

Annual Environmental Report

2021



Lismore

D0176-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2021 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0176-01, Lismore, in Waterford 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.

No Capital or Improvement Works identified

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Lismore WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 3000, 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
TPEFF3100D0176SW001	Lismore WWTP	Treated	Compliant	N/A

1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING

Assessment / Report

There are no Licence Specific Reports included in this AER.

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 LISMORE WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - LISMORE 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	12	80	33
COD-Cr mg/l	12	546	339
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	6.80	3.23
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	256	90
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	299	149
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	2195	701

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'. The design of the wastewater treatment plant allows for peak values and therefore the peak loads have not impacted on compliance with Emission Limit Values.

2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF3100D0176SW001

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	12	N/A	N/A	12	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	88	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.65	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	20	40	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.56	Pass
pH units	9.00	9.00	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.68	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	5.00	6.00	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.105	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	3.00	3.60	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.699	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	13	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.910	

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):

Not applicable

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF3100D0176SW001

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	204807, 98767	RS18B022600	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	206333, 98824	RS18B022700	No	No	No	No	Moderate

The table below provides a summary of monitoring results for designated ambient monitoring points. The upstream and downstream annual mean values are shown (mg/l), and the difference between both monitoring stations is given as a percentage of the Environmental Quality Standard (EQS) where relevant.

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS18B022600	1.19	RS18B022700	1.64	1.50	30.4

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS18B022600	0.022	RS18B022700	0.021	0.065	-0.9
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS18B022600	0.029	RS18B022700	0.034	0.035	14
Cobalt - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Aluminium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	65	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS18B022600	103	RS18B022700	101	N/A	
Alkalinity-total (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS18B022600	110	RS18B022700	94	N/A	
Iron - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	181	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Boron - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	8.46	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS18B022600	11	RS18B022700	11	N/A	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	RS18B022600	2.92	RS18B022700	3.00	N/A	
Manganese - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	20	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Mercury - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.024	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Suspended Solids mg/l	RS18B022600	7.48	RS18B022700	3.46	N/A	

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	RS18B022600	0.057	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Vanadium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.773	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Zinc - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	7.87	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Selenium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Uranium - unfiltered µg/l	RS18B022600	0.338	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Copper - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	1.00	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Calcium - unspecified mg/l	RS18B022600	37	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Beryllium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	RS18B022600	340	RS18B022700	289	N/A	
Arsenic - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Chloride mg/l	RS18B022600	27	RS18B022700	22	N/A	
Chromium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Barium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	12	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Dissolved Organic Carbon mg/l	RS18B022600	5.23	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Antimony - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Cadmium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.029	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Potassium - unspecified mg/l	RS18B022600	3.60	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃) mg/l	RS18B022600	129	RS18B022700	111	N/A	
Lead - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.210	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Molybdenum - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.707	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Temperature °C	RS18B022600	12	RS18B022700	11	N/A	
Sodium - unspecified mg/l	RS18B022600	15	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Nitrite (as N) µg/l	RS18B022600	6.30	RS18B022700	4.18	N/A	
Thallium - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.141	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Nickel - unspecified µg/l	RS18B022600	0.905	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Strontium - unfiltered µg/l	RS18B022600	56	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Magnesium - unspecified mg/l	RS18B022600	5.26	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	RS18B022600	3.30	RS18B022700	N/A	N/A	
pH units	RS18B022600	7.91	RS18B022700	7.96	N/A	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	RS18B022600	2.92	RS18B022700	3.00	N/A	
True Colour mg/litre Pt Co	RS18B022600	37	RS18B022700	38	N/A	

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

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 and BOD, concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

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 - LISMORE WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Lismore 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)
cBOD	37087	421	99
COD	84609	3173	96
SS	22434	714	97
TP	805	245	70
TN	8110	3506	57

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Lismore 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.

Lismore WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	2070
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	690
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	2195

Lismore WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	701
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	2187
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	813
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No

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 - LISMORE 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 2021.			

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 Irish Water 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	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
There were no reportable incidents in 2021.				

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2021	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2021	0
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 2021 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2021 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	204857, 98757	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	46645	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 sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	46645
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/NAY)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
D0176-SIP:01	Lismore Sewerage Scheme Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade	C	31/03/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0176-SIP:02	Provision of storm water holding tank and upgrade of storm water overflow (associated with SW002) to comply with the DoECLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows, 1995'.	C	31/03/2014	Yes	Works Completed		

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

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.

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2014	No

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
Has a Technical amendment/licence review application been submitted to the Agency by IW?	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	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	N/A
Have these processes commenced?	N/A
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:

Signed: Date: 07/04/2022

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

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Acting Head of Environmental Regulation.

7 APPENDIX

Appendix
Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Ambient Monitoring Summary

The Lismore WWTP discharges to River Blackwater adjacent to the plant.

