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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2023 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0244-01, Derrinturn, in Kildare in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. Specified reports where relevant are included as an appendix to the AER.

1.1 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF MEASURES

A summary of any improvements undertaken is provided where applicable.

There were no capital works, significant changes or operational changes undertaken in 2023.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant(s)

- Derrinturn WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 1600, the treatment type is 3P - Tertiary P removal.

1.3 ELV OVERVIEW

The overall compliance of the final effluent with the Emission Limit Values (ELVs) is shown below. More detailed information on the below ELV's can be found in Section 2.

Discharge Point Reference	Treatment Plant	Discharge Type	Compliance Status	Parameters failing if relevant
TPEFF1400D0244SW001	Derrinturn WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l

1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING

Assessment / Report
Small Stream Risk Score Assessment

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 DERRINTURN WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - DERRINTURN WWTP

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
Total Nitrogen mg/l	13	84	40
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	13	11	4.98
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	13	4.85	2.86
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	13	271	123
Suspended Solids mg/l	13	376	125
COD-Cr mg/l	13	951	341
pH pH units	13	7.97	7.45
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	13	51	28
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	1137	760

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 2.1.5 if applicable.

Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity. Further details on the plant capacity and efficiency can be found under the sectional 'Operational Performance Summary'.

2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF1400D0244SW001

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included Note 1	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedances	Number of exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	13	Pass
pH pH units	6	9	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	7.40	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	8	20	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	2.08	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	5	10	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	2.22	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0.5	0.6	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	0.329	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.3	0.6	N/A	13	1	1	0.187	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.19	0.37	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	0.145	Pass

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included Note 1	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedances	Number of exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	0.190	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	6.33	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	7.53	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	805	

Notes:
1 – This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied
2 – For pH the WWDA specifies a range of pH 6 - 9

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence. The impact on receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF1400D0244SW001

A summary of monitoring from ambient monitoring points associated with the wastewater discharge is provided in the sections below. For discharges to rivers upstream (U/S) and downstream (D/S) location data is provided. For other ambient points in lakes, coastal or transitional waters, monitoring data from the most appropriate monitoring station is selected.

The table below provides details of ambient monitoring locations and details of any designations as sensitive areas.

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	River Station Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Ecological Status
Upstream	273020, 231285	RS14F010020	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	269666, 230148	RS14F010050	No	No	No	No	Poor

The results for ambient results and / or additional monitoring data sets are included in the **Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary.**

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence for the following: Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l.

The ambient monitoring results do not meet the required EQS at the upstream and the downstream monitoring locations. The EQS relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009.

Based on ambient monitoring results a deterioration in Ortho-P concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

A deterioration in water quality has been identified, however it is not known if it or is not caused by the WWTP.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - DERRINTURN WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Derrinturn WWTP

Treatment efficiency is based on the removal of key pollutants from the influent wastewater by the treatment plant. In essence the calculation is based on the balance of load coming into the plant versus the load leaving the plant. The efficiency is presented as a percentage removal rate.

A summary presentation of the efficiency of the treatment process including information for all the parameters specified in the licence is included below:

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)
SS	35837	456	99
cBOD	35332	486	99
TP	1430	72	95
COD	97840	2785	97
TN	11422	1649	86

Note: The above data is based on sample results for the number of dates reported.

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Derrinturn WWTP

Treatment capacity is an assessment of the hydraulic (flow) and organic (the amount of pollutants) load a treatment plant is designed to treat versus the current loading of that plant.

Derrinturn WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	1080
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	360
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	1137
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	760
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	1600
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	1791
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	0
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	Yes

Nominal design capacities can be based on conservative design principles. In some cases assessment of existing plants has shown organic capacities significantly higher than the nominal design capacity. Accordingly plants that appear to be overloaded when comparing a collected peak load with the nominal design capacity can be fully compliant due to the safety factors in the original design.

