

TOWNSVILLE WATER



Drinking Water Quality Management Plan

ANNUAL REPORT

2017/2018 (FINANCIAL YEAR)

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

| Acronym | Definition | Acronym | Definition |
|---------|---|---------|--------------------------------|
| ADWG | Australian Drinking Water Guidelines | TCC | Townsville City Council |
| CCP | Critical Control Point | THM | Trihalomethanes |
| DNRME | Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy | TLS | Townsville Laboratory Services |
| DWQMP | Drinking Water Quality Management Plan | T&O | Taste and Odour |
| GAC | Granular Activated Carbon | WTP | Water Treatment Plant |
| LIMS | Laboratory Information Management System | | |
| NATA | National Association of Testing Authorities | | |
| OS | Owner’s Side | | |

APPROVALS

In signing this approval:

I agree that the report meets the standards required and approve the report to be submitted to Water Supply Regulation, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.



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1. Executive Summary

Townsville City Council's (TCC) Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP) was approved in August 2012. Included in the approval notice was the requirement to submit an annual water quality report to outline the performance of Townsville Water against their DWQMP as required under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*.

Townsville Water has met all requirements under its DWQMP, the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011 (ADWG) and the *Public Health Regulation 2005* for the 2017/2018 financial year.

The main water quality issue for the first half of the reportable period was the drought-imposed water restrictions and the management of these. Water quality (and supply) required increased management by the Water Quality Team especially with regards to water age through increased monitoring, targeted flushing, managing reservoir levels and managing chlorine residuals. Rainfall in March 2018 increased Ross River Dam level to 93% and water restrictions were eased back to level 2 from level 3. The resultant small increase in water usage has increased water turnover and reduced water age.

Overall annual compliance for *Escherichia coli* (*E.coli*) for Townsville, Giru/Cungulla and Paluma drinking water schemes was in compliance with the *Public Health Regulation 2005* with 100% compliance for all three schemes.

The boil water advisory for Paluma was lifted in April 2018 after the commissioning of the Paluma Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Paluma WTP uses screening, coagulation, ultrafiltration, Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration and disinfection with both UV and sodium hypochlorite. The water is treated to ADWG standards bringing Paluma's water quality in line with the rest of Townsville.

Five notifications of non-compliance were submitted to the Office of the Water Supply Regulator (the Regulator):

- 3 disinfection-by-product exceedances
- 1 chlorine exceedance, and
- 1 lead exceedance.

There were 107 customer complaints regarding drinking water quality:

- 69 dirty water
- 4 milky water
- 8 taste/odour
- 3 suspected illness
- 20 owner's side issues, and
- 3 vexatious complaints.

A complete review of the plan with updated risk assessments was undertaken from September 2017 through to January 2018 and submitted to the Regulator. The amendments were approved with conditions in April 2018. This is the current plan under which TCC operates.

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Paluma Water Treatment Plant



2. Overview

Townsville Water is a business unit of TCC and is responsible for the management of the city's potable water network and provision of safe and reliable water to the residents of Townsville, Paluma township and Cungulla township.

TCC's DWQMP was submitted to the Regulator on 21 June 2011. It was approved with conditions on 29 August 2012. Townsville's first DWQMP Audit was undertaken in July 2016. The plan was reviewed, with significant amendments made in January 2018. The amendments were approved with conditions on 23 April 2018.

Townsville Water services a population of 188,000 with 85,500 connected properties, in three drinking water schemes: Townsville Drinking Water Scheme, Paluma Drinking Water Scheme and Giru/Cungulla Drinking Water Scheme.

Table 1. Summary of Townsville's Drinking Water Schemes

| Scheme Name | Water Treatment Plant | Water Source | Treatment Processes | Treatment Capacity | Towns Supplied |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Townsville Drinking Water Scheme | Douglas Water Treatment Plant (Angus Smith Drive) | Ross River Dam (with water supplemented from the Burdekin Dam through the Houghton Pipeline when required) | Conventional treatment with chlorine disinfection | 232 ML/D | Townsville |
| Townsville Drinking Water Scheme | Northern Water Treatment Plant (Kinduro) | Paluma Dam Crystal Creek | Microfiltration with chlorine disinfection | 40 ML/D | Townsville |
| Giru/Cungulla Drinking Water Scheme | Giru Water Treatment Plant | Houghton River | Conventional treatment with chlorine disinfection | 2 ML/D | Cungulla township |
| Paluma Drinking Water Scheme | Paluma Water Treatment Plant | Paluma Weir | Ultrafiltration with UV and chlorine disinfection | 90 KL/D | Paluma township |

Giru Water Treatment Plant also supplies water to Giru township through agreement with the Burdekin Shire Council. Management of Giru's drinking water quality is covered under the Burdekin Shire Council's DWQMP.

45,971ML of potable water was produced in the 17/18 financial year. Townsville Water maintains 2 dams (Ross River Dam and Paluma Dam), 2 weirs (Paluma Weir and Blacks Weir), 23 water pumping stations, 18 chlorinators, 41 reservoirs (treated water storage facilities) and 2,609 km of water distribution mains.

Ross River Dam radial gates





3. Actions taken to implement the DWQMP

The DWQMP is managed and maintained by the Drinking Water Quality Officer. Both the Water Treatment Engineer and Water Quality Officer's role is to monitor, regulate and improve water quality for Townsville. They deal with all water quality non-compliances, water quality complaints/queries from customers, monitor all Critical Control Points (CCPs), the water sampling plan and the subsequent data it generates. They are part of a broader Water Quality Team which also includes the Water Operations Engineer, Commercial Compliance Officer, Bulk Water Maintenance Officer and the Water Operators.

Trility are engaged to operate Douglas Water Treatment Plant and Northern Water Treatment Plant under a managed contract with TCC. The contract is managed through informal weekly operations meetings, formal monthly operational management team meetings and formal quarterly contract management committee meetings. Any issues arising between these times are dealt with through phone calls, emails, face to face and ad hoc meetings.

The Water Quality Team hold a weekly water quality meeting, with water quality also discussed at weekly planning meetings and at toolbox meetings with staff as required. A water quality governance meeting is held with management every two months, and is chaired by the Drinking Water Quality Officer.

