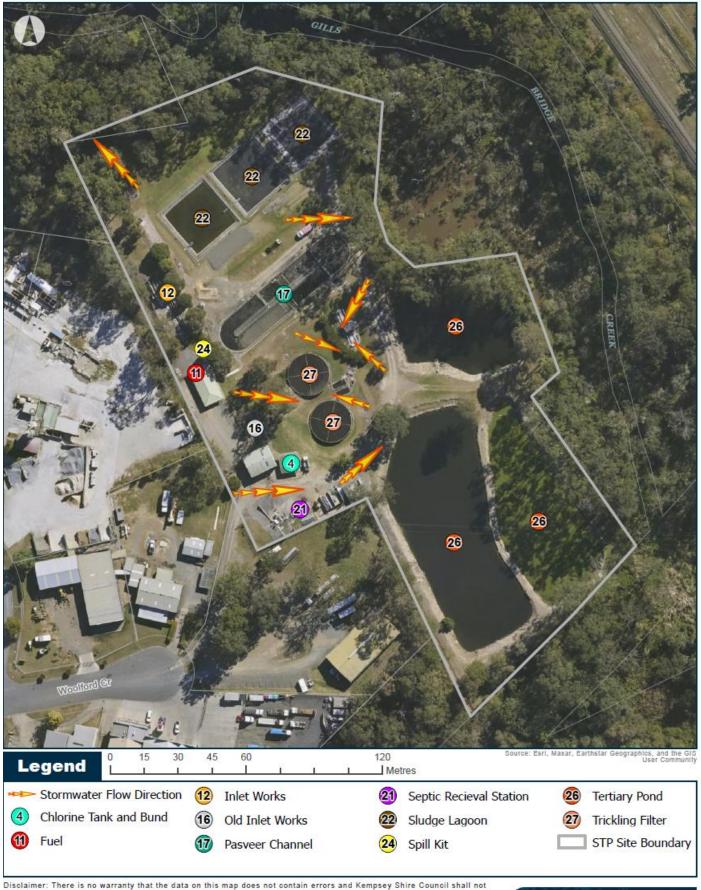




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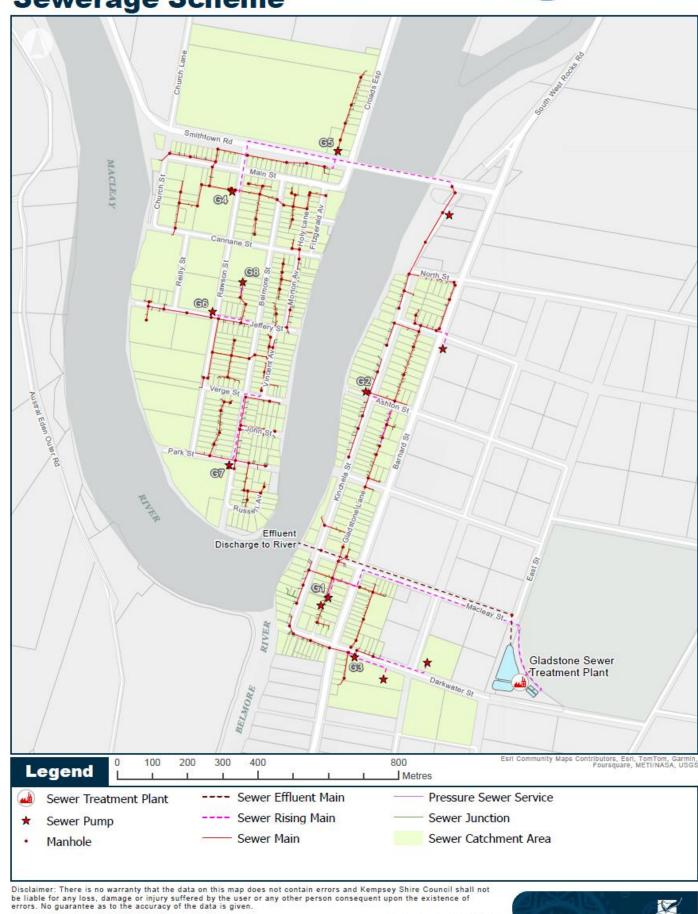


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A-3a Gladstone Sewage Treatment Plant – Sewerage Network Locality

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A-3b Gladstone Sewage Treatment Plant – Potential Pollution Zone

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A-3c Gladstone Sewage Treatment Plant – Direction of Flow

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Gladstone STP Lic. No. 1781 **Location of Monitoring Points**