2.1.5 SLUDGE / OTHER INPUTS - DERRINTURN WWTP

'Other inputs' to the waste water treatment plant are summarised in table below

Input type	Quantity	Unit	P.E.	% of load to WWTP	Included in Influent Monitoring (Y/N)?	Is there a leachate/sludge acceptance procedure for the WWTP?	Is there a dedicated leachate/sludge acceptance facility for the WWTP? (Y/N)
There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.							

3 COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

3.1 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

A summary of complaints of an environmental nature related to the discharge(s) to water from the WWTP and network is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2023.			

3.2 REPORTED INCIDENTS SUMMARY

Environmental incidents that arise in an agglomeration are reported on an on-going basis in accordance with our waste water discharge licences. Where an incident occurs and it is reportable under the licence, it is reported to the Environmental Protection Agency through their Environmental Data Exchange Network, or in some instances by telephone. Some incidents which arise in the agglomeration are recorded by Uisce Éireann but may not be reportable under our licence for example where the incident does not have an impact on environmental performance.

A summary of reported incidents is included below.

3.2.1 SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Incident Type	Cause	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Abatement equipment off-line	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	No	Yes
Breach of ELV	Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training	No	Yes
Uncontrolled release	SWO exceptional rainfall and overflow expected	No	Yes

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2023	3
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2023	3
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	N/A

4 INFRASTRUCTURAL ASSESSMENTS AND PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS

4.1 STORM WATER OVERFLOW IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION REPORT

A summary of the operation of the storm water overflows and their significance where known is included below:

4.1.1 SWO IDENTIFICATION

WWDL Name / Code for Storm Water Overflow (chamber) where applicable	Irish Grid Ref. (outfall)	Included in Schedule of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2023 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2023 (m^3)	Monitoring Status
SW-2	270591,232157	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	0	0	Monitored

Any TBC SWO(s) were identified as part of the on-going National SWO programme and will be updated in subsequent AER(s) once the information is confirmed.

SWO Summary	
How much wastewater discharge by metered SWOs during the year (m^3)?	0
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	N/A
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	Yes
Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / changes to Schedule C3 and A4 under Condition 1.7?	N/A

4.2 REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE AND PROPOSALS BEING DEVELOPED TO MEET THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

4.2.1 SPECIFIED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

A wastewater discharge licence may require a number of reports on specific subject areas to be prepared for the agglomeration in question. These reports are submitted to the EPA as part of the Annual Environmental Report. This section provides a list of the various reports required for this agglomeration and a brief summary of their recommendations.

Specified Improvement Programmes (under Schedule A and C of WWDL)	Description	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NA/Y)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.							

A summary of the status of any other improvements identified by under Condition 5 assessments- is included below.

4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description / or any Operational Improvements	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
No additional improvements planned at this time.				

4.2.3 SEWER INTEGRITY RISK ASSESSMENT

The utilisation of multiple capital maintenance programmes and the outputs of the workshops with the Local Authority Operations Staff held under the programme can be used to satisfy the requirements of Condition 5 regarding network integrity. Improvement works identified by way of these programmes and workshops will be included in the Improvements Summary Tables 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Included in this AER
D0244-01-Small Stream Risk Score Assessment	Yes	Yes

6 CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF

6.1 SUMMARY OF AER CONTENTS

Parameter	Answer
Does the AER include an Executive Summary?	Yes
Does the AER include an assessment of the performance of the Waste Water Works (i.e. have the results of assessments been interpreted against WWDL requirements and or Environmental Quality Standards)?	Yes
Is there a need to advise the EPA for Consideration of a Technical Amendment/Review of the Licence?	No
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	N/A
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modification to the existing WWDL with respect to condition 4 changes to monitoring location, frequency etc	Yes
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	Ambient Monitoring Location Changes
Have these processes commenced?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	N/A

I certify that the information given in this Annual Environmental Report is truthful, accurate and complete:

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This AER has been produced by Uisce Éireann's Environmental Information System (EIMS) and has been electronically signed off in that system for and on behalf of,