There were no hazards or hazardous events that affected water quality during the financial year.

A formalised review of the plan was undertaken from September 2017 through to January 2018. A complete review of the plan including the review of 20+ years of water quality data plus updating of the risk assessments for the three schemes was undertaken. The plan was differentiated into three separate plans for the three schemes. The amendments were submitted to the Regulator for approval in January 2018. The amendments were approved with conditions on 23 April 2018. This is the current plan under which TCC operates.

Paluma Water Treatment plant was installed and commissioned in April 2018. Paluma WTP uses screening, coagulation, ultrafiltration, GAC filtration and disinfection with both UV and sodium hypochlorite. The water is treated to ADWG standards bringing Paluma's water quality in line with the rest of Townsville.

The risk management improvement program implementation plan is included in Table 2 overpage.

Table 2. Risk management improvement program implementation status

| TOWNSVILLE DWS | Component | Improvement Actions | Target Date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer | Complete |
|----------------|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| | Douglas WTP Turbidity (Common and Modules 1 & 2) | Pre-Treatment Clarifier – Confirm the design envelope for the clarifiers and ensure that this is utilised. | Design in 17/18 financial year with construct in 19/20 financial year. | Design has commenced. | End 17/18 financial year for design. | Manager Water and Waste | Dec 2020 |
| | | Sludge Handling – Confirm the amount of time available to 'stop' recycle to ensure that criticality is appropriate for the supernatant recycle system. | | Supernatant return standard operating procedure to be developed in 2019. | July 2019 | Trility Operations Manager | |
| | | Reservoirs – The reservoir cleaning program has stalled, for a number of reasons, but should be re-instated and prioritised. | | Reservoir cleaning program has been reinstalled with first reservoirs to be cleaned in January 2019. From then on the reservoirs will be cleaned on a rotation with approx. 16 reservoirs cleaned each year. Budget allocated. | Jan 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer and Drinking Water Quality Officer | Ongoing |
| | | Data is required to be assembled and reviewed to validate that the reactivator has been optimised. | | Data readily available via online and daily grab sample results. Jar tests regularly conducted and alarms in place on reactivator clear water turbidity meter. | Dec 2018 Summary of performance data and activities to be submitted Dec 2018. PCP to be added to WQP. | Trility Operations Manager | |
| | Douglas WTP Turbidity Modules 3&4 Direct Filtration | Pre-Treatment and Filtration – Performance trials are planned to confirm the raw water range under which the system can operate to produce safe water. | | Operations Modification Program 5 has trialled under some conditions but not all. – Performance criteria agreed with TCC. | Aim to complete further trials in 2019, subject to suitable raw water conditions. | Water Treatment Engineer, Contract Compliance Officer Trility Operations Manager | Parked until adequate rainfall occurs (2019?) |
| | Douglas WTP Pathogens - Crypto | Modelling is being undertaken to help clarify the likelihood of the presence of Crypto. and Giardia in 2017. This is to be used to increase certainty. | | Modelling complete with RRD report from GHD finalised Feb 2018. Requirement for clarifier/UV to conform to HBTs. | Feb 2018 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | Yes |
| | | Filtration - Compare performance against ADWG value of 0.20 and HBT guideline of 0.15NTU as 95 percentiles. Contract uses higher turbidity targets. | | Performance checked as part of the RRD Crypto report. Shows that the plant meets for Mod 1 & 2. | Feb 2018 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | Yes |
| | | Sludge Handling - Confirm the control around returning supernatant. Including turbidity target. | | Supernatant alarms 4.5 NTU H, 5 NTU HH and shutdown on High trip 10 NTU as per WQ plan. 10 minutes at or above these limits will trigger alarm, the trip will trigger a shutdown. | Complete 20 November 2018 | Trility – Operations Support Engineer | Yes |

| Component | Improvement Actions | Target Date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer | Complete |
|----------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOWNSVILLE DWS | Douglas WTP Pathogens – <i>E.coli</i> and Virus | Disinfection point Chlorination - Complete tracer testing to confirm modelling of C.t. | Tracer study completed November 2017, report complete with executive summary review and report submission to client by end of November. | December 2018 | Operations Manager | |
| | | Disinfection point Chlorination - Investigate dedicated C.t chlorine analyser (prior to trim dose). | Options to be investigated in FY 2019 R&R plan. | March 2019 | | |
| | | Review Disinfection Control Plan to make sure that control philosophy is locked in and that there is no opportunity to control in a way that would jeopardise the C.t. | Chlorine disinfection system upgraded for stable monitoring, control and alarms (PSDs). Baffles installed increasing C.t. | Online C.t. calculation planned early 2019. | | |
| | Pathogens – <i>N.fowleri</i> | Investigate and confirm the response of <i>N.fowleri</i> to settling. Pipes/reservoirs - Need to investigate the prevalence of <i>N.fowleri</i> . Pipes/reservoirs - High and low turnover - Investigate options to increase the chlorine residual above 0.5 mg/L (reservoirs, lines, dead ends) to ensure effective barrier to <i>N.fowleri</i> . | Research project to be undertaken in Townsville, Paluma and Cungulla. | June 2019 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |
| | Organics and colour | Pipes/reservoirs – Documentation of system ‘age’ optimisation is required to ensure continuity. Currently this is primarily undertaken by one person. | Further people to be trained and documentation of procedures to occur. | June 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | High Chlorine | Investigate Julago system cut-off to ensure that it minimises the risk of over-dosing chlorine. | | June 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | Water Emergency Response Plan | Updated copy to be included in DWQMP. | Jan 2019 | Undergoing updates and changes currently. | Jan 2019 | Manager Water Operations |
| | HACCP | Requires updating (last updated 2009). This will be included in Trility's Water quality plans due to be finalised 2018. | Critical control points regularly reviewed and tested as part of water quality management system. Undertake review of HACCP and consider consolidating HACCP and WQP. | Dec 2019 | Trility - Operations Manager | |
| | Chlorates in Network | Investigate replacing Sodium Hypochlorite dosing system with a chlorine gas dosing system. | 2020 | Design to be undertaken in 2018 financial year. | End 2020 | |
| | Network Schematic | Requires updating to include recent infrastructure. | Jan 2019 | Jan 2019 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |
| | Crypto Model | Clarification and UV required at Douglas Water Treatment Plant to reduce Cryptosporidium risk. | 2020 | Design to be undertaken in 2018 financial year, with construction completed by end 2020. | End 2020 | |