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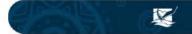
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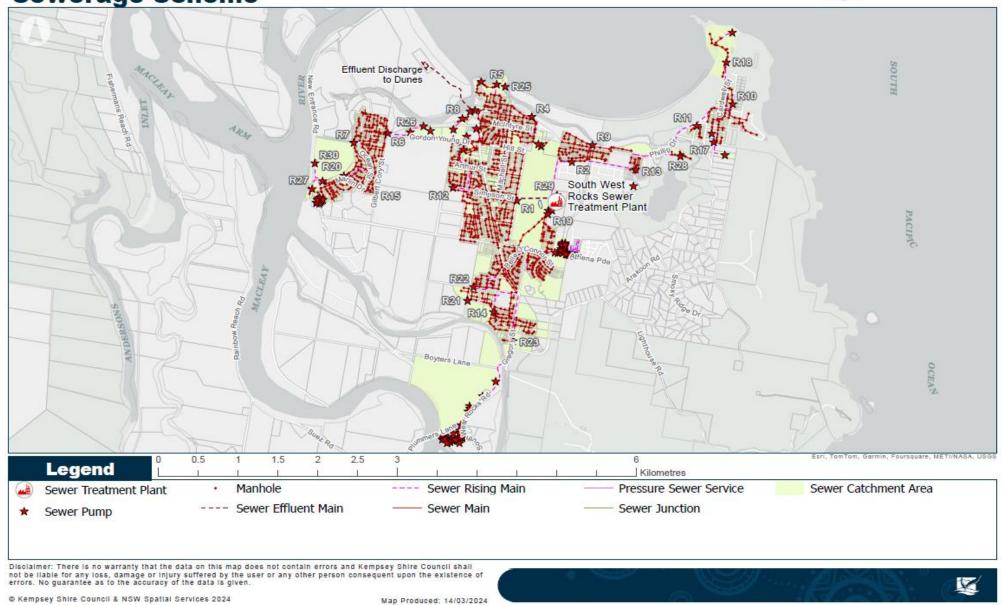


A-4a South West Rocks Sewage Treatment Plant – Sewerage Network Locality

South West Rocks Lic. No. 2497

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A-4b South West Rocks Sewage Treatment Plant – Potential Pollution Zone

South West Rocks STP Lic. No. 2497 Pollution Impact Zone





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A-4c South West Rocks Sewage Treatment Plant – Direction of Flow

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A-4d South West Rocks Sewage Treatment Plant – Location of EPA Licence Monitoring at **Treatment Facility**

South West Rocks STP Lic. No. 2497 **Location of Monitoring and Discharge Points**





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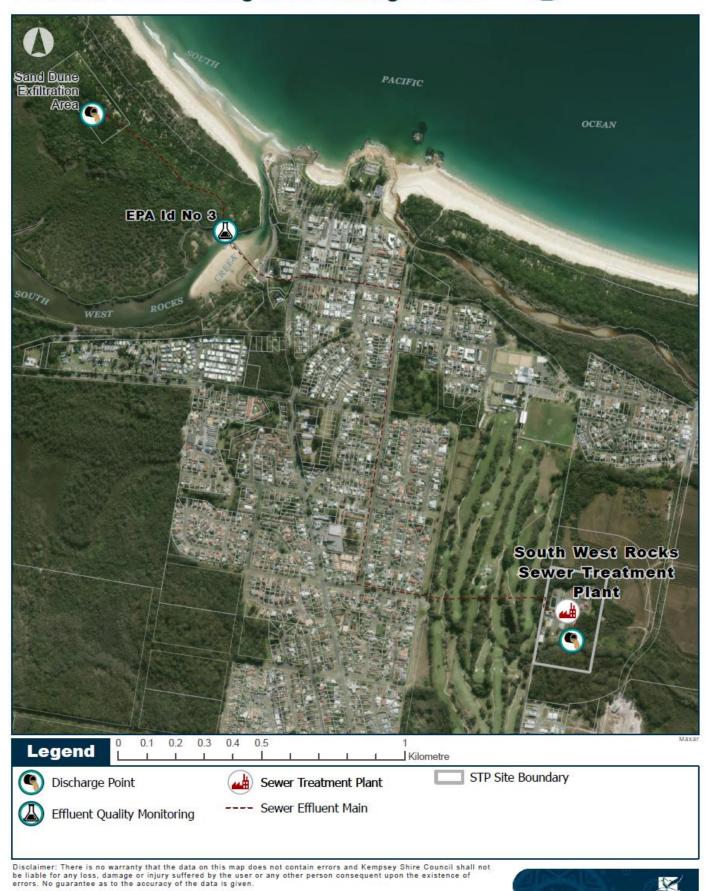
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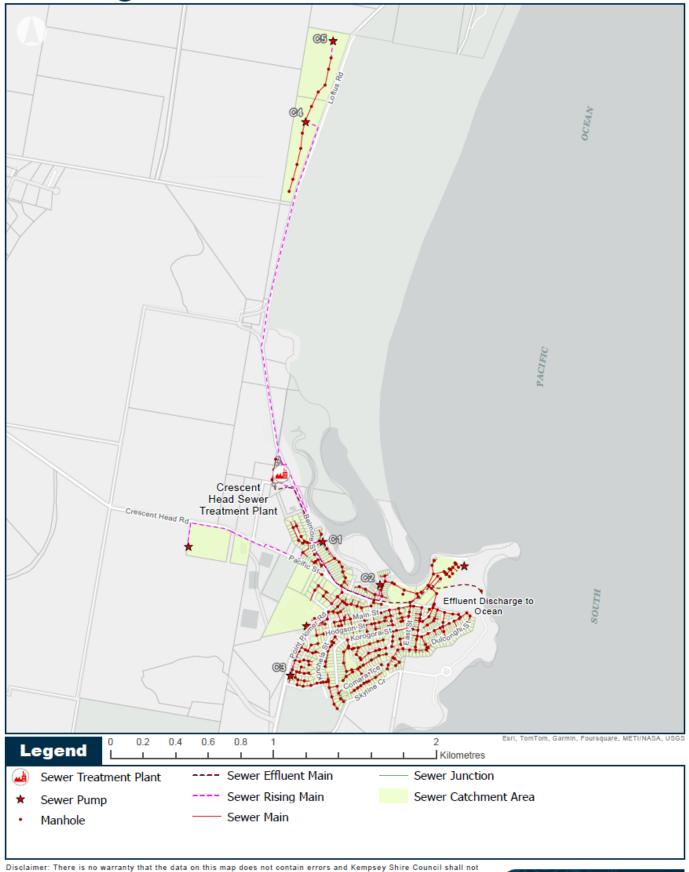


