

SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT (*Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*)

Date and Time of Notification:	Thursday 21 May 2026, 09:30
Person / Company:	Power and Water Corporation
Incident:	Untreated effluent discharge from manhole in Wadeye community

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	<i>i. Description of the waste that was discharged.</i> Untreated effluent <i>ii. Indicative wastewater quality for the discharge.</i> Currently unable to access any wastewater quality data for the site. <i>iii. Volume of the waste that was discharged.</i> The volume of wastewater discharged is unknown. No telemetric monitoring occurs at the sites of discharge.
(b) the place where the incident occurred	<i>i. Description of the Power & Water asset from which the discharge occurred.</i> Discharge occurred from a manhole (#16/1) in Wadeye. <i>ii. GPS coordinates of the discharge point from the Power & Water asset, and the final coordinates of the final discharge point.</i> 1. Discharge point: 14.2385031 S, 129.5243143 E 2. Final discharge point: 14.2384699 S, 129.5244894 E <i>iii. Indicate any locations nearby to the discharge point where public can gain ready-access, such as public open spaces through which the discharge moves.</i> Public access to the overflow location was possible as it occurred in an area open to the public, approximately 60m from an oval and 100m from the nearest residence. The utility support contract worker quickly responded and cleaned-up the spill area in line with internal procedures. Therefore, any public interaction with the spill area was greatly reduced.
(c) the date and time of the incident	<i>i. The time and date of commencement and cessation of the discharge.</i> Started: 17/05/2026 approximately 1300 Stopped: 17/05/2026 approximately 1400 <i>ii. How Power & Water were notified, or became aware of the discharge.</i>

	The local utility support contract worker contacted Power & Water technical coordinator who informed Environmental Services. <i>iii. The process by which the discharge occurred.</i> A blockage in the main caused sewage to back up and discharge from the manhole. <i>iv. The reason why the discharge occurred.</i> As per (c) iii.
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	As per (c) iii & (c) iv.
(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	<i>i. Decontamination of the site as appropriate.</i> Clean up was consistent with Sewage Spills/Overflow Response Work Instruction as appropriate to the location, and to minimise risk to the environment.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Power and Water's Environmental Services team on behalf of Water Services.

Appendix A – Location Map for Wadeye discharge from manhole (#16/1)

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Effluent discharge from manhole (#16/1) in Wadeye

Scale 1: 1,989

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