The WWDL requires bi-monthly Ambient Monitoring of the Receiving Waters at:

- RS1 8B022600 – Lismore Bridge
- RS1 8B022700 – 2km d/s Lismore Bridge

These two locations form part of the EPA River Monitoring locations and therefore the EPA data has been used in this assessment.

SW1u EPA: RS18B022600 [Source Catchments.ie]												
SAMPLE_NC	LOCATION_CODE	code	Stn+Location	River	DATE_COLLECTE D	pH	Dissolved Oxygen	BOD	Temperature	Ortho-Phosphate	Ammonia	Total Oxidised Nitrogen
							% sat	mg/l	oC	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	28/01/2021	7.6	99	1.7	8.4	0.037	0.036	2.6
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	02/02/2021	7.7	105	1.2	8.5	0.044	0.036	2
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	02/03/2021	7.9	100	0.5	8.7	0.021	0.02	3.8
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	13/04/2021	8.3	115	0.5	10	0.018	0.01	3.7
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	05/05/2021	8.2	109	0.5	10.8	0.018	0.01	3.5
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	01/06/2021	7.8	99	1.6	16	0.05	0.031	2.8
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	06/07/2021	8.1	89	1.3	15.2	0.013	0.027	3.4
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	04/08/2021	8.2	97	1.1	16.8	0.024	0.02	3.1
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	07/09/2021	8	106	1.3	17.3	0.024	0.01	3.1
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	05/10/2021	7.7	105	1.7	11.7	0.036	0.01	1.8
	RS18B022600		Lismore Bridge	Blackwater	02/11/2021	7.7	100	1.5	9.5	0.048	0.022	2.2
					15/12/2021	7.7	112	0.5	8.6	0.014	0.01	3
					Average	7.9	103.0	1.1	11.8	0.0	0.020	2.9

SW1d EPA: RS18B022700												
SAMPLE_NC	LOCATION_CODE	code	Stn+Location	River	DATE_COLLECTE D	pH	Dissolved Oxygen	BOD	Temperature	Ortho-Phosphate	Ammonia	Total Oxidised Nitrogen
							% sat	mg/l	oC	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l
	RS18B022700		2km d/s Lismore Br	Blackwater	09/02/2021	7.9	100	0.5	5.1	0.024	0.01	3.5
	RS18B022700		2km d/s Lismore Br	Blackwater	13/04/2021	8.2	112	2.5	9.4	0.011	0.01	3.6
	RS18B022700		2km d/s Lismore Br	Blackwater	09/06/2021	8	96	1	14.5	0.033	0.01	3.1
	RS18B022700		2km d/s Lismore Br	Blackwater	10/08/2021	8.1	82	2.1	15.1	0.023	0.023	1.4
	RS18B022701		2km d/s Lismore Br	Blackwater	12/10/2021	7.6	117	1.9	9.6	0.078	0.041	3.4
					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
					Average	7.96	101.40	1.60	10.74	0.034	0.019	3.00

Figure 7.1.1 – Lismore WWTP Ambient Monitoring Results 2021 [Source EPA] https://www.catchments.ie/data/#/waterbody/IE_SW_18B022700?k=6i43iq

Parameter	pH	DO%	BOD	Orthophosphate (as P)	Total Oxidised Nitrogen	Total Ammonia (as N)
SW1u [Annual Average]	7.91	103.00	1.12	0.03	2.92	0.02
SW1d [Annual Average]	7.96	101.40	1.60	0.03	3.00	0.02
Difference between SW1u & SW2d	-0.05	1.60	-0.48	0.00	-0.08	0.00
EQS (River Water Body)	6.0 < pH < 9.0	120% > 95%ile > 80%	High Status ≤1.3	High Status ≤0.025	Not specified	High Status ≤0.040
			Good Status ≤1.5	Good Status ≤0.035		Good Status ≤0.065

Figures 7.1.2 – Lismore WWTP Ambient Monitoring – Comparison of Upstream and Downstream Results

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish National Grid Reference (Easting, Northing)	Receiving Waters Designation (Yes/No)			Current WFD Status	Mean (mg/l)		
		Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish		cBOD	o-Phosphate (as P)	Ammonia (as N)
Upstream Monitoring Point	RS18B022600 [Lismore Bridge]				High	1.117	0.029	0.020
Downstream Monitoring Point	RS18B022700 [2km d/s Lismore Br]	No	No	No	High	1.600	0.034	0.019
<i>Difference</i>						-0.483	-0.005	0.001
EQS						1.300	0.025	0.040
% of EQS						123%	135%	47%

Figures 7.1.3 – Lismore WWTP Ambient Monitoring – Comparison of Upstream and Downstream Results with EQS

The above sampling shows that the discharge from Lismore WWTP does not have a detrimental impact on the discharge surface water quality.