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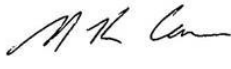




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# 1 Executive summary

## 1.1 Background

Sydney Water is planning to build and operate new wastewater infrastructure to service the South West and Western Sydney Aerotropolis Growth Areas. The proposed development will include a wastewater treatment plant in Western Sydney, known as the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre (AWRC). Together, this Water Recycling Centre and the associated treated water and brine pipelines, will be known as the 'project'. The AWRC involves the use of biogenesis of methane. It will also use a variety of dangerous goods and is the subject of this Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA). An overview of the location of the proposed infrastructure is provided in Figure 2-1.

## 1.2 Methodology

The Preliminary Hazard Analysis has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out by NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE's) Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper (HIPAP) No. 6 – *Hazard Analysis* [1]. The level of risk assessment was determined from NSW DPIE's *Multi-level Risk Assessment* [2] and a level 2 – partially quantitative analysis was carried out. A list of hazardous substances stored and used at the facility was compiled and screened according to NSW DPIE's *Applying SEPP 33* [3]. Hazardous products resulting from the process were also identified and the offsite impact analysed.

Threat-barrier diagrams (TBDs) were developed to help formulate scenarios and causes for the hazardous events to occur. As per HIPAP 6, during the analysis of the identified risks, reference was made to the relevant general principles as defined by HIPAP 4 – *Risk Criteria for Land Use Safety Planning* [4]. Recommendations have been made against each of the identified hazards to ensure that the residual risks have been reduced So Far as is Reasonably Practicable (SFAIRP) in accordance with *Work Health and Safety Regulations* [5] and to reduce risk wherever practicable in accordance with the principles of HIPAP 4.

## 1.3 Hazards and consequences

It has been identified that the most credible onsite hazards with the potential to cause offsite impacts are the methanol storage area and the digester gas holders. The transport of methanol to the site was also identified as potentially impacting sensitive receptors. The following scenarios were defined:

- methanol storage area: a pool fire following immediate ignition after a LOC of the methanol from the dosing equipment.
- digester gas holders:
  - a vapour cloud explosion (VCE) after a LOC of the methane; and
  - a boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion (BLEVE) following direct flame impingement from a jet fire from another digester gas holder.
- methanol transport:
  - a pool fire after a LOC of the methanol from a tanker accident; and
  - the dispersion of a toxic cloud following a leak from a tanker accident.



A pool fire in the bund of the methanol dosing point was modelled with a heat radiation of 0.8 kW/m<sup>2</sup>, less than the heat radiation felt by the sun at noon in the summer, being calculated at the boundary of the site.

A VCE as the result of a leak and immediate ignition of the methane from the digester gas holder was modelled with an overpressure of 1.4 kPa, comparable to the pressures felt by a very strong wind that lasts for less than a second, being calculated at the boundary of the site.

A BLEVE as the result of the direct flame impingement from a jet fire from another digester gas holder was modelled with an overpressure of 1.2 kPa, comparable to the pressures felt by a very strong wind that last for less than a second, being calculated at the boundary of the site.

The consequence modelling for all three onsite scenarios demonstrate a negligible offsite impact.

A pool fire on a road adjacent to a sensitive receptor was modelled with a heat radiation of 4.7 kW/m<sup>2</sup> extending over the boundary of the sensitive receptor. It should be noted that only a heat radiation of 2.1 kW/m<sup>2</sup> was found to extend to an area where an individual could be exposed.

The dispersion of a toxic cloud of methanol vapour was modelled, with the short-term exposure limit (STEL) of 250 ppm extending 100 m from the pool centre. This extends into the boundary of the sensitive receptor, but it is expected that the likelihood of such an incident is extremely low and individuals would be able to shelter-in-place if it did occur.

