

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

Date and Time of Notification:	12.30pm Wednesday 10 September 2025
Person / Company:	Power and Water Corporation
Incident:	Discharge of sewage effluent from sewerage network in Winnellie

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	<p><i>i. Description of the waste that was discharged.</i></p> <p>Raw sewage.</p> <p><i>ii. Indicative wastewater quality for the discharge.</i></p> <p>No representative wastewater quality data is available for this discharge.</p> <p><i>iii. Volume of the waste that was discharged.</i></p> <p>The volume of sewage discharged is estimated to be approximately 1000L.</p>
(b) the place where the incident occurred	<p><i>i. Description of the Power & Water asset from which the discharge occurred.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The discharge occurred from the access chamber in the northeast corner of 73 Reichardt Rd, Winnellie, and flowed into the neighbouring property being 63 & 65 Reichardt Rd, Winnellie. <p><i>ii. GPS coordinates of the discharge point from the Power & Water asset, and the final coordinates of the final discharge point.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximate location of the overflow: -12.4273650°S, 130.8630683°E <p><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></p> <p>The area affected by the sewage discharge was on secured private property. The private property operates as a storage shed complex, where only renters are able to access the property.</p>
(c) the date and time of the incident	<p><i>i. The time and date of commencement and cessation of the discharge.</i></p> <p>Power & Water was contacted at 5.30pm on 9/9/2025 by a plumber who attended the sewage discharge. Power & Water officers immediately attended the site and cleared the sewer blockage.</p>

	<p><i>ii. How Power & Water were notified, or became aware of the discharge.</i></p> <p>A plumber notified Power & Water immediately after attending the incident.</p> <p><i>iii. The process by which the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>The overflow occurred due to a blockage of the sewer. The blockage was caused by foreign objects being incorrectly disposed of into the sewerage system by network users.</p> <p><i>iv. The reason why the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>As per (c) iii.</p>
(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	<p><i>i. Confirmation signage and fencing has been erected, as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Signage or barricading was not erected in this instance, as the affected area was not accessible to the wider public.</p> <p><i>ii. Decontamination of the site as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Clean up was consistent with Sewage Spills/Overflow Response Work Instruction as appropriate to the location, and to minimise risk to the Environment.</p>
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Power and Water Environmental Team on behalf of Water Services.

Appendix A – Location Map



Sewer overflow from access chamber on 73 Reichardt Rd,
Winnellie

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