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7 APPENDIX

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Appendix 7.2 - Small Stream Risk Score Assessment

Derrinturn Ambient Monitoring Summary 2023

			Receiving Waters Designation (Yes/No)					Mean (mg/l)		
Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	**Irish National Grid Reference (Easting, Northing)**	**EPA Feature Coding Tool code**	**Bathing Water**	**Drinking Water**	**FWPM**	**Shellfish**	**Current WFD Status**	**cBOD**	**o-Phosphate (as P)**	**Ammonia (as N)**
Upstream Monitoring Point	273020, 231285	RS14F010020	No	No	No	No	Poor	1.364	0.094	0.604
Downstream Monitoring Point	269666, 230148	RS14F010050	No	No	No	No	Poor	1.273	0.100	0.455
Difference								*-0.091*	*0.006*	*-0.149*
EQS								1.500	0.035	0.065
% of EQS								-6.061%	15.844%	-229.371%

Derrinturn Ambient Monitoring Summary 2023

Upstream Results											
Station Name	Sample Date	Temperature oC	pH pH units	BOD mg/ l	COD mg/l	Suspended solids mg/l	Total Nitrogen mg/l	Total Phosphorus mg/l	Ammonia mg/l	Ortho-Phosphate mg/l	DO mg/l
Upstream	03/02/2023	14.3	7.46	1	55	1	2.31	0.057	0.66	0.04	9.68
Upstream	24/02/2023	12.3	7.52	1	40	3	2.2	0.076	0.48	0.05	9.9
Upstream	16/03/2023	13.4	7.62	3	16	8	4.62	0.089	0.64	0.07	11.33
Upstream	14/04/2023	12.4	7.22	2	68	3	2.63	0.049	0.9	0.04	9.78
Upstream	04/05/2023	16.8	7.4	2	47	2	2.83	0.085	0.82	0.07	8.92
Upstream	05/05/2023	18.5	7.36	1	70	1	2.06	0.091	0.96	0.05	8.92
Upstream	20/06/2023	20.3	7.29	1	43	1	1.27	0.099	0.51	0.05	766
Upstream	07/07/2023	19.6	6.82	1	12	2	3.9	0.384	0.15	0.36	8.25
Upstream	25/08/2023	17.6	7.94	1	52	1	4.37	0.153	0.59	0.09	7.71
Upstream	21/09/2023	15.8	7.81	1	50	1	3.23	0.106	0.31	0.1	7.57
Upstream	18/10/2023	12.1	8.12	1	42	1	3.4	0.1	0.62	0.119	10.26
	Mean	**15.74**	**7.51**	**1.36**	**45.00**	**2.18**	**2.98**	**0.12**	**0.604**	**0.094**	**78.03**
	95%ile	**19.95**	**8.03**	**2.50**	**69.00**	**5.50**	**4.50**	**0.27**	**0.930**	**0.240**	**388.67**

Downstream Results											
Station Name	Sample Date	Temperature oC	pH pH units	BOD mg/ l	COD mg/l	Suspended solids mg/l	Total Nitrogen mg/l	Total Phosphorus mg/l	Ammonia mg/l	Ortho-Phosphate mg/l	DO mg/l
Downstream	03/02/2023	13.8	7.47	1	33	2	4.1	0.082	0.41	0.05	9.72
Downstream	24/02/2023	12.3	7.48	1	21	4	4.01	0.139	0.2	0.1	10.13
Downstream	16/03/2023	12.4	7.56	3	12	7	4.12	0.083	0.53	0.05	11.71
Downstream	14/04/2023	12.8	7.31	2	51	2	3.52	0.057	0.63	0.05	9.85
Downstream	04/05/2023	16.7	7.41	1	33	2		0.089	0.57	0.08	8.98
Downstream	05/05/2023	18.3	7.42	1	36	3	2.77	0.077	0.65	0.05	8.82
Downstream	20/06/2023	20.1	7.16	1	17	1	4.33	0.132	0.26	0.06	7.57
Downstream	07/07/2023	19.7	6.95	1	9	1	3.85	0.351	0.13	0.34	8.24
Downstream	25/08/2023	17.4	7.9	1	19	2	9.25	0.144	0.97	0.13	7.91
Downstream	21/09/2023	15.8	7.83	1		2	3.3	0.18	0.24	0.11	7.93
Downstream	18/10/2023	9.8	8.08	1	34	1	3.27	0.105	0.41	0.08	9.93
	Mean	15.37	**7.51**	**1.27**	**26.50**	**2.45**	**4.25**	**0.13**	**0.455**	**0.100**	**9.16**
	95%ile	**19.90**	**7.99**	**2.50**	**44.25**	**5.50**	**7.04**	**0.27**	**0.810**	**0.235**	**10.92**

