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Shire of Gnowangerup

2013 ASSET MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The Authority has published the 2013 asset management review (**Review**) report for the water services licence of the Shire of Gnowangerup (**Shire**). The Review report includes the Shire's post-review implementation plan.

- [2013 Review report](#)

Action by the Authority

The Authority is pleased with the progress that the Shire has made towards rectifying the previously identified deficiencies in their asset management system (**AMS**), and has decided to increase the period until the next Review from 24 to 36 months. The next Review will cover the period 1 December 2013 to 30 November 2016, with the Review report due to be provided to the Authority by 28 February 2017.

The decision to increase the Review interval is subject to the Shire providing to the Authority, by 31 January 2015, confirmation that the cleaning and refurbishing of the treatment ponds has been completed. Should the Shire fail to complete this work on time the Review period will revert to 24 months (covering the period from 1 December 2013 to 30 November 2015).

BACKGROUND TO THE AUTHORITY'S DECISION

2011 Review

In the 2011 Review, the auditor made six recommendations in relation to eight out of the twelve AMS components. Five of the recommendations addressed process deficiencies and one addressed a process improvement opportunity.

By the time of the 2013 Review, the Shire had completed four recommendations. The Shire had also partially completed the remaining two recommendations, which the auditor carried forward into the 2013 recommendations.

2013 Review

In the 2013 Review, the auditor made three recommendations; one recommendation addressed a process deficiency, while two recommendations represent process improvement opportunities.

The process deficiency identified in the Review relates to the condition of the treatment ponds. There is a risk that the treatment ponds will not clean the water effectively due to high sludge build-



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up. If left untreated, the high build-up could also lead to a sewerage overflow over time. To address the issue, the Shire has scheduled and budgeted major maintenance work to clean and refurbish the ponds, and clear the vegetation around the ponds by the end of the year 2014.

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