

COMPLIANCE REPORT
PROSERPINE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE
EPBC 2010/5711
Period 1/07/2024 to 30/06/2025

No	CONDITION	STATUS	COMMENTS
1	Within 20 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable.
2	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Compliant	Records maintained.
3	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance described with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.	Compliant	Report published.
4	Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Audit Requested 100% Compliant	Audit requested on 10/12/2024. Auditor accepted 11/03/2025. Audit criteria accepted 26/03/2025. Audit completed 22-23/04/2025. Audit report submitted 11/06/2025. Audit report accepted 1/08/2025, 2 non-compliances noted but previously closed. Condition satisfied.
5	If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without written agreement of the Minister.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable.

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6	The person taking the action must ensure that the maximum volume of contaminants that passes monitoring point M1 of the Proserpine wastewater treatment facility does not exceed 1.5ML per day (average dry weather flow) and 4.5ML per day (wet weather flow).	94 % Compliant	<p>The maximum volume of contaminants discharged from the Proserpine wastewater treatment plant into the Proserpine River did not exceed the 1.5 ML per day (average dry weather flow) but the 4.5 ML per day (wet weather flow) was exceeded 24 times during the reporting period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025. Each exceedance was related to inflow from a large wet weather event.</p> <p>There were individual daily effluent dry weather flows that exceeded 1.5 ML, but the average dry weather flow did not exceed 1.5 ML during the year, the maximum being 1.2 ML.</p> <p>See below graph of rainfall and inflow to demonstrate flow 'tailing' after rain events.</p> <p>Sewer depths are within groundwater levels and after rain events the groundwater table fills submerging the sewer network. Council has an ongoing manhole and sewer relining program in place including replacement of jump-ups. Council has initiated a Proserpine STP masterplan which includes a capacity review and options assessment for the short, medium and long-term with a summary of a high-level capacity assessment of the plant.</p>
7	The person taking the action must ensure that the maximum concentration of treated wastewater discharged from the Proserpine waste water treatment facility into the Proserpine River does not exceed 15mg/L for Total Nitrogen and 3 mg/L for Total Phosphorus.	100 % TN Compliance 100 % TP Compliance	The Total Nitrogen in the final effluent from the Proserpine waste water treatment plant into the Proserpine River did not exceed the 15 mg/L limit, the Total Phosphorus did not exceed 3 mg/L on any occasion during the reporting period.
8	The person taking the action must ensure that the annual load of contaminants discharged from the Proserpine wastewater treatment facility into the Proserpine River does not exceed 2738 kg for Total Nitrogen and 548 kg for Total Phosphorus.	100% Compliant	The Total Nitrogen (2219 kg/annum) and the Total Phosphorus (213 kg/annum) in the final effluent discharged from the Proserpine wastewater treatment plant into the Proserpine River did not exceed 2738 kg for Total Nitrogen and 548 kg for Total Phosphorus during the 2024 calendar year. The monthly calculated annual rolling Total Nitrogen load did briefly exceed the limit.

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9	<p>The person taking the action must, when first becoming aware of a non-compliance with these conditions:</p> <p>a) Report the non-compliance and remedial action to the Department within 48 hours;</p> <p>b) Provide a written report within 10 business days outlining, when the breach occurred, the suspected cause of this breach, a description of any impacts to the controlling provisions of this approval, details of any actions taken to mitigate these impacts and proposed actions to prevent a recurrence.</p>	Compliant	WRC reported all possible compliance risks.

Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorized to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorization being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