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A-5a Crescent Head Sewage Treatment Plant – Sewerage Network Locality

Crescent Head Lic. No. 577 Sewerage Scheme





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Crescent Head STP Lic. No. 577 Pollution Impact Zone

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A-5c Crescent Head Sewage Treatment Plant – Direction of Flow

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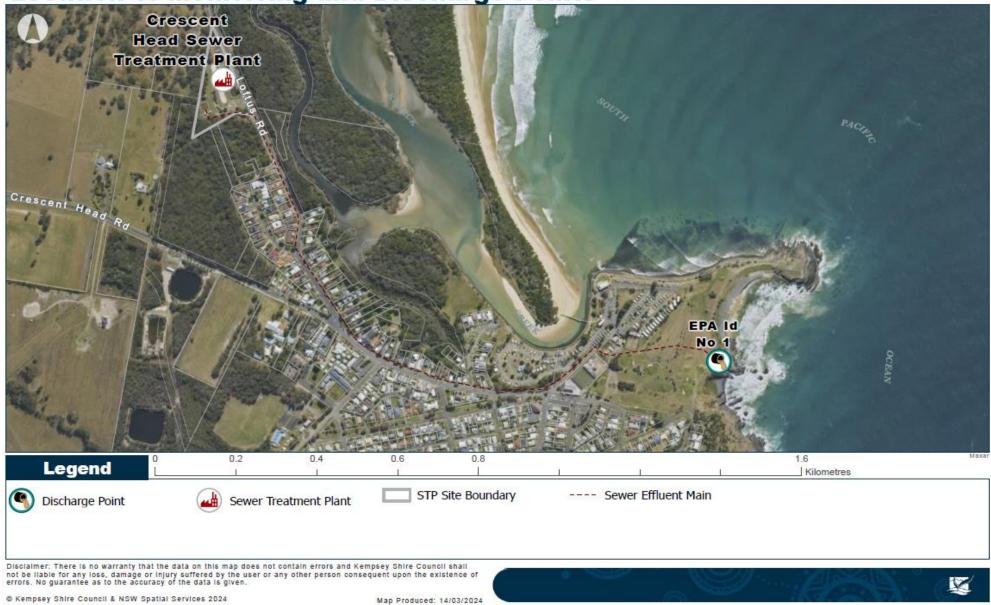
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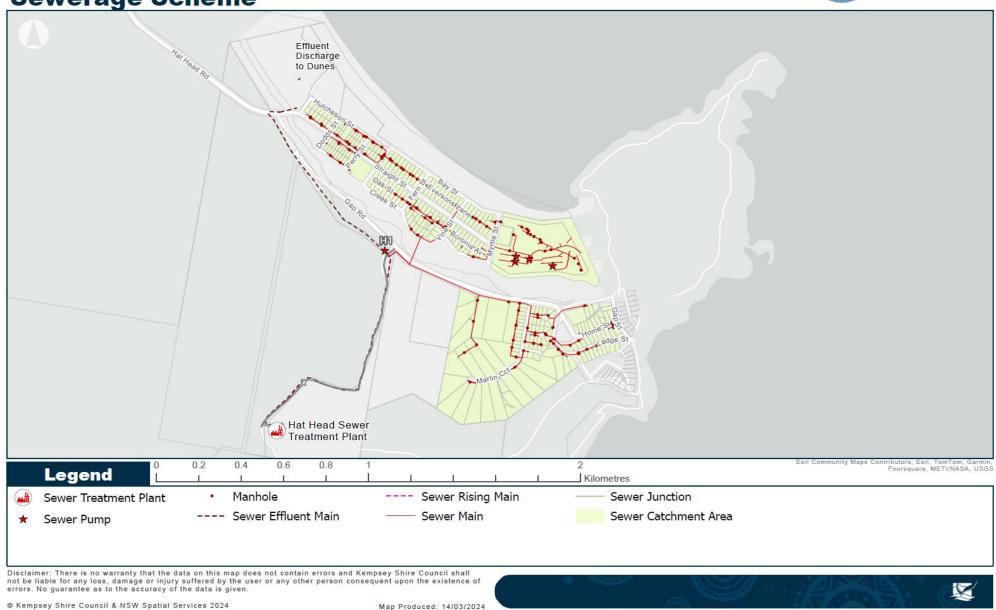


