

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

<b>Date and Time of Notification:</b>	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025, 13:45hrs
<b>Person / Company:</b>	Power and Water Corporation
<b>Incident:</b>	Discharge of sewage from sewerage network – Manhole Cover

<b>(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution</b>	<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>The most recent and representative wastewater quality results are from the Ngukurr pond inlet in the table below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sample Date</th> <th>Location</th> <th>E.coli (MPN/100ml)</th> <th>Enterococci (MPN/100ml)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>17/01/2025</td> <td>SNK001 Ngukurr Pond 1 Inlet</td> <td>173,000</td> <td>160,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>iii. Volume of the waste that was discharged.</i></p> <p>The volume of waste discharged is unknown. No telemetric monitoring occurs at manhole covers.</p>	Sample Date	Location	E.coli (MPN/100ml)	Enterococci (MPN/100ml)	17/01/2025	SNK001 Ngukurr Pond 1 Inlet	173,000	160,000
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<b>(b) the place where the incident occurred</b>	<p><i>i. Description of the PWC asset from which the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>The overflow emanated from a manhole cover (5/8) on the north-eastern side of the local oval, as per map below.</p> <p><i>ii. GPS coordinates of the discharge point from the PWC asset, and the final coordinates of the final discharge point.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discharge Point: 134.7344436E, 14.7312560S (manhole)</li> <li>Final discharge point: 134.7347793E, 14.7308923S (bushland)</li> </ol> <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>Access to the public was possible for the duration of the spill, however it emanated from the far north-eastern side of the oval which is adjacent to</p>								

	bushland and is not expected to be frequented by the public. Fencing and warning tape is being installed to deter the public from the area.
<b>(c) the date and time of the incident</b>	<p><i>i. The time and date of commencement and cessation of the discharge.</i></p> <p>The exact commencement time of the spill is unknown but is believed to have started during the night of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A member of the public notified the on-call coordinator of sewer issues and upon checks by the onsite contractor this morning, had identified the overflow. The onsite contractor immediately removed the blockage and ceased the overflow as of approximately 8.00am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.</p> <p><i>ii. How PWC were notified or became aware of the discharge.</i></p> <p>Power and Water was notified by a member of the public.</p> <p><i>iii. The process by which the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>The overflow occurred due to a blockage of the sewer main, the blockage was caused by foreign objects (bandage and clothing) 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>
<b>(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur</b>	As per (c) iii & (c) iv.
<b>(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</b>	<p><i>i. Confirmation signage and fencing has been erected, as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Fencing and signage is being erected to deter access to the area by the public and will remain in place until the site is safe to access.</p> <p><i>ii. Decontamination of the site as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Clean up consistent with Sewage Spills/Overflow Response Work Instruction as appropriate to the location, and to minimise risk to the environment. Area observed for gross pollutants and removed where identified and area disinfected by plumbing contractor.</p>
<b>(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA</b>	Power and Water's Environmental Team on behalf of Water Services

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### Appendix A – Location map