| TOWNSVILLE DWS | Component | Improvement Actions | Target Date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer | Complete |
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| | NWTP Turbidity | Filtration Node – False positives have been identified in the past and an investigation into sample preparation to eliminate false positives is underway. | | Trility have replaced turbidity meters (with a different brand) to see if this eliminates false positives. Ongoing monitoring to see if this has been successful. | | | Ongoing |
| | Pathogens - Crypto | Modelling is being undertaken to help clarify the likelihood of the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia in 2017. | | GHD Cryptosporidium report submitted August 2018. Confirms the requirement for UV addition on NWTP to conform to HBTs. | | Drinking Water Quality Officer | Complete |
| | Pathogens – E.coli and Virus | Confirm virus removal capability of the membrane and whether coagulant is or is not required to claim virus removal with the membranes. | | Confirmed the virus log removal of the membranes is 4.0 without coagulant. Supporting documentation provided to TCC. | 29/11/2018 | | Complete |
| | | Confirm the C.t (max flow, min level, chlorine minimum (1)) available at the WTP and compare this to the typical target C.t of 15 mg.min/L. | | Supporting data and calculations to be provided. | 1/2/2019 | Operations Support Engineer | |
| | Geosmin (Taste and Odour) | Consider measuring the level of geosmin in the open channel between Paluma and Crystal creek intake to confirm the source of geosmin as well as continuing to investigate the source water. | June 2019 | Dependent upon geosmin being detected in concentrations high enough to cause an issue. | Parked | Drinking Water Quality Officer | Parked |
| | | Treatment strategies to remove geosmin are to be investigated, including PAC dosing even though this was noted as having a negative impact on membrane performance/life. | | Trility have engaged Hunter H2O to investigate the removal of geosmin and MIB with PAC at both DWTP and NWTP. | | Team Manager Water Operations | |
| | Iron | Confirm iron results in raw and treated water. There is a discrepancy between the numbers in the raw (soluble) and the performance of the membranes. Essentially all of the soluble should pass through the membranes but the monitoring suggests that the membranes are pulling out 'soluble' iron. This could mean that the iron is colloidal and not 'true' soluble. Include event-based monitoring to investigate iron spikes in the raw water. | June 2020 | As this is not causing an issue with water quality it has been pushed out to June 2020. Monitoring will be ongoing to enable the collection of sufficient data. | | | |
| | HACCP | Requires updating (last updated 2009). This will be included in Trility's Water quality plans due to be finalised 2018. | | As per DWTP HACCP. | | | |
| | Crypto Model | UV may be required for NWTP. This requires investigating and funding if required. | | Report August 208 shows UV is required for NWTP to meet HBTs. Design specs for UV funded for this financial year. | June 2019 | Manager Water and Wastewater | |

| | Component | Improvement Actions | Target Date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer | Complete |
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| GIRU/CUNGULLA DWS | Turbidity | Incorporate routine supernatant monitoring to add certainty to the performance of residuals handling. | June 2019 | Reclaim lagoon water quality is monitored monthly. | June 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | | Coagulation Control needs to be documented to ensure that everyone is targeting the same thing. | January 2019 | Procedure written but not formalised. | Jan 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | | Confirm the correct location for the filtered water outlet turbidity meter (individual filter turbidity (IFE) is the benchmark). | December 2018 | Filtered water turbidity meter was installed in December. This is monitored. | Dec 2018 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |
| | | Align filter turbidity target, alert and critical limits with ADWG and best practice. Supernatant flows monitored, not yet alarmed or online. Opportunity to include allowing for early detection of failure, disturbance, particularly when the wash-water system is stressed. | October 2018 | Instrument techs to write code to retain turbidity values only when the plant is operational and to calculate the 95th percentile compliance. Project required to be undertaken. | June 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | Pathogens - Cryptosporidium | Operational Control Point (OCP) required to be documented and put into practice to assist in management of supernatant return. | March 2019 | Tank, decking and tower due to be replaced this financial year. | June 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | | High level tank is a risk, budget allocated for tank replacement and action should be pursued. Pressure pumps to be utilised in the interim. | June 2019 | Pressure pumps currently installed and being utilised. | | Bulk Water Engineer | |
| | Pathogens – E. coli and Virus | Free chlorine analyser to be installed and alarming incorporated into the system control. | June 2018 | Free chlorine analyser has been installed and feedback is on SCADA. Project in place to alarm in SCADA. | April 2019 | Water Treatment engineer Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| | Pathogens – N.fowleri | As per E. coli, move towards an online continuous free chlorine analyser to confirm that chlorine has been dosed and a C.t has been achieved and a minimum of 0.5 mg/L free chlorine is maintained leaving the WTP. | | As above | | Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| | | Need to investigate the prevalence of Naegleria fowleri. | | Project required to investigate prevalence of Naegleria fowleri. | | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |
| | | Investigate options to increase the chlorine residual above 0.5 mg/L (reservoirs, Cungulla Balance Tank, lines and dead ends). | | Target limit for chlorine has been increased in the CWS to > 0.5mg/L. Townsville aims to maintain free chlorine in reservoirs and at dead ends through extensive monitoring program and flushing where appropriate. Where required additional re-chlorination is installed i.e. Brookhill Reservoir. | | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |

| | Component | Improvement Actions | Target Date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer | Complete |
|-------------------|--|--|----------------|---|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| GIRU/CUNGULLA DWS | Organics and Colour | Suggest that measuring true colour of filtered water on jar testing will assist in managing coagulation (helps to identify the 'best' dosing regimen). | | A palintest kit has been purchased. Training need to be organised and its use implemented. | June 2019 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | pH | Ensure that coagulation pH targets are recorded and utilised by all staff. | | Coagulation pH range of 6.4 to 7.2 has been established and communicated to operators. | June 2018 | Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| | | Need to incorporate triggers for operating soda ash, when does it turn on/off. | | Too difficult to set an absolute number. Depends upon many factors and the Water Treatment Engineer decides operationally when this is to occur. | June 2018 | Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| | Verification of Drinking Water Quality | Undertake project to acquire handheld devices and store all water quality results in Lims1. | September 2019 | Project currently underway to get operators recording data in tablets. Then this data can be transferred and stored in LIMS. | September 2019 | Bulk Water Engineer | |
| | Water Emergency Response Plan | Updated copy to be included in DWQMP. | Jan 2019 | Response plan is being updated and changed presently. | | | |
| PALUMA DWS | Development of algae/algal toxin Trigger Scenarios | Procedure for detection of algae/algal toxins requires to be developed. This is not of high risk as algal blooms have not been detected in the Haughton River supply but a procedure should still be in place. | December 2019 | Considered low risk as previously not detected. | December 2019 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |
| | Pathogens – E. coli and Virus | Need to better document the existing CCP prior to completion of the new WTP. | March 2018 | New CCPs set. | April 2018 | Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| | | Confirm C.t of the reservoir. | | Project required. | June 2019 | | |
| | Pathogens – N. fowleri | Need to investigate the prevalence of Naegleria fowleri to better understand the risk. | | Research project to be undertaken in Townsville, Paluma and Cungulla. | June 2019 | Drinking Water Quality Officer | |
| | Organics and Colour | Continue to monitor after WTP operational to confirm reduction in organics and THMs. | September 2018 | Reduction in THM and organic formation has been confirmed. Will continue to monitor for different weather conditions especially high rainfall periods. | May 2019 (to include high rainfall event) | Drinking Water Quality Officer | Ongoing |
| | Chlorate | Investigate storage conditions (could the age be reduced or the temperature reduced). Investigate the use of 6% hypo which decays more slowly. | September 2018 | WTP operational. Water is being treated to high specifications with respect to turbidity and organics. Chlorine dosing has therefore reduced which has also led to a reduction in chlorate formation. | September 2018 | Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| | Water Emergency Response Plan | Updated copy to be included in DWQMP. | Jan 2019 | Response plan is being updated and changed presently. | | | |
| | Water Treatment Plant CCPS | Risk Assessment required. | April 2019 | Monitoring of plant operations and water quality data being analysed. | April 2018 | Water Treatment Engineer | |
| | | CCPs required to be set for the new plant. | April 2018 | CCPs set and operational. Plant working within setpoints. | | | Complete |

DRINKING WATER QUALITY AUDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

| Scheme Name | Component | Opportunity for Improvement | Target Date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer | Complete |
|-------------|-------------|---|--------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Paluma DWS | | Although the catchment is of low density, the presence of septic systems and human habitation means that the absence of a treatment barrier to protozoan pathogens for Paluma township is a potential concern. A more formalised and rigorous 'CCP-like' approach to protecting the catchment and/or an upgrade to the treatment plant to provide a protozoan barrier is warranted. | April 2018 | Paluma WTP commissioned and operational April 2018 | | Water Treatment Engineer | Complete |
| All | Spare Parts | TCC staff had ensured that the majority of parts, and particularly the more sensitive parts, were retained indoor and undercover. However, some large pipes and fittings remained exposed outdoors. TCC should consider looking to store all potentially vulnerable parts that may form part of the drinking supply network undercover. | October 2019 | Project required to move spare parts to Douglas WTP and secure capital expenditure to cover all large pipes and fittings. Work being undertaken currently to cap all large pipes. | | Bulk Water Engineer | |
| All | | The standard of vermin proofing and run-off protection was high across the inspected treated water tanks. Minor weaknesses that could be improved included the absence of mesh on whirly birds on the Douglas WTP Reservoirs (such mesh was present at other sites) and possible run off entry slits at Brookhill Reservoir. | | Capital funding has been allocated for reservoir renewals. A program of works to renew the most important (risk rated) reservoirs first. Ongoing maintenance of reservoir roofs and structures is an ongoing process. | Ongoing | Bulk Water Engineer | Ongoing |
| All | | There were some single valve raw water bypasses on treatment plants and there is value in reviewing the robustness of the valves to seepage and protection against accidental valve operation. | | A project is required to review if this would be advantageous and minimise risk. Raw water bypass on Giru WTP. Bypass is painted red and locked. Risk of being operated accidentally is minimal. | | | Complete |

4. Research Activities

No research activities were undertaken in the 17/18 financial year.

Mount Low Reservoir



5. Information supplied to the regulator regarding non-compliances and prescribed incidents

There were five non-compliances with water quality criteria reported for the 17/18 financial year, compared to 12 reported in the previous year. There were no prescribed incidents.