Note: Where the concentration in the result is less than the limit of detection (LOD), a value of LOD/sqrt(2) was used in calculating the mean and 95%ile concentrations.

Derrinturn Small Stream Risk Score 2023

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1. Introduction

AQUAFACT was contracted by Kildare County Council to carry out an SSRS assessment of the discharge belonging to Derrinturn wastewater treatment plants. A sample was taken upstream and downstream of the discharge point. The sampling was carried out on the 12th of October 2023.

2. Methodology

2.1. Sampling

Two kick samples were taken (See Figure 2.1 and Table 2.1). The two-minute kick and one minute stone wash sampling method was employed to collect samples of macroinvertebrates for analysis. This involved placing a standard hand net of pore size 500µm in the river, facing upstream and disturbing the riverbed in front of the net mouth. The surveyor then moved in a diagonal direction upstream to ensure that different micro-habitats were included in the sample. The kick method dislodges macroinvertebrates from the substrates and submerged plant material. This was continued for approximately two minutes and followed by one minute of stone washing (Lucey *et al.*, 1999).

The macroinvertebrate assemblages of each sample were identified and counted on the riverbank. The details of the macroinvertebrate assemblages were recorded on data sheets. The resulting species list was then used to assign the SSRS score to the sampled streams.

The IFI's 2010 Biosecurity Protocol for Field Survey Work document was followed during sampling. Nets and all other equipment were thoroughly disinfected between stations.

Figure 2.1: Derrinturn SSRS sampling sites.

Table 2.1: Derrinturn SSRS station coordinates.

Station	Latitude	Longitude
Derrinturn Upstream	53.3264963	-6.926851
Derrinturn Downstream	53.3170562	-6.9557887

2.2. Small Stream Risk Score

The Small Streams Risk Score (SSRS) is a biological risk assessment system for identifying rivers that are 'at risk' of failing to achieve the 'good' water quality status goals of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). It was developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in association with the Western River Basin District (WRBD) in 2006 and revised in 2009.

The SSRS method is a rapid field methodology for risk assessment that is based solely on macroinvertebrate indicators of water quality and their well-understood response to pollution. Importantly, the SSRS score indicates whether or not the stream is at risk from pollution and not the ecological health of the stream. The SSRS score ranges from 0-11.2.

Table 2.2: SSRS Categories.

SSRS range	Category
<6.5	Stream at Risk
>6.5-7.25	Indeterminate stream may be at risk
>7.25	Probably not at risk

3. Results

The upstream station recorded a slightly lower SSRS score. However, both the upstream and downstream stations were categorised as 'Stream at risk' of not meeting Good status. The substrate at the upstream station was mud with a depth of approximately 5-10cm. Leaf litter was abundant, and the velocity of the stream was slow. The downstream station substrate was a mix of cobbles and gravel with some slight siltation. The velocity was moderate. There was cattle access both above and below the downstream station. Macrofaunal assemblages were similar at both stations with GOLD Group taxa far outnumbering a small number of Trichoptera.