## 1.4 Recommendations

As a result of the findings above, the following recommendations have been made:

- if methanol is chosen as the final supplemental carbon source:
  - a route evaluation study for the transport of methanol should be completed in accordance with HIPAP 11 – *Route Selection* [6]; and
  - the likelihood of both a pool fire and dispersion of a toxic cloud should be quantified.
- a manifest of the hazardous chemicals exceeding manifest quantities is to be prepared in accordance with Regulation 347 and Schedule 12 of the WHS Regulations.
- the regulator must be notified of hazardous chemicals exceeding manifest quantities in accordance with Regulation 348 of the WHS Regulations.
- an emergency plan is to be prepared for the site and provided to the NSW Fire and Rescue as per the requirements of Regulation 361 of the WHS Regulations.
- the school should be notified as part of the emergency response plan in the event of an emergency involving a methanol tanker near the school.
- outer warning placards regarding quantities of hazardous chemicals should be displayed at any entrance where emergency services may enter the workplace in accordance with Regulation 349 and Schedule 13 of the WHS Regulations.
- placards should be displayed on or near the storage of hazardous chemicals in accordance with Regulation 350 and Schedule 13 of the WHS Regulations.
- citric acid (nor any other acid) will not be stored in the same bunded area as sodium bisulphite.
- the stormwater system should be designed with sufficient capacity to contain the firewater in the event of a fire and retain it until testing confirms it is safe for release.

It should be noted that the future stages of the project being considered have the requisite chemicals sufficiently separated from both Stage 1 chemicals and the site boundary that the conclusions and recommendations made in this PHA are considered adequate for future stages of the project.



## 2 Introduction

### 2.1 Site description

Sydney Water is planning to build and operate new wastewater infrastructure to service the South West and Western Sydney Aerotropolis Growth Areas. The proposed development will include a wastewater treatment plant in Western Sydney, known as the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre (AWRC). Together, this Water Recycling Centre and the associated treated water and brine pipelines, will be known as the 'project'. An overview of the location of the proposed infrastructure is provided in Figure 2-1. Further details of each component of the project are provided below.

#### 2.1.1 Advanced Water Recycling Centre

- a wastewater treatment plant with the capacity to treat up to 50 ML of wastewater per day, with ultimate capacity of up to 100ML per day
- the Advanced Water Recycling Centre will produce:
- high-quality treated water suitable for a range of uses including recycling and environmental flows
- renewable energy, including through the capturing of heat for cogeneration
- biosolids suitable for beneficial reuse
- brine, as a by-product of reverse osmosis treatment

#### 2.1.2 Treated water pipelines

- a pipeline about 17 km long from the Advanced Water Recycling Centre to the Nepean River at Wallacia Weir, for the release of treated water
- infrastructure from the Advanced Water Recycling Centre to South Creek to release excess treated water and wet weather flows
- a pipeline about five kilometres long from the main treated water pipeline at Wallacia to a location between the Warragamba Dam and Warragamba Weir, to release high-quality treated water to the Warragamba River as environmental flows.