Table 3. Incidents reported to the Regulator

| Incident Date and Number | Water Scheme and Location | Parameter and Issue | Corrective and Preventative Actions |
|---|--|---|---|
| January – March 2018 DWI-7-506-00054 | Townsville Drinking Water Scheme | Chlorates >700 µg/L (Townsville Water's self-imposed limit). | Townsville has ongoing issues with chlorates in hot weather; compounded for the past few years by higher chlorine set points due to water restrictions. All mitigation measures available have been put in place. Old stock replaced with new stock, reducing the size of storage tanks, stock emptied before refilling, keeping chlorine residuals as low as possible, lowering of reservoir levels to turn over reservoirs. Chlorates reduced as the temperatures cooled. Investigations are underway to convert Douglas WTP to chlorine gas to reduce chlorate formation. |
| February – May 2018 DWI-7-506-00055 | Townsville Drinking Water Scheme Wulguru | THMs (271 µg/L and 289 µg/L) at Wulguru and Dahl reservoir. THMs were then detected across much of the network in February. | THMs were detected across much of the network in February due to high rainfall which resulted in low usage. Chlorine set-point was high to ensure adequate disinfection to the outlying areas. TCC reduced set-points at Douglas WTP from 5mg/L in February due to the rain and low usage to 3.2mg/L in May due to increased usage across the network. TCC were also able to reduce chlorine set-points at re-chlorination points. This coupled with the lowered temperatures and increased demand across the network lowered THMs across the region. |
| March 2018 DWI-7-506-00056 | Paluma Drinking Water Scheme | Chlorates >700 µg/L (Townsville Water's self-imposed limit). | The Paluma site was being prepared for the delivery of the water treatment plant and the township was running off a temporary tank. As there were no provisions for dosing the temporary tank, the raw water was being dosed at the weir. Due to distance travelled and the higher dose, higher chlorate concentrations were detected in the water at the township. Paluma residents and visitors were drinking bottled water supplied by TCC due to the boil water advisory. The Paluma WTP was installed and commissioned in April 2018. Although TCC still use sodium hypochlorite as its disinfectant, the water treatment plant is ultrafiltration with GAC, removing most of the particles and organics from the water and so the chlorine set point has reduced significantly. This is resulting in the formation of less chlorates. Chlorates are the lowest they have been in Paluma since testing began in 2013. |
| 24 April 2018 DWI-7-506-00057 | Townsville Drinking Water Scheme Dahl Reservoir | Total chlorine 5.31 mg/L, free chlorine 4.66 mg/L. | High chlorine was a result of the chlorine pump setting being manually increased over the weekend, coupled with a fresh sodium hypochlorite delivery. The pumps and chlorinator were turned off to allow the chlorine to decay overnight. Within two days the chlorine was back within operational limits. The pump was reset (lower dose rate). Operator error resulted in the pump setting being increased by mistake. Training with the operator was undertaken. Fatigue management was also looked at as the incident occurred on a Friday afternoon. House sample showed free chlorine 3.9mg/L. There were no customer taste or odour complaints. |
| 1 May 2018 DWI-7-506-00058 | Townsville Drinking Water Scheme | Lead 0.037mg/L Lead was detected on TCC's side of the meter. Lead was not detected in the house sample. Further investigations and sampling detected lead in a few older suburbs in Townsville. All samples taken were on TCC's side of the network. | A wide range of sampling was carried out to ensure this was not a widespread issue. Over 600 other locations were sampled. It must be noted that bad sampling technique was used and it is thought that due to no flushing occurring and meters being removed that contamination of samples occurred. Resamples (using correct technique) returned results with no lead breaches. To err on the side of caution all affected services were replaced. Lead was detected in two further samples in August. All services and meters were replaced with no lead detected upon retesting. Lead continues to be monitored throughout the network. No further lead has been detected in over 350 samples. Townsville has an ongoing capital works program to replace all old services and this will continue to be funded. This incident was not closed before the end of the financial year. |

6. Compliance with water quality criteria for drinking water

Townsville Water has a comprehensive sampling regime “from catchment to tap” which covers raw water supply, water treatment and water distribution. Over 100,000 tests are taken over the year for various parameters including but not limited to chlorine, pH, turbidity, alkalinity, metals, chemical, pesticides and microbiological.

Where possible treated water samples are taken from dedicated sample points in Council owned parks and open spaces. These sample points are housed in secure vandal proof casings. The replacement program has been ongoing for three years with next financial year seeing all sample points being transferred over from house sample points.

All samples are taken and analysed by Townsville Laboratory Services (TLS) which are National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited. Results are emailed to the Water Quality Team as soon as they are verified and finalised by the laboratory. The Water Quality Team also have access to the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to obtain results as required. All results above ADWG limits are called through immediately to the Water Quality Officer (Water Treatment Engineer if Water Quality Officer is not available). All water quality data is monitored and trends analysed throughout the year by the Water Quality Officer.

Townsville Water has been largely compliant with the water quality criteria for the financial year, having five water quality incidents as outlined in Table 3. Three reportable incidents were due to disinfection by-products above the ADWG limit. Water restrictions have meant greater management of the system with regards to maintaining chlorine residuals to the endpoints in the network to ensure disinfection is not compromised balanced against reducing disinfection by products. The long hot dry summer also compounded the issue. With the rains in March 2018 and the dam filling to 93% water restrictions were eased back to level 2 and the resultant slight increase in water usage has improved water quality by increasing turnover and reducing water age. It has also enabled TCC to reduce chlorine set-points both at the WTPs and at the re-chlorination points.

There have been no failures to meet sampling frequencies and all locations have been sampled.

Overall annual compliance for *E.coli* for each scheme was in compliance under the *Public Health Regulation 2005*.

Overall compliance for *E.coli* for each scheme was as per the Table 4 below.

Table 4: *E.coli* compliance for Townsville Water’s drinking water schemes

| Drinking Water Scheme | No. of samples taken | % Annual Compliance |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Townsville | 3,385 | 100% |
| Paluma | 110 | 100% |
| Giru/Cungulla | 153 | 100% |

Drinking water quality performance (verification monitoring) is included in Appendix A.

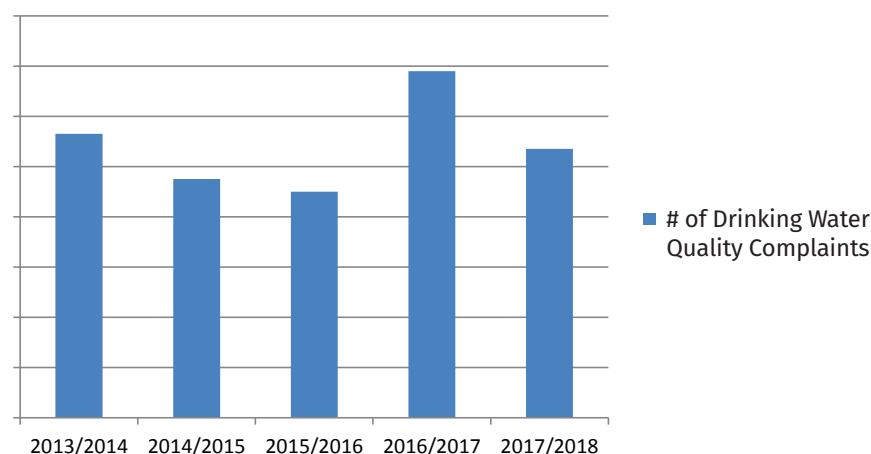


Example of Townsville water sample point

7. Details of complaints made to the provider about the drinking water service supplied to customers

All water quality complaints are lodged through the Customer Service Centre, which is a 24hr service. All data is collected and maintained in TCC's secure database. There were 107 drinking water quality complaints with 30 less than in the 2016/2017 year as per Graph 1 below.