Table 3.1: Taxa list

Taxa	Upstream	Downstream
Trichoptera		
Limnephilidae	1	1
Glossomatidae		1
Gastropods, Oligochaetes and Diptera (G.OL.D)		
Potamopyrgus	1	
Ancylus		1
Tubificidae	3	3
Simuliidae	1	5
Ceratopogonidae		1
Chironomidae	5	
Asellus	Numerous	Numerous

Table 3.2: Biological sampling results.

Station	SSRS score	SSRS category
Derrinturn Upstream	0.8	Stream at risk
Derrinturn Downstream	0.8	Stream at risk

4. Derrinturn WWTP comparison 2016 to 2023

Table 4.1 compares the SSRS results from 2016 to 2023. Figure 4.1 displays the trend over time (scores <6.5 are deemed At Risk). Both upstream and downstream sites have been 'at risk' since 2016. The highest SSRS score in that period was 3.2 both upstream and downstream. A tributary joins the stream from the east between the upstream and downstream stations, it is not known if any contamination enters the stream from this point. Just upstream of the downstream station the stream is culverted under the Grand Canal.

Table 4.1: Derrinturn WWTP- SSRS Comparison 2015 -2023 (AR: At Risk).

Site	SSRS							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Upstream	3.2	3.2	1.6	3.2	1.6	2.4	0.8	0.8
Downstream	2.4	1.6	2.4	1.6	3.2	0.8	1.6	0.8
Site	**SSRS Risk Category**							
Upstream	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR
Downstream	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR

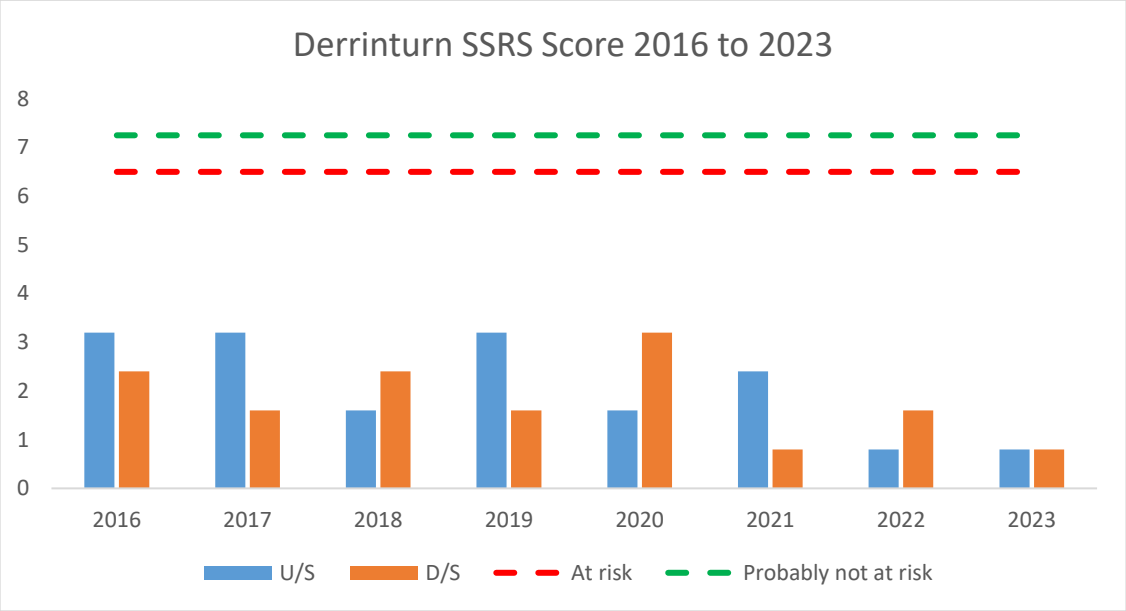

Figure 4.1: Derrinturn WWTP SSRS scores 2016 to 2023

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Appendix 1

Photo log

Derrinturn upstream 1

Derrinturn upstream 2

Derrinturn downstream 1

Derrinturn downstream 2