A-6a Hat Head Sewage Treatment Plant – Sewerage Network Locality

Hat Head Lic. No. 11874

Sewerage Scheme





A-6b Hat Head Sewage Treatment Plant – Potential Pollution Zone

Hat Head STP Lic. No. 11874

Pollution Impact Zone





A-6c Hat Head Sewage Treatment Plant – Direction of Flow

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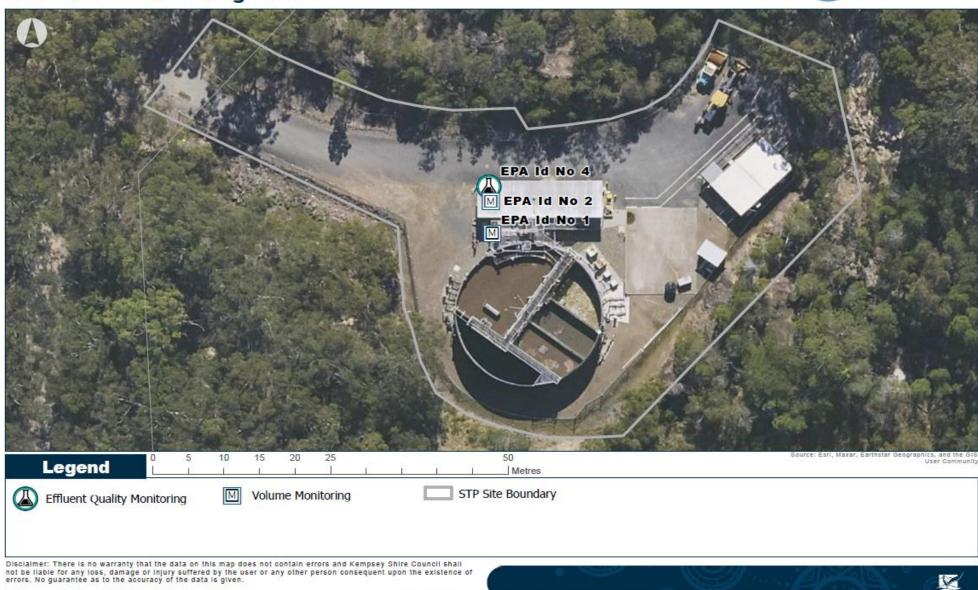
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Hat Head STP Lic. No. 11874 Location of Monitoring Points