Number of Drinking Water Quality Complaints per Financial Year



Graph 1: Number of drinking water quality complaints per financial year.

This was due to a decrease in dirty and milky water complaints which numbered approx. 20 less than the year previous. There has been a body of work undertaken by Townsville Water to improve flushing practices upon completion of new mains and repair of pipes. This appears to have been largely successful. There were no complaints of geosmin in the northern beaches suburbs nor were elevated geosmin levels detected in routine sampling. All other water quality complaints by type were relatively static with preceding years.

Table 5: Number of dirty water complaints by type

| Type of Water Quality Complaint | Dirty Water | Milky Water | Taste/ Odour | Geosmin | Suspected illness/ Customer Concern | Owner's Side (OS) | Vexatious Customer Complaints |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| # of complaints | 69 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 11 flick mix 9 OS | 3 |

There are four main types of water quality complaints in Townsville as outlined below:

DIRTY WATER AND MILKY WATER

Dirty water results when sediments from the bottom of the pipes are stirred up due to works occurring in the area such as pipe repairs, water trucks filling from hydrants and construction works with heavy machinery. It can also be caused by changing velocities in pipes stirring up the sediment. When a dirty water complaint is lodged, a water reticulation crew is dispatched to flush the area until the dirty water is removed and the chlorine residuals are back within specification. Customers are advised to flush their side by running sprinklers. Customers receive a call the following day to ensure water remains clear.

Milky water is caused when air becomes trapped in the water under pressure, forming tiny bubbles. As these air bubbles escape they cause the water to look milky. Milky water occurs following large main repairs or when new mains are commissioned. The issue usually resolves itself once all the air has escaped but if it doesn't the mains are flushed. If this still does not rectify the issue, more air valves are cut in to the mains.

TASTE AND ODOUR (T&O)

T&O complaints in Townsville are generally caused by

- Dirty water events
- Geosmin
- High chlorine (or sudden changes in chlorine concentration)
- Old or new pipework on customer's side of the meter.

Townsville Water liaises with customers for all T&O complaints, flush where required and take samples for further investigation if warranted.

OWNER'S SIDE

There were twenty owner's side issues this financial year with eleven caused by flick mix taps. Near the end of the life of flick mix taps (after seven to ten years) the inside braided hose degrades and leaves a black oily residue in the water. This issue is rectified through a phone call to customers to explain the issue and the requirement for a private plumber to install new taps.

The remaining nine were for a mix of old pipework on the owner's side and hot water systems nearing the end of their life and the breakdown of the anode inside. Townsville Water analyse samples through TLS where required and communicate with customers through these issues.

SUSPECTED ILLNESS

There were three suspected illness complaints this year which is in line with previous years. In all instances customers were contacted and water from their residence analysed through TLS. In all instances the water met the ADWG limits and was safe to drink.

There were three vexatious complaints this year from the same customer.

Pipework at Veales Road, Deeragun



8. Outcome of review and recommendations of audit

REVIEW

A formalised review of the plan was undertaken from September 2017 to January 2018. This was a complete review of the plan including the review of 20+ years of water quality data, the inclusion of lessons learned from incidents since reporting began in 2009 and the audit opportunities for improvement.

A workshop was held with Hunter H2O and relevant staff which looked at elements 2 and 3 of the DWQMP. The three schemes were looked at separately and included Trility representation. The plan was differentiated into three separate plans for the three schemes. This resulted in a new implementation plan as per Section 3 of this annual report which will be implemented moving forward.

The amendments were submitted to the Regulator for approval in January 2018. The amendments were approved with conditions on 23 April 2018. This is the current plan under which TCC operates.

The next review is due April 2019.

AUDIT

There was no requirement for an audit in the 2017/2018 financial year. The next audit is required in August 2020.

Ross River Dam 2017





9. Appendix A. Drinking water quality performance – verification monitoring

GIRU/CUNGULLA DRINKING WATER SCHEME

Drinking Water Service Provider: Townsville City Council

SPID: 506

Drinking Water Scheme: Giru/Cungulla Drinking Water Scheme

Names of towns, communities or regions serviced by this scheme: Cungulla

Population serviced by this scheme: 288

Reporting year: July 2017 - June 2018

Laboratory name: Townsville Laboratory Services

| Scheme Component | | Parameter Category | Parameter | Unit of Measure | Limit of Reporting (LOR) | Count | # of samples detected | # DW Guidelines Value | Min Value | Max Value | Avg Value | 95th %tile | Comments |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| GIRU | Source Water Giru Raw Water (Haughton River) | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 76 | 10,020 | 896 | 1986 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 49 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2.6 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 47 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 12.5 | 2.14 | 5.92 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 7.02 | 9.21 | 8.11 | 9.06 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.91 | 0.11 | 0.29 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 48 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.04 | |
| | Water Treatment Plant Giru Clear Water Storage | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 49 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 1 | 2 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.27 | 0.72 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 6.35 | 7.67 | 7 | 7 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 48 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.001 | 0.009 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 48 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0.02 | 0.003 | 0.006 | |
| CUNGULLA | Transmission Cungulla Reservoir | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.32 | 0.60 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 6.61 | 7.96 | 7.44 | 7.89 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 50 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.004 | 0.01 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 50 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0.02 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (free) | mg/L | 0.05 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 0.97 | 2.24 | 1.51 | 2.13 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (Total) | mg/L | 0.05 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 1.35 | 2.90 | 1.9 | 2.49 | |
| | | Disinfection By products | Chlorates | µg/L | 15 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 641 | 308 | 607 | |
| | | Disinfection By products | Trihalomethanes | µg/L | 2 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 35 | 102 | 69 | 90 | |
| | Reticulation Cungulla Houses | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0.10 | 0.60 | 0.30 | 0.40 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 6.76 | 7.95 | 7.48 | 7.87 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.009 | 0.001 | 0.006 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.001 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (free) | mg/L | 0.05 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 0.49 | 2.19 | 1.23 | 1.8 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (Total) | mg/L | 0.05 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 0.89 | 2.48 | 1.58 | 2.12 | |