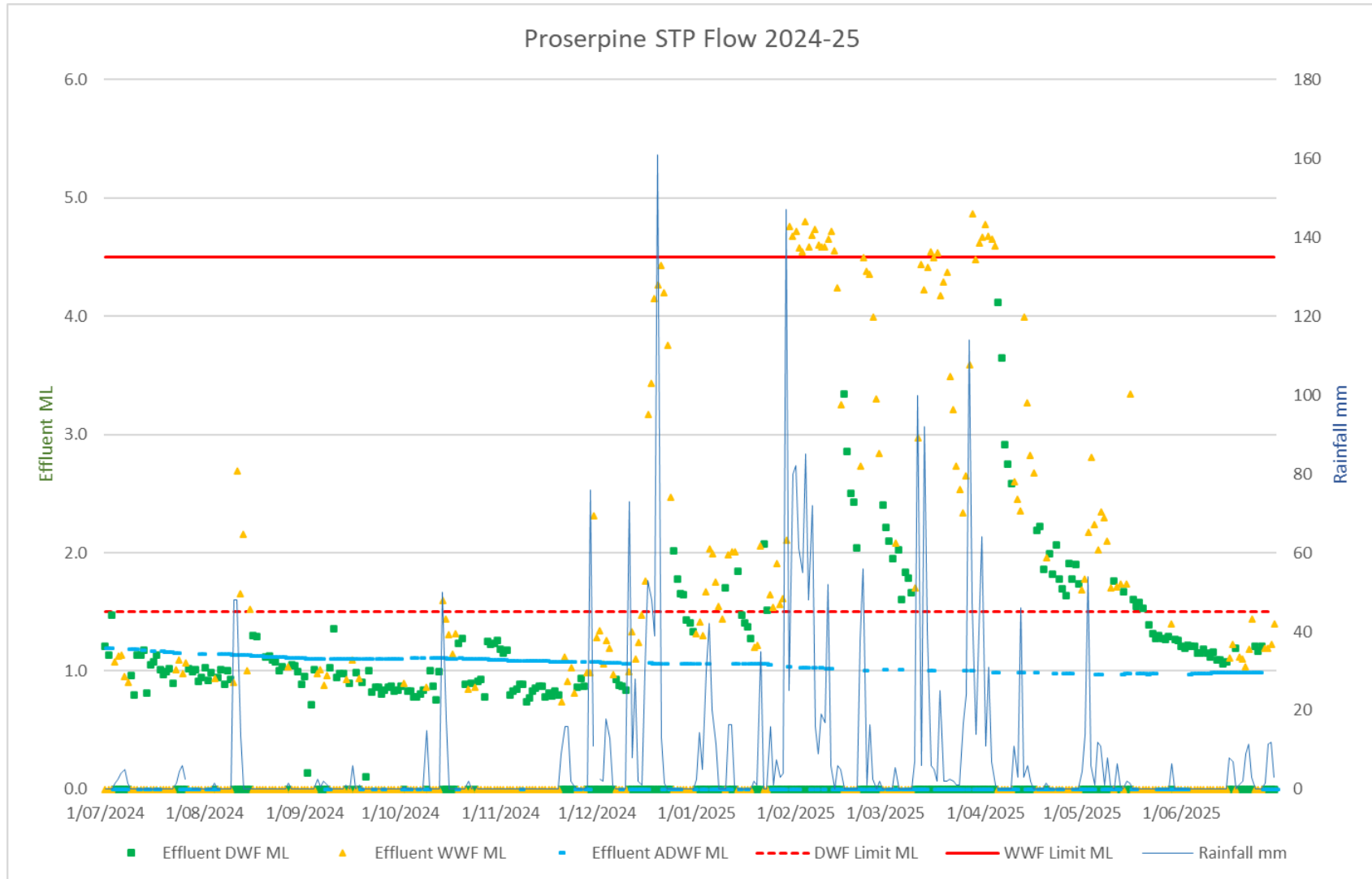
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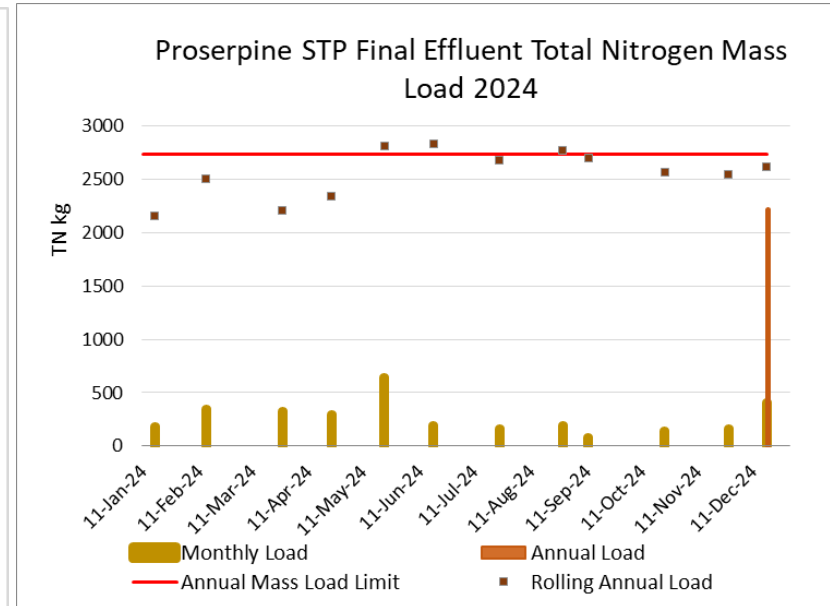
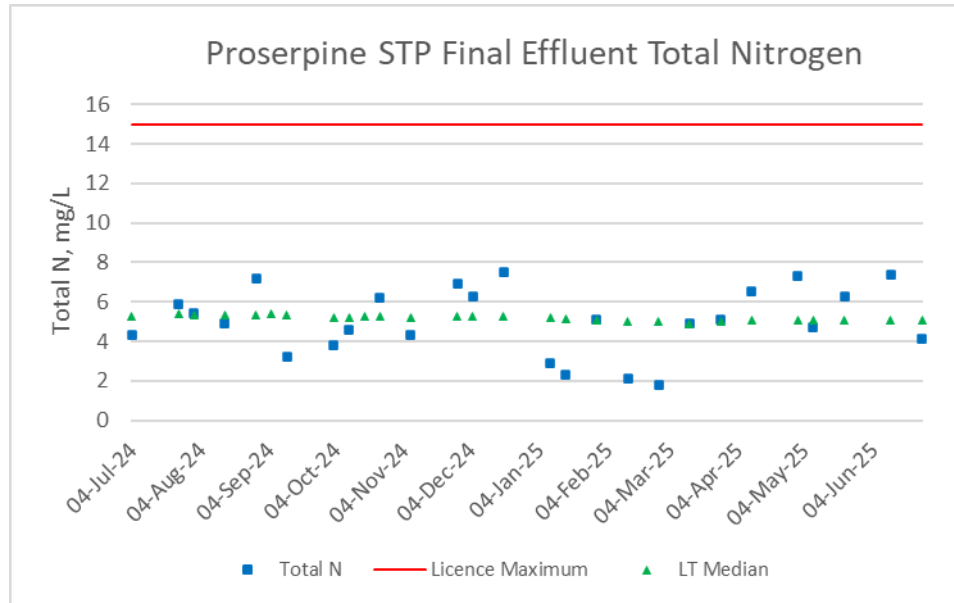


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