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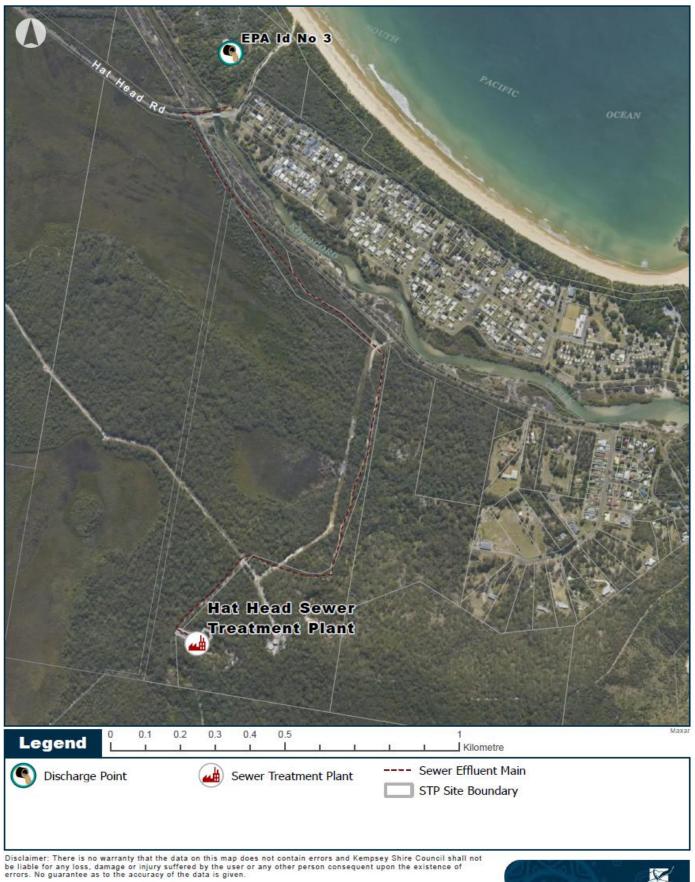




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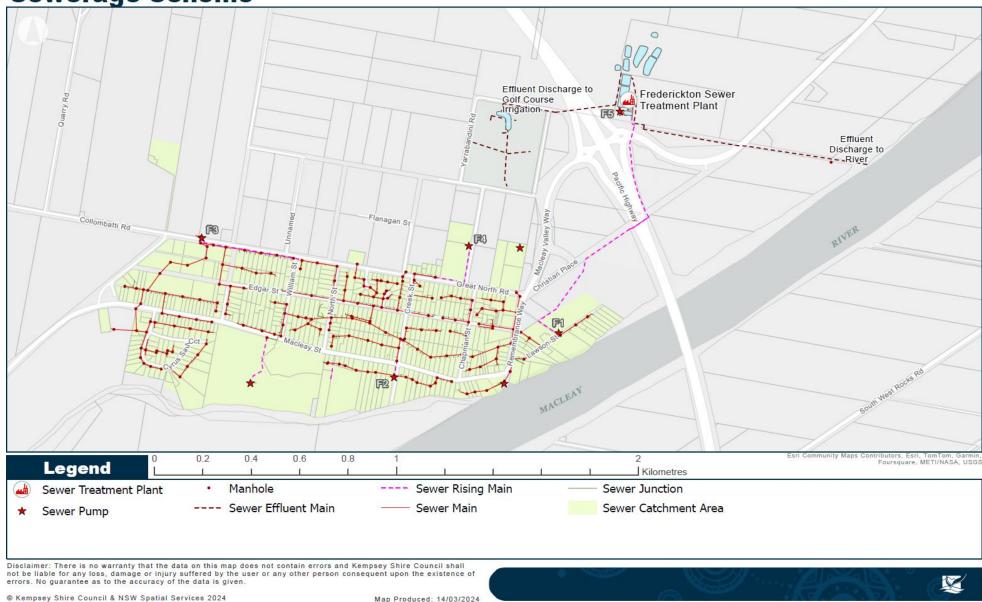


A-7a Frederickton Sewage Treatment Plant – Sewerage Network Locality

Frederickton Lic. No. 363

Sewerage Scheme





Frederickton STP Lic. No. 363 Pollution Impact Zone





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A-7d Frederickton Sewage Treatment Plant – Location of EPA Licence Monitoring at Treatment Facility

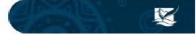
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Initial Incident Response Check Sheet

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APPENDIX B – INITIAL INCIDENT RESPONSE CHECK SHEET The team member in attendance at the incident is responsible for completion of this form.					
Date and Time Notified or Spill Discovered: Date Time					
Date and Time Arrived on site: Date Time					
Weather Conditions:					
☐ Dry Weather ☐ Wet Weather ☐ Wet Weather Affected (dry but rained in preceding days)					
Sewer Scheme Licence Number					
☐ West Kempsey 763 ☐ South Kemspey 720 ☐ Frederickton 363					
☐ Gladstone 1781 ☐ Crescent Head 577 ☐ Hat Head 11874 ☐ South West Rocks 2497					
Location of Incident:					
Description of Incident :					
Why did it occur? (tick all relevant boxes)					
Blockage: ☐ Tree roots ☐ Sewage Debris ☐ Other					
Spill: ☐ Chemical ☐ Illegal discharge/disposal ☐ Under Investigation					
and/or					
\square Rainfall inundation \square Mechanical failure \square Electrical failure or power outage					
☐ Break in main/pipe ☐ Trade waste incident ☐ Bunding/containment failure					
□ Flood event / natural disaster □ Private asset/property resulting in spill/overflow					
□ Other					
Approx. Spill Volume: Approx. Land Area Impacted:					