GIRU/CUNGULLA DRINKING WATER SCHEME

Drinking Water Service Provider: Townsville City Council

SPID: 506

Drinking Water Scheme: Giru/Cungulla Drinking Water Scheme

Names of towns, communities or regions serviced by this scheme: Cungulla

Population serviced by this scheme: 288

Reporting year: July 2017 - June 2018

Laboratory name: Townsville Laboratory Services

| | Scheme Component | Parameter Category | Parameter | Unit of Measure | Limit of Reporting (LOR) | Count | # of samples detected | # DW Guidelines Value | Min Value | Max Value | Avg Value | 95th %tile | Comments |
|----------|--|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| GIRU | Source Water Giru Raw Water (Haughton River) | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 76 | 10,020 | 896 | 1986 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 49 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2.6 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 47 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 12.5 | 2.14 | 5.92 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 7.02 | 9.21 | 8.11 | 9.06 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.91 | 0.11 | 0.29 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 48 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.04 | |
| | Water Treatment Plant Giru Clear Water Storage | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 49 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 1 | 2 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.27 | 0.72 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 6.35 | 7.67 | 7 | 7 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 48 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.001 | 0.009 | |
| CUNGULLA | Transmission Cungulla Reservoir | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.32 | 0.60 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 6.61 | 7.96 | 7.44 | 7.89 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 50 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.004 | 0.01 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 50 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0.02 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (free) | mg/L | 0.05 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 0.97 | 2.24 | 1.51 | 2.13 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (Total) | mg/L | 0.05 | 51 | 51 | 0 | 1.35 | 2.90 | 1.9 | 2.49 | |
| | | Disinfection By products | Chlorates | µg/L | 15 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 641 | 308 | 607 | |
| | | Disinfection By products | Trihalomethanes | µg/L | 2 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 35 | 102 | 69 | 90 | |
| | Reticulation Cungulla Houses | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliform | org/100ml | 1 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0.10 | 0.60 | 0.30 | 0.40 | |
| | | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 6.76 | 7.95 | 7.48 | 7.87 | |
| | | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.009 | 0.001 | 0.006 | |
| | | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.001 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (free) | mg/L | 0.05 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 0.49 | 2.19 | 1.23 | 1.8 | |
| | | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine (Total) | mg/L | 0.05 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 0.89 | 2.48 | 1.58 | 2.12 | |

TOWNSVILLE DRINKING WATER SCHEME

Drinking Water Service Provider: Townsville City Council

Drinking Water Scheme: Townsville Drinking Water Scheme

Population serviced by this scheme:

