

**Statement of Compliance
Goulburn Valley Water
Financial Year 2008/2009**

Licence Holder: Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation
Registered Address: 104-110 Fryers Street Shepparton
EPA Licence Number: CL 61919

This Licence applies to 26 Wastewater Management Facilities that receive and treat wastewater from domestic and trade waste sources within Goulburn Valley Water's service delivery region.

The level of progress of the sustainability commitments in Part 1 of the Corporate Licence is set out in Attachment A.


Analysis of performance against Part 2 of the licence is provided below.

	CONDITION MET	
	Yes	No
Condition 2.1–No untreated or incompletely treated waste off site	✓	
Condition 2.2– No offensive odour		✓
Condition 2.3– Compliance with EPA pub 464	✓	
Condition 2.4–Compliance with EPA pub 943	✓	
Condition 2.5–Compliance with annual medians	✓	
Condition 2.6–No visible wastes in water	✓	
Condition 2.7–Sampling points suitable and accessible	✓	
Condition 2.8–Use approved monitoring programs	✓	
Condition 2.9–Report incidents and non compliance	✓	
Condition 2.10–Submit by 31 October 2009	✓	

Further detail provided in Attachment B.

I Peter Quinn, declare that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Annual Performance Statement is true and correct. I have made all the necessary enquiries, and no matters of significance have been withheld from EPA.¹

Name: Peter Quinn
 Position: Managing Director
 Date: 23/10/2009

Signature: 

1. Under Section 31D sub section (5) of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*, it is an offence to provide false or misleading information in an annual performance statement or conceal any relevant information or document from the Authority. Contravention of subsection (5) is an indictable offence that carries a penalty of 2400 penalty units or imprisonment for two years, or both.

Attachment A – Part 1 Sustainability Commitments

Goulburn Valley Water has made the following progress for the sustainability commitments in its EPA licence CL61919.

Commitment 1 – Substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a long term goal of carbon neutrality.

Programs outlined in GVW's Greenhouse Action Plan (2007) – Progressing according to action plan schedule.

Commitment 2 – Reduce the water use of and trade waste produced by Goulburn Valley Water's customers.

Goulburn Valley Water has been working with EPA to develop the next generation strategy for achieving salt and water efficiencies by industry. The preferred direction is to target large (relatively) scale R&D studies with high priority customers. Negotiations have commenced with SPC-A and TMI.

Commitment 3 – Improve management of the sewerage system

The finalisation of the Sewerage Management Plan has been delayed. The project formally commenced in March 2009. However, due to resourcing issues, the revised completion date is now 31 December 2009.

Commitment 4 – Optimise wastewater reuse

The Corporation continues to foster sustainable reuse schemes with additional reuse schemes being commissioned during the reporting period, namely the Marysville Golf Course, the "Perry Block" Marysville and Tongala's Nestle system.

Commitment 5 – Minimise the impact of discharges to land and water

A report on wastewater discharges to the Goulburn River 'Risk Assessment of Wastewater Discharges to Waterways' has been completed and made available to stakeholders and published on GVW's website. The framework provides detail on risks associated with discharges to stream and is available for use by interested parties when evaluating "return to stream" opportunities.

GVW will continue to work with EPA to gain recognition of water returned to stream as recycled.

Recycling to Land – GVW has appointed Wrigley Dillon (consultants) to undertake soil monitoring services. The first stage of the program has been completed during this reporting period. This report is supplied as part of this Annual Performance Statement with no notable issues identified.

Irrigation Management Plans for all reuse sites have been submitted to EPA.

Groundwater – Consultant's report submitted as part of this Annual Performance Statement.

Commitment 6 –Use offsets to deliver greatest environmental gains in a cost effective manner

No offset programs have been identified.

Commitment 7 – Successfully engage the community

Programs established:

1. Sewerage Management Plan – progressing
2. Return to stream & mixing zone assessment – completed
3. Broader resource efficiency assessment – completed

Attachment B – Part 2 Compliance Conditions

Goulburn Valley Water met the majority of requirements of the EPA licence CL61919, with the exception of those described in Table 1 below. Table 1 provides Goulburn Valley Water's compliance record for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Table 1 Analysis of compliance against Part 2 compliance conditions:

Licence Condition	Compliance	Comment
General conditions		
2.1 No untreated or incompletely treated waste off site	Yes	No spills from licenced WMF's
2.2 No offensive odour	No	19 odour complaints received 2008/09. No prolonged odour issues applicable to licence premises. All responded to and actions implemented to address possible reoccurrence.
Discharge to land		
2.3 Compliance with EPA pub 464	Yes	
2.4 Compliance with EPA pub 943	Yes	
Discharge to water		
2.5 Annual medians	Yes	
2.6 No visible wastes in water	Yes	
Sampling points		
2.7 Suitable and accessible	Yes	
Monitoring program		
2.8 Use approved monitoring program	Yes	
Incident and exception reporting		
2.9 Report incidents and non-compliance	Yes	
Annual Performance Statement		
2.10 Submit by 31 October	Yes	