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Appendix B - Initial Incident Response Check List ACTIONS TAKEN Initial Actions (tick all relevant boxes) ☐ Choke/blockages cleared □ Duty/standby pump started ☐ Flows diverted ☐ Inlet Closed □ Barricades erected □ Sandbags/bunding □ Upstream pumpstations isolated ☐ Pump out and/or vac truck ☐ Temporary storage containers □ System/process configuration change □ Other actions taken/ additional information Where photos taken ☐ Yes ☐ No Where samples taken ☐ Yes ☐ No Clean up / rectification measures (tick all relevant boxes) □ Sewage debris removed □ Disinfection of impacted area ☐ Flush and pump out □ Top soil coverings □ Ventilation/fans □ Chemical Removal / Neutralisation □ Other clean up details MUD MAP - Sketch of INCIDENT LOCATION and AFFECTED AREA (include location names, receiving water course, direction of flow, disinfection area, sample points)

Will the Incident:

1. Require assistance from Emergency Services to contain, isolate or clean up? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT SURE							
If YES call 000 immediately ("112" if using a mobile and cannot connect using 000)							
2. Pose any actual or potential harm to human health?							
Is isolated within 100 m of a school, childcare centre, aged care home? Could it impact on users of public areas? such as ovals, reserves, waterways? Could the impact spread and potentially harm occupants of nearby properties?							
3. Pose any actual or potential harm to ecosystems? ■ YES ■ NO ■ NOT SURE • Could the incident flow / impact on a water body or drainage system? • Could the incident flow / impact on environmentally sensitive land?							
4. Result in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount over \$10,000 ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT SURE							
If you answered "YES" OR "NOT SURE" to any of the above, then immediately contact your team leader. And return this form to the TEAM LEADER WITHIN 48 HOURS OF INCIDENT							
Team Leader Contacted Name							
Team Leader was contacted at Date	Time						
EPA Hotline 131 555 Date Called. Time Called							
Name of Caller							
EPA Ref No							
Sewer Operators when calling the EPA provide them with the Sewer Process Management email for all correspondence SewerProcessManagement@kempsey.nsw.gov.au							
Total Time Spent on Site:							
Name of Person filling in this form Signature							
D	ate	Time					

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Incident Report

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Appendix C - INCIDENT REPORT

Appendix 6 - INCIDENT REFORT	
EF	PA Reference:
LOCATION DETAILS	
Asset Name/Number / Property Owner	
Address	
Nearest Cross Street or Reference point	Town/Suburb
Description of where the incident occur (e.g., backyard,	nature strip, bushland etc)?
Secondary of Miles and Meladine ecour (eigh, Sachyara,	attaro ourp, Buomana otoji
INCIDENT RESPONSE	
Attended By Name/s Pos	ition
Notification Source	
☐ Public (via customer service) ☐ Telemetry alarm	☐ Routine checks/inspections
☐ Regulatory agencies ☐ Other	
Response time	
When notified/or discovered spill	Arrival on site
Date Time Date	Time
	ion of any contingent discharge
From: Date Time From To:	n: Date Time Date Time
Estimated Spill volume Estimated Land area imp	acted Estimated water area impacted

INCIDENT DETAILS

M. A. O. H.
Weather Conditions
☐ Dry weather ☐ Wet weather ☐ Wet weather affected
Type of Incident (tick all relevant boxes)
□ Retic Sewer Surcharge/spill □ SPS surcharge/overflow/inundation □ Chemical spill
☐ STP overflow/inundation ☐ Sewage solids/waste spill ☐ Liquid Trade Waste
□ Odour/atmospheric □ Other
Cause of Incident (tick all relevant boxes)
Blockage: ☐ Tree roots ☐ Sewage Debris ☐ Other
Spill: Illegal discharge/disposal Under Investigation
and/or
☐ Rainfall/inundation ☐ Electrical failure or power outage ☐ Mechanical failure
☐ Break in main/pipe ☐ Bunding/containment failure ☐ Flood event / natural disaster
☐ Private asset/property resulting in spill/overflow ☐ Other
Description of Incident
Environment Impacted (tick all relevant boxes)
□ Storm water □ Creek □ River □ Dam/lagoon □ Wetland □ Estuary □ Ocean
□ National Park □ School/hospital □ Sport grounds/field □ Nature Reserve/ sensitive environment
□ Atmospheric □ Other
Observations (tick all relevant boxes)
Odour Nill Slight Moderate Strong
Liquid Waste visible
□ Land □ Water Details/estimate area of contamination
Solid waste/pulp/debris visible Land Water Details/estimate area of contamination
Impact on receiving waterways ☐ Change in colour ☐ Turbidity present
□ Oil / Fuels/ Chemicals Comments
□ Fish/aquatic kill
Additional observations