Laboratory name: Townsville Laboratory Services

SPID: 506

Names of towns, communities or regions serviced by this scheme: Townsville

Reporting year: July 2017 - June 2018

| Scheme Component | Parameter Category | Parameter | Unit of Measure | Limit of Reporting (LOR) | Count | # of samples detected | # DW Guidelines Value | Min Value | Max Value | Avg Value | 95th %tile | Comments |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Source Water Ross River Dam | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 239 | 239 | 0 | 61 | 39730 | 2476 | 10570 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Thermotolerant Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 80 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 394 | 15.79 | 80 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 159 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 4.28 | 17.2 | |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 193 | 193 | 0 | 3.6 | 93.8 | 18.72 | 65.88 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 240 | 240 | 0 | 6.16 | 8.79 | 7.67 | 8.56 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 193 | 193 | 0 | 0.04 | 2.60 | 0.72 | 1.34 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 193 | 193 | 0 | 0.004 | 0.65 | 0.04 | 0.09 | |
| | Anions | Nitrate | mg/L | 0.01 | 193 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0.23 | 0.03 | 0.11 | |
| Source Water Paluma Dam | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Thermotolerant Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 560 | 66.67 | 340 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 144 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2.03 | 10.85 | |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 103 | 103 | 0 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 1.86 | 2.70 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 143 | 143 | 0 | 5.01 | 7.07 | 6.08 | 6.8 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Soluble | mg/L | 0.005 | 104 | 104 | 0 | 0.04 | 4.30 | 0.22 | 0.3 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Soluble | mg/L | 0.001 | 104 | 104 | 0 | 0.002 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.03 | |
| | Anions | Nitrate | mg/L | 0.01 | 104 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0.61 | 0 | 0.49 | |
| Water Treatment Plant Douglas WTP Raw Water | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 2 | 281 | 57 | 176.2 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 47 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 5.94 | 30.6 | |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 0.08 | 18.4 | 1.29 | 2.22 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 10.33 | 11.66 | 10.63 | 10.85 | |
| | Anions | Sulphate | mg/L | 0.5 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.30 | 0.46 | 1.19 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.40 | 0.16 | 0.37 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 48 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.009 | |
| | Geosmin/ MIB | Geosmin | ng/L | 1 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7.00 | 1.48 | 5.35 | |
| | Geosmin/ MIB | MIB | ng/L | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10.90 | 0.91 | 4.91 | |
| | Fluoride | Fluoride (Naturally occurring) | mg/L | 0.02 | 48 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.05 | |
| | Metals | Arsenic | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Selenium | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Mercury | mg/L | 0.0006 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Cadmium | mg/L | 0.0001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Nickel | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Chromium | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Giardia | Giardia | cysts/100ml | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Cryptosporidium | Cryptosporidium | oocysts/10L | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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|--|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------|-----|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Water Treatment Plant Douglas WTP Treated Water | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine, free | mg/L | 0.05 | 675 | 675 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3.12 | 4.2 | Chlorine dosing was increased due to high rainfall experienced in this time period. 5mg/L was taken at the clear water storage. This water is fed into Douglas Reservoir (40ML) where it is diluted down and so 5mg/L did not reach customers. |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 730 | 730 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.83 | 0.10 | 0.14 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 730 | 730 | 0 | 7.35 | 7.7 | 7.53 | 7.61 | |
| | Anions | Sulphate | mg/L | 0.5 | 24 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 4.1 | 2.35 | 3.89 | |
| | Anions | Nitrate | mg/L | 0.01 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 0.08 | 0.2 | 0.14 | 0.19 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 199 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.001 | 0.006 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 99 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.002 | |
| | Metals | Aluminium | mg/L | 0.005 | 693 | 646 | 0 | 0 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.04 | |
| | Fluoride | Fluoride | mg/L | 0.02 | 730 | 730 | 0 | 0.61 | 0.78 | 0.69 | 0.73 | |
| | Metals | Copper | mg/L | 0.002 | 24 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0.005 | 0 | 0.003 | |
| | Metals | Zinc | mg/L | 0.001 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Arsenic | mg/L | 0.001 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Selenium | mg/L | 0.001 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Mercury | mg/L | 0.0006 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Cadmium | mg/L | 0.0001 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Nickel | mg/L | 0.001 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Chromium | mg/L | 0.001 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Disinfection By-product | Trihalomethanes | ug/L | 5 | 99 | 99 | 0 | 30 | 179 | 67 | 122 | |
| Water Treatment Plant Northern WTP Raw Water | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 48 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 281 | 55 | 176 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 48 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 6 | 30 | |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 0 | 18.43 | 1.29 | 2.22 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 10.33 | 11.66 | 10.65 | 10.85 | |
| Water Treatment Plant Northern WTP Raw Water | Anions | Sulphate | mg/L | 0.5 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | 0.46 | 1.19 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0.40 | 0.2 | 37.00 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 48 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.005 | 0.009 | |
| | Geosmin/ MIB | Geosmin | ng/L | 1 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1.48 | 5.35 | |
| | Geosmin/ MIB | MIB | ng/L | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 4.91 | |
| | Fluoride | Fluoride | mg/L | 0.02 | 48 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.05 | |
| | Metals | Arsenic | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Selenium | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Mercury | mg/L | 0.0006 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Cadmium | mg/L | 0.0001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Nickel | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Chromium | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Giardia | Giardia | cysts/100ml | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Cryptosporidium | Cryptosporidium | oocysts/10L | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|------|------|----|------|-------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Water Treatment Plant Northern WTP Treated Water | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Disinfection Residual | Chlorine, free | mg/L | 0.05 | 348 | 348 | 0 | 1.67 | 3.08 | 2.00 | 2.32 | |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.05 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 7.38 | 7.80 | 7.51 | 7.59 | |
| | Anions | Sulphate | mg/L | 0.5 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1.64 | |
| | Anions | Nitrate | mg/L | 0.01 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.06 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 48 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.001 | 0.002 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 96 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.02 | 0.001 | 0.006 | |
| | Metals | Aluminium | mg/L | 0.005 | 333 | 280 | 0 | 0 | 0.96 | 0.01 | 0.029 | |
| | Fluoride | Fluoride | mg/L | 0.02 | 349 | 349 | 0 | 0.61 | 0.76 | 0.69 | 0.72 | |
| | Metals | Copper | mg/L | 0.002 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.004 | |
| | Metals | Zinc | mg/L | 0.001 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Arsenic | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Selenium | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Water Treatment Plant Northern WTP Treated Water | Metals | Mercury | mg/L | 0.0006 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Cadmium | mg/L | 0.0001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Nickel | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Metals | Chromium | mg/L | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Disinfection By-product | Trihalomethanes | ug/L | 5 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 9 | 84 | 24 | 48 | |
| Transmission Reservoirs | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 984 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 201 | 0.47 | 0 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 985 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Disinfection residual | Chlorine, free | mg/L | 0.05 | 985 | 984 | 0 | 0 | 4.66 | 1.25 | 2.02 | |
| | Disinfection residual | Chlorine, total | mg/L | 0.05 | 985 | 985 | 1 | 0.23 | 5.31 | 1.7 | 2.51 | DWI-7-506-00057 |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 984 | 955 | 0 | 0 | 1.1 | 0.22 | 0.40 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 985 | 985 | 0 | 6.36 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 7.87 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 985 | 462 | 0 | 0 | 0.14 | 0.006 | 0.028 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 985 | 289 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.001 | 0.003 | |
| | Disinfection By-product | Trihalomethanes | µg/L | 5 | 988 | 988 | 10 | 11 | 310 | 109 | 198 | DWI-7-506-00055 |
| | Disinfection By-product | Chlorates | µg/L | 50 | 134 | 108 | 12 | 108 | 1057 | 327 | 752 | DWI-7-506-00054 |
| Reticulation Houses | Thermotolerant Coliforms | Total Coliforms | org/100ml | 1 | 2134 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 130 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Thermotolerant Coliforms | E.coli | MPN/100ml | 1 | 2134 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Disinfection residual | Chlorine, free | mg/L | 0.05 | 2132 | 2113 | 0 | 0 | 3.6 | 1.03 | 1.85 | |
| | Disinfection residual | Chlorine, total | mg/L | 0.05 | 2132 | 2126 | 0 | 0 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 2.3 | |
| | Turbidity | Turbidity | NTU | 0.1 | 645 | 588 | 0 | 0 | 8.6 | 0.32 | 0.8 | |
| | pH | pH | pH Units | 1 | 2132 | 2132 | 0 | 6.05 | 8.40 | 7.38 | 7.96 | |
| | Metals | Iron, Total | mg/L | 0.005 | 447 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0.009 | 0.04 | |
| | Metals | Manganese, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 447 | 179 | 0 | 0 | 0.09 | 0.002 | 0.01 | |
| | Metals | Lead, Total | mg/L | 0.001 | 386 | 82 | 23 | 0 | 0.5 | 0.006 | 0.02 | DWI-7-506-00058 |
| | Fluoride | Fluoride | mg/L | 0.02 | 447 | 447 | 0 | 0.60 | 0.79 | 0.7 | 0.74 | |
| | Disinfection By-product | Trihalomethanes | µg/L | 5 | 551 | 551 | 3 | 10 | 308 | 97.5 | 182.5 | DWI-7-506-00055 |
| | Disinfection By-product | Chlorates | µg/L | 50 | 74 | 64 | 4 | 0 | 869 | 331.62 | 701.05 | DWI-7-506-00054 |

