Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP) report

**Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**

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Glossary of terms

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| ADWG 2004 | Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2004). Published by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia |
| ADWG 2011 | Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011). Published by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia |
| *E. coli* | *Escherichia coli*, a bacterium which is considered to indicate the presence of faecal contamination and therefore potential health risk |
| HACCP | Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points certification for protecting drinking water quality |
| mg/L | Milligrams per litre |
| NTU | Nephelometric Turbidity Units |
| MPN/100mL | Most probable number per 100 millilitres |
| CFU/100mL | Colony forming units per 100 millilitres |
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| > | Greater than |

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Report Guidance Note.

# Introduction

This report documents the performance of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council’s (the council) drinking water service with respect to water quality and performance in implementing the actions detailed in the drinking water quality management plan (DWQMP) as required under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (the Act).

The report assists the Regulator to determine whether the approved DWQMP and any approval conditions have been complied with and provides a mechanism for providers to report publicly on their performance in managing drinking water quality.

1. Overview of Operations

Cherbourg water treatment plant sources raw water from The Rocks on Barambah Creek downstream of Bjelke Petersen Dam. The treatment comprises addition of liquid alum, clarification, filtration through a rapid sand filter, pH adjustment using soda ash and disinfection using sodium hypochlorite. Treated and disinfected water is delivered to the reticulation through a clear water tank and 2 clear water reservoirs.

1. Actions taken to implement the DWQMP

* **Progress in implementing the risk management improvement program**

Refer to the Appendix B for a summary of progress in implementing each of the Improvement Program actions from the approved DWQMP.

* **Revisions made to the operational monitoring program to assist in maintaining the compliance with water quality criteria[[1]](#footnote-1) in verification monitoring.**

Council made no changes to the Operational & Verification monitoring programs in the Revised February 2018 (Version 2) approved DWQMP.

* **Amendments made to the DWQMP**

Amendments were made to the DWQMP, the amended plan was submitted to the regulator on 19th February 2018. A information notice for the decision was issued on the 9th April 2018. The plan was approved with conditions.

1. Compliance with water quality criteria for drinking water

Council has implemented a verification-monitoring program as per the approved DWQMP. At present Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire council monitors for microbiological parameter e.g. *E.coli* in its reticulation.

Not all samples taken in 2017/18 financial year were compliant. Found 2x E.coli detection and non compliance, reported incidents to regulators. All samples are externally tested by QHFSS laboratory in Brisbane.

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1. Notifications to the Regulator under sections 102 and 102A of the Act

* **Non-compliance with the water quality criteria and corrective and preventive actions undertaken**

This financial year there were 2x incidents where the Regulator was notified under section 102 of the Act.

* **Prescribed incidents or Events reported to the Regulator and corrective and preventive actions undertaken.**

In the 2017-18 financial year, there were 2x incidents or events that were reported to the Regulator.

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# 2. Summary of scheme/s operated

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Table 1 – Summary of schemes

|  | *Water Source* | *Treatment processes* | *Treatment capacity* | *Towns supplied* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Barambah creek | Liquid Alum, Clarification | 2x reservoirs | Cherbourg |
|  | Downstream BP dam | Filtration - (sand filter) |  |  |
|  |  | Soda ash - PH |  |  |
|  |  | Disinfection – Sodium hypochlorite |  |  |
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The actions undertaken to implement the risk management improvement program are discussed in Table 2. *.*

Table 2 – Risk management improvement program implementation status

| Scheme name | Ref | Component | Improvement actions | Target date | Actions taken to date | Status and revised target date | Responsible Officer / Position |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cherbourg |  | Record keeping | Chemical data complaints | June 2013 | Completed and ongoing | June 2013 | EHW/WTP operator |
| Cherbourg |  | Reticulation | Replacement of valves | December 2019 | Not Completed | December 2019 |  |
| Cherbourg |  | Procedures | Develop O&M procedures | July 2018 | Not Completed | June 2020 |  |
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# Verification monitoring - water quality information and summary

This section discusses the compliance with the water quality criteria.

Council has implemented a verification-monitoring program as per the approved DWQMP. At present Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire council monitors for microbiological parameter e.g. *E.coli* in its reticulation.

Samples taken in 2017/18 financial year two e.coli incidents were detected.