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ACTIONS TAKEN

Initial Actions (tick all releva-	nt boxes)	
☐ Choke/blockages cleared	☐ Duty/standby pump started	I ☐ Flows diverted ☐ Inlet Closed
☐ Barricades erected	☐ Sandbags/bunding	☐ Upstream pumpstations isolated
☐ Pump out and/or vac truck	☐ Temporary storage contain	ers
☐ System/process configurat	ion change	
☐ Other actions taken/ addition	onal information	
Where photos taken ☐ Ye	es 🗆 No	
Where samples taken ☐ Ye	es 🗆 No	
Clean up / rectification mea	sures (tick all relevant boxes)	
☐ Sewage debris removed	☐ Disinfection of impacted a	rea ☐ Flush and pump out
☐ Top soil coverings	☐ Ventilation/fans [☐ Chemical Removal / Neutralisation
☐ Other clean up details		
MUD MAP - Sketch of INCIDEN course, direction of flow)	IT LOCATION and AFFECTED AR	EA (include location names, receiving water

AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

NSW EPA (EPA Environmental Line 131 555 /	email: <u>info@envi</u>	ronment.nsw.go	v.au)
Contacted ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Name of EPA Rep	Time and Date		EPA reference No.
Action required by EPA			
NSW Health – Local Public Health Unit (on ca Contacted ☐ Yes ☐ No email	all 0428 882 805 : MNCLHD-NCPH	U-EHO@health.i	nsw.qov.au)
Name of PHU Rep	Time and Date	9	PHU reference No.
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Action required by Local PHU			
Work Cover Authority (WorkCover 13 10 50) Contacted ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Name of WorkCover Rep	Time and Date	<u> </u>	WorkCover reference No.
Action required by Work Cover Authority			
Fire & Rescue NSW (Emergency Hotline 000)			
Contacted ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Name of Fire & Rescue Rep	Time and Date	!	Fire & Rescue reference No
Action required by Fire & Rescue			
OTHER NOTIFICATIONS			
□ NSW Food Authority □ Shellfish program	☐ National F	arks 🗆 Oth	ner Stakeholders
☐ Media ☐ Internal contacts e.g., Environm	ental Health Offic	cer/Communica	tions
INCIDENT REPORT AUTHOR			
Name		Signature	
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Position		Date	
Reviewed By (if applicable)			
Name		Signature	
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Position		Date	

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Incident Severity – Effects of Water Body

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APPENDIX D - INCIDENT SEVERITY - EFFECTS ON WATER BODY

Reference:..... 1. Location of Incident Plant Number & Name Name(s) of Water Body* Location & general description

2. Incident Classification

Classification determined by methodology set out below	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR
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Note: Strike out two (2) of the above

3. DETERMINE IMPACT ON WATER BODY

Score "Probable Impact" components from the following tables 3A, 3B, and 3C.

Table 3A. Attribute Score from Dilution Rate and/or Faecal Coliform Levels

Select score from	Dilution Rate*	Score	FC Count**
table. If both	>200	1	<10,000
dilution rate and	100-200	5	10,000 to 20,000
FC count are	50-100	10	20,000 to 40,000
known average the	20-50	20	40,000 to 100,000
scores.	1-20	40	>100,000
Score 3A			

^{*}Dilution rate is Volume of water body (receiving waters) / Volume of discharge.

Table 3B. Attribute Score from Observed Impacts

Select score from table	Observed Impact	Score
for each of the observed	plant life dead	80
impacts.	fish kill	60
Sum all scores selected	turbidity	30
to determine score 3B	colour	20
	solids	5
	strong odour	20
	slight odour	1
Score 3B		

Note. Observations should be obtained from the Incident Report (Part 2).

Table 3C. Attribute Factor for Mixing and Aeration

Select factor from table	Flow in Water Body	Factor
based on observation or	fast flow	1
knowledge of the water	slow flow	1.5
body.	enclosed lagoon	1.8
	stationary	2
Factor 3C		

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Note. If more than one water body is affected separate scoring must be carried out and scores added to determine a single classification for the incident

^{**}FC count is organisms per 100 ml.