#### 2.1.3 Brine pipeline

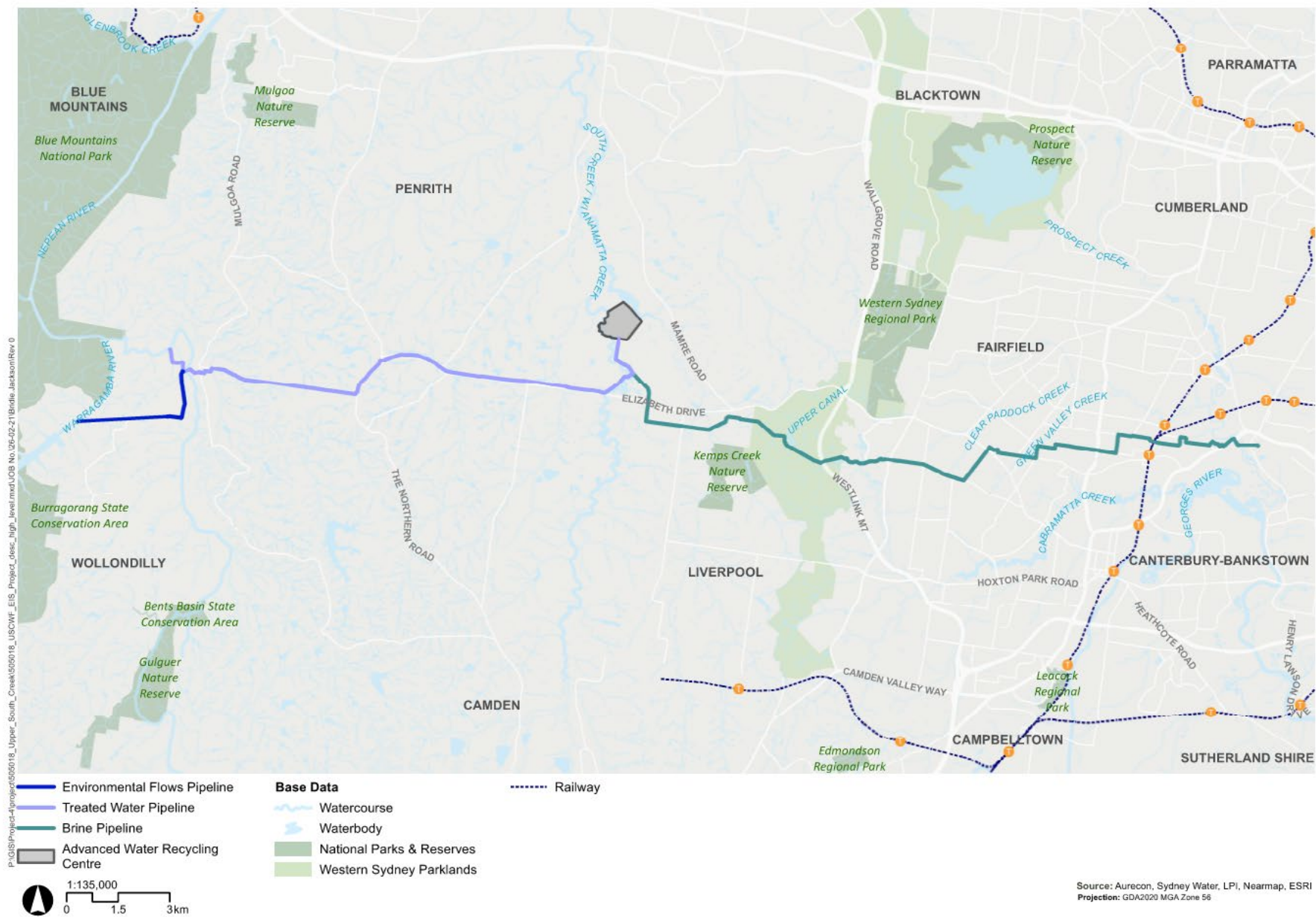
- a pipeline about 24 km long that transfers brine from the Advanced Water Recycling Centre to Lansdowne, in south-west Sydney, where it connects to Sydney Water's existing Malabar wastewater network

Sydney Water is planning to deliver the project in stages, with Stage 1 comprising:

- building and operating the Advanced Water Recycling Centre to treat an average dry weather flow of up to 50ML per day
- building all pipelines to their ultimate capacity, but only operating them to transport and release volumes produced by the Stage 1 Advanced Water Recycling Centre

The timing and scale of future stages will be phased to respond to drivers including population growth rate and the most efficient way for Sydney Water to optimise its wastewater systems.

Figure 2-1: Project Overview





## 2.2 Surrounding land use

The land surrounding the Water Recycling Centre site is currently zoned for rural purposes. As part of developing the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, this zoning is expected to change over time. The Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan (Western Sydney Planning Partnership, 2020) indicates the likely future zoning in the vicinity will be for flexible employment south of the Water Recycling Centre site and parkland along the creeks. The Water Recycling Centre site is in the Kemps Creek precinct, which is not currently in the first stage of precincts to be rezoned. This means it may be several years before rezoning occurs in this area.