Council is also undertaking monitoring of other parameters e.g. chlorine residual, pH and turbidity and raw water in its reticulation. Samples are taken to Wondai for testing every week. Samples of THM’s are also taken weekly along with micro-samples.

Table 3 – Drinking water quality performance - verification monitoring

| Scheme name | Parameter | No. of samples required to be collected (as per the approved DWQMP) | No. of samples actually collected and tested | Water quality criteria (i.e ADWG health guideline value) | No. of non compliant samples | Comments |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cherbourg | E.coli | 52, weekly | 157 | 0 | 2 |  |
| Cherbourg | Free chlorine | Weekly | 196 | 0.20 – 0.50 |  |  |
| Cherbourg | Total chlorine | Weekly | 196 | 0.2 – 2.0 |  |  |
| Cherbourg | PH | Weekly | 196 | 7.5 – 8.5 |  |  |

*Use the E.coli compliance with annual value figures for the reporting period from the excel spreadsheet tool to populate Table 4. Use one table per scheme*

Table 4. E. coli compliance with annual value

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| **Drinking water scheme:** | Cherbourg | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Year | 2017 – 2018 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Month | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
| No. of samples collected | 4 | 4 | 16 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 20 |
| No. of samples collected in which E. coli is detected (i.e. a failure) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| No. of samples collected in previous 12 month period | 4 | 4 | 16 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 12 | 20 | 16 |
| No. of failures for previous 12 month period | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| % of samples that comply | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 99.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Compliance with 98% annual value | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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# Incidents reported to the regulator

The incidents reported to the regulator and management actions undertaken over the financial year are provided in this section.

*Refer to section 2.3.5 in the Guidance Note. Table 5 can be used to present a summary of the incidents you have reported to the regulator. Use the examples in Table 5 in the Guidance Note to populate this table.*

Table 5 – Incidents reported to the regulator

| Incident date | Scheme / location | Parameter / issue | Preventive actions |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 4.4.2018 | Cherbourg, Bert button lookout | E.coli (1) | Boil water alert notices |
| 28.4.2018 | Cherbourg, Bert button lookout | E.coli (1) | Dumped/Flushed storage tanks |
|  |  |  | Manually dose storage tanks |
|  |  |  | Repair/Replace storage tanks lids, bolt+lock lids into tanks |

# Customer complaints

This section discusses details of any complaints received about the drinking water service

Refer to section 2.3.6 in the Guidance Note.

*Table 6 can be used to present the details of any customer feedback you have received during the reporting period. Use the examples in Table 6 in the Guidance Note to populate this table.*

Table 6 – Example: customer complaints about water quality

| Scheme | Health concern | Dirty water | Taste and odour | Other |
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| **Total** 0 |  |  |  |  |

*Refer to Box 3 in section 2.3.6 of the Guidance Note for an example of how to describe your responses to customer complaints*

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# DWQMP review outcomes

A summary of the outcomes of the review and how issues/changes raised in the review, were actioned is provided in this section.

*Refer to section 2.3.7 in the Guidance Note. Table 7 can be used to present the summary of the review outcomes. Use the examples in Table 7 in the Guidance Note to populate this table.*

Table 7 – DWQMP review outcomes

*Review Date: DD/MM/YY*

| Review component | Findings | Outcomes | Status of actions | Responsible Officer / Position |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Service description |  |  |  |  |
| Details of infrastructure | Schematic incorrect | Corrected schematic | Completed | Operations manager |
| Water quality and catchment characteristics |  |  |  |  |
| Risk assessment |  |  |  |  |
| Operations and maintenance procedures | No process control plan for PAC | Created process plan for PAC | Completed | Operations manager |
| Management of incidents and emergencies |  |  |  |  |
| Risk management improvement program |  | Updated | Completed |  |
| Service wide information management |  |  |  |  |
| Operational monitoring |  |  |  |  |
| Verification monitoring |  | THM updated | Completed | Operations manager |

The actions undertaken to address the audit recommendations are outlined in Table 8.

*Use the examples in Table 8 in the Guidance Note to populate the table below.*

Table 8 – DWQMP audit findings and status

| Item | Recommendation or OFI | Action | Status of actions | Responsible Officer / Position |
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