Table 3D. Calculate Probable Impact Score

Sum of Scores	3A and 3B	Multiply by Factor 3C	Probable Impact Score
+	=	x	= Score 3D

4. DETERMINE SEVERITY OF INCIDENT.

Score and classify incident from "Probable Impact Score" (Score 3D), and utilising the following tables 4A, 4B, and 4C.

Table 4A. Attribute Initial Severity Score

Tubic 4A. Attribute illitial severity score						
Probable	Creek	River	Wetland	Recreational	Significant	Drinking water
Impact					habitat	
Score						
0-50	1	1	1	2	4	12
50-100	1	4	2	4	8	16
100-150	4	8	6	8	15	20
>150	8	16	12	16	20	25
Select scor	re S	core 3D	Wate	er body type	Initia	Severity Score
from matrix	x					_
						Score 4A

Table 4B. Attribute Factor for Recovery Time

Table 15.1 Market actor 10.1 Moortely 1 mile				
Estimate recovery time	Recovery Time	Factor		
and attribute factor.	> 1 month	3		
Subsequent reviews may	1 week to 1 month	1.5		
be required to reassess	3 days to 1 week	1.2		
incident severity	< 3 days	1		
Factor 4B				

Table 4C. Calculate Severity Score & Determine Incident Classification

Table 10. Gallatiate Governity Good a Bottominio information Glademoution				
Calculate severity	Initial Severity	Multiply by	Severity Score	
score as indicated	Score 4A	Factor 4B	_	
then classify				
incident based on		x	= Score 4C	
ranges of scores	Score 4C = 0 to 5	Score 4C = 5 to 20	Score 4C > 20	
shown	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	

Table 5. Incident Severity & Classification determined by

Name	Date	
Position	Signature	

- Risk Assessment

Appendix E - KSC PIRMP Risk Register Nov 2023 V2.2 is maintained as a separate excel document.

A summary of the Risk Assessment is found in Table 3-1.

Work Method Statement –	Sewerage	Discharge	Clean
Up	_	_	

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APPENDIX F - WORK METHOD STATEMENT - SEWAGE DISCHARGE CLEAN UP

Description:

Clean up sewage discharge to prevent or minimise the risk of material harm to the environment or public health.

Hazard Identification:

- Vehicles skidding and colliding.
- Vehicles splashing pedestrians and buildings.
- Persons slipping causing injury.
- Persons suffering spoiled shoes and clothing.
- Persons coming into contact with sewage.
- Needle stick injury.
- Sewage overland flow contaminating environs.
- Sewage entering stormwater drain or waterway, or water body.

Quality Standard:

- The sewage discharge is stopped and cleaned up in such a manner as to eliminate or minimise environmental impacts and public health.
- All Work, Health and Safety, and regulatory requirements are met.

Safety Controls:

- Traffic control plan.
- Limit speed of vehicles.
- Barricade affected area.
- Designated walkway for pedestrians.
- Workmen wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and personal protective equipment.
- Contain spill in temporary bunded area.
- Clean up spill and disinfect area as appropriate.

Procedure:

- 1. Conduct Risk Assessment and isolate flow. For example, turn off upstream pump station(s), block up upstream manhole, (providing no other discharge is created). If necessary, engage a vacuum tanker to empty pump wells, manholes, or to pump between manholes.
- 2. Advise Team Leader so that any necessary notifications may be carried out.
- 3. Put in place Traffic Control Plan and limit speed of vehicles using traffic cones and traffic controllers as necessary.
- Barricade area, if practicable.
- 5. Provide designated walkways for pedestrians, if possible segregate from vehicles, and clear the area affected by the discharge.
- 6. Inform general public affected by the discharge of the nature of the problem.
- 7. Contain spill in temporary earth or sandbag bunds.
- Collect and transfer spillage to nearest appropriate manhole or sewage treatment plant.
- 9. Clean land and waterways impacted by the discharge. Do not hose down surfaces so that runoff enters any drain or waterway unless it is done to facilitate collection within a controlled, bunded area.
- 10. Determine and record the volume of discharge for reporting purposes.
- 11. Determine and record the amount and type of disinfectant applied to any impacted land.
- 12. Do not add a substance to a waterway, unless directed by your team leader.
- 13. Once discharge has stopped and the spill cleaned up, proceed to repairing the broken sewer main, clear choked sewer, or unblock choked pump, or as otherwise necessary, according to the relevant Work Method Statements.
- 14. Collect samples from identified upstream and downstream locations and send to lab for analysis.

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