The Water Recycling Centre site is adjacent to the proposed M12 motorway and Western Metro. The SUEZ Kemps Creek Resource Recovery Park is about 500 m to the south-west. There are existing rural residential and agricultural land uses along Mamre Road and Clifton Avenue to the south and east of the site, with closest dwellings about 300-400 metres from the site. The closest dwellings in the Twin Creeks estate are about 800-900 metres north-west of the site.

The site is situated approximately 2 km from the future Western Sydney Airport and is also potentially beneath the flight path for the future Western Sydney Airport. This means a range of airport safety matters will be relevant for the project such as risk of increasing potential for bird strike and impacts of lighting or reflective surfaces.

## 2.3 Operational process

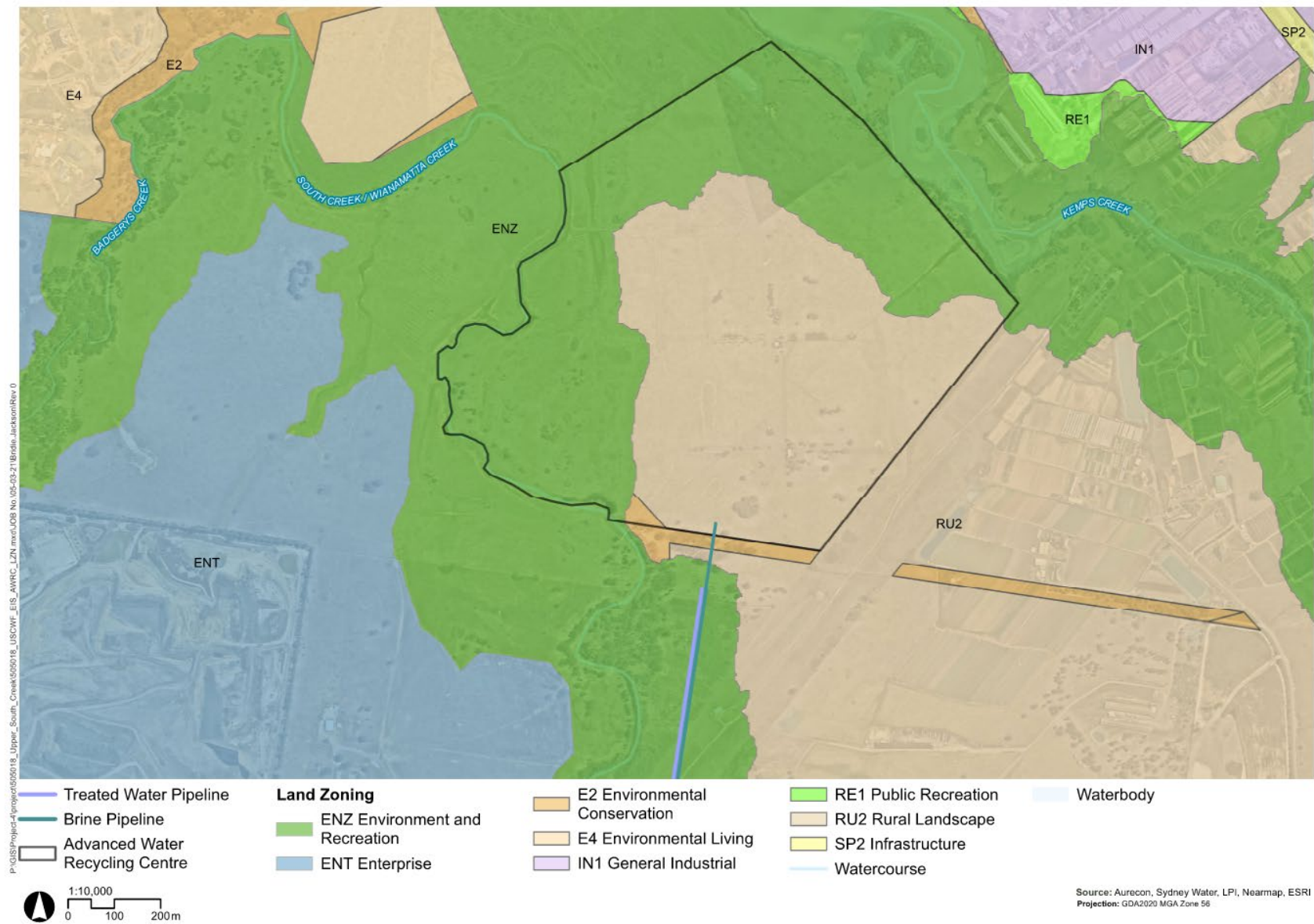
The AWRC will treat up to 100ML/day of wastewater at its ultimate capacity through an advanced tertiary treatment process. The reference design includes:

- inlet works for preliminary treatment
- primary, secondary and tertiary wastewater treatment
- advanced treatment including through reverse osmosis, or similar
- disinfection systems
- biosolids handling facilities
- cogeneration for heat and energy production
- odour control facilities
- infrastructure to South Creek for releases during wet weather
- pumping stations to transfer treated water to the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers, and the brine to the Malabar system.

The incoming mains and flow receival chamber will be sized to treat 100ML/day average dry weather flow to allow for potential future expansion. All other elements of the Stage 1 plant design will be sized to treat 50ML/day average dry weather flow. It should be noted that this PHA has assessed the project for Stage 1, if future stages store certain chemicals closer to the site boundary, the conclusions in this report may change.

This treatment process may be refined or changed during detailed design. The final design will need to demonstrate that environmental impacts are the same or less than assessed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The acceptable changes that would not affect the conclusions of this report are discussed further in Section 7.

Figure 2-2: Surrounding land uses





## 2.4 Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

This report aims to address part of the following Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirement (SEAR):

51. An assessment of the likely risks of the project to public safety including flood risk, subsidence risks, bushfire risks and the handling and use of dangerous goods.

This report forms the assessment of the likely risks of the project to public safety in the handling and use of dangerous goods. It should be noted that this assessment is only for operational hazards to public safety and does not include hazards occurring at other times of the project such as during construction.

### 3 Methodology

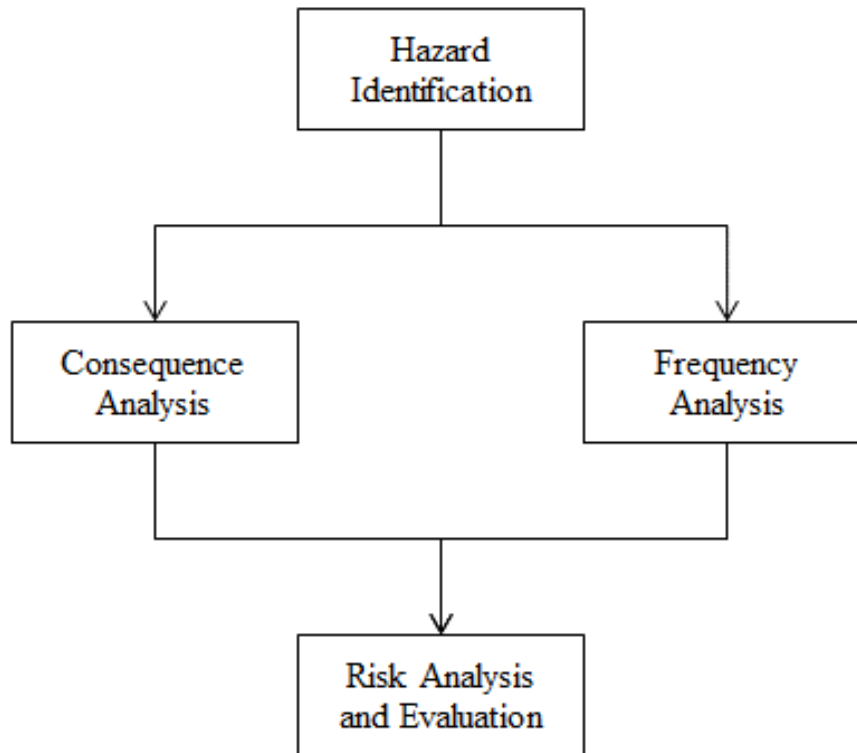
We have been engaged to assess the project against NSW DPIE's *Applying SEPP 33* [3] and if the proposal is found to be potentially hazardous, undertake a Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA) for the project.

The PHA has adopted the following specific steps:

1. Screening storage and transport of dangerous goods to determine if the proposal is considered potentially hazardous as set out by NSW DPIE's *Applying SEPP 33* [3], and this is shown in Table 4-2, Table 4-3 and Table 4-4. This includes classification of each potential dangerous good stored at the site in accordance with the National Transport Commission's *Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail* (ADGC) [7], review of the quantities on site, and transport of the material against SEPP 33 thresholds.
2. Determining the level of risk assessment required according to NSW DPIE's *Multi-level Risk Assessment* [2]. This step is undertaken to determine the level analysis required for the site, noting that not all sites or risks require a fully quantified approach. The requirement to quantify the risk depends on the potential for off-site impacts to occur and how well their severity and likelihood are understood.
3. Conducting a risk assessment according to the level determined above following the criteria set out by HIPAP 4 – *Risk Criteria for Land Use Safety Planning* [4]. Based on the potentially dangerous goods identified in step one, a risk assessment is undertaken to the level identified by Step 2. This assessment is intended to identify the potential offsite risks and mitigation measures.

This process is illustrated in Figure 3-1 below and is consistent with the methodology outlined in HIPAP 6 – *Hazard Analysis* [1].



**Figure 3-1: Methodology for PHA**

During the analysis of the identified risks, reference was made to the relevant general principles as defined by HIPAP 4 – *Risk Criteria for Land Use Safety Planning* Section 2.4.1 [4]:

- the avoidance of all *avoidable* risks;
- the risk from a major hazard should be reduced wherever practicable, even where the likelihood of exposure is low; and
- the effects of significant risks should, wherever possible be contained within the site boundary.

Recommendations have been made against each of the identified hazards to ensure that the residual risks have been reduced So Far as is Reasonably Practicable (SFAIRP) in accordance with *Work Health and Safety Regulations* [5] and to reduce risk wherever practicable in accordance with the principles of HIPAP 4 [4].

### 3.1 Step 1: Screening for a potentially hazardous development

*Applying SEPP 33* sets out the process to be followed in order to determine whether the proposal is potentially hazardous and thus requires a PHA. This process is reproduced from *Applying SEPP 33* in Figure 3-2 below and Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 contain the outcomes of this process. As only the AWRC was found to be potentially hazardous from the screening in Section 4.4, SEPP 33 applies to the AWRC and a PHA has been prepared for the AWRC.

### 3.2 Step 2: Determining the level of risk assessment

The NSW DPIE's *Multi-level Risk Assessment* (MLRA) [2] gives the following guidance for determining the appropriate level of risk assessment required within a PHA:

- **Level 1 – qualitative analysis**, primarily based on hazard identification techniques;
- **Level 2 – partially quantitative analysis**, using hazard identification and the focused quantification of key potential off-site risk contributors; and
- **Level 3 – quantitative risk analysis**, based on the full and detailed quantification of risks, consistent with HIPAP 6 – *Hazard Analysis* [1].

Using Figure 3 and Table 1 of MLRA, reproduced Figure 3-3 and Table 3-1 below, the required level of analysis necessary can be determined. The outcome of this determination is discussed in Section 4.4.

Figure 3-2: Risk Screening Procedure from Applying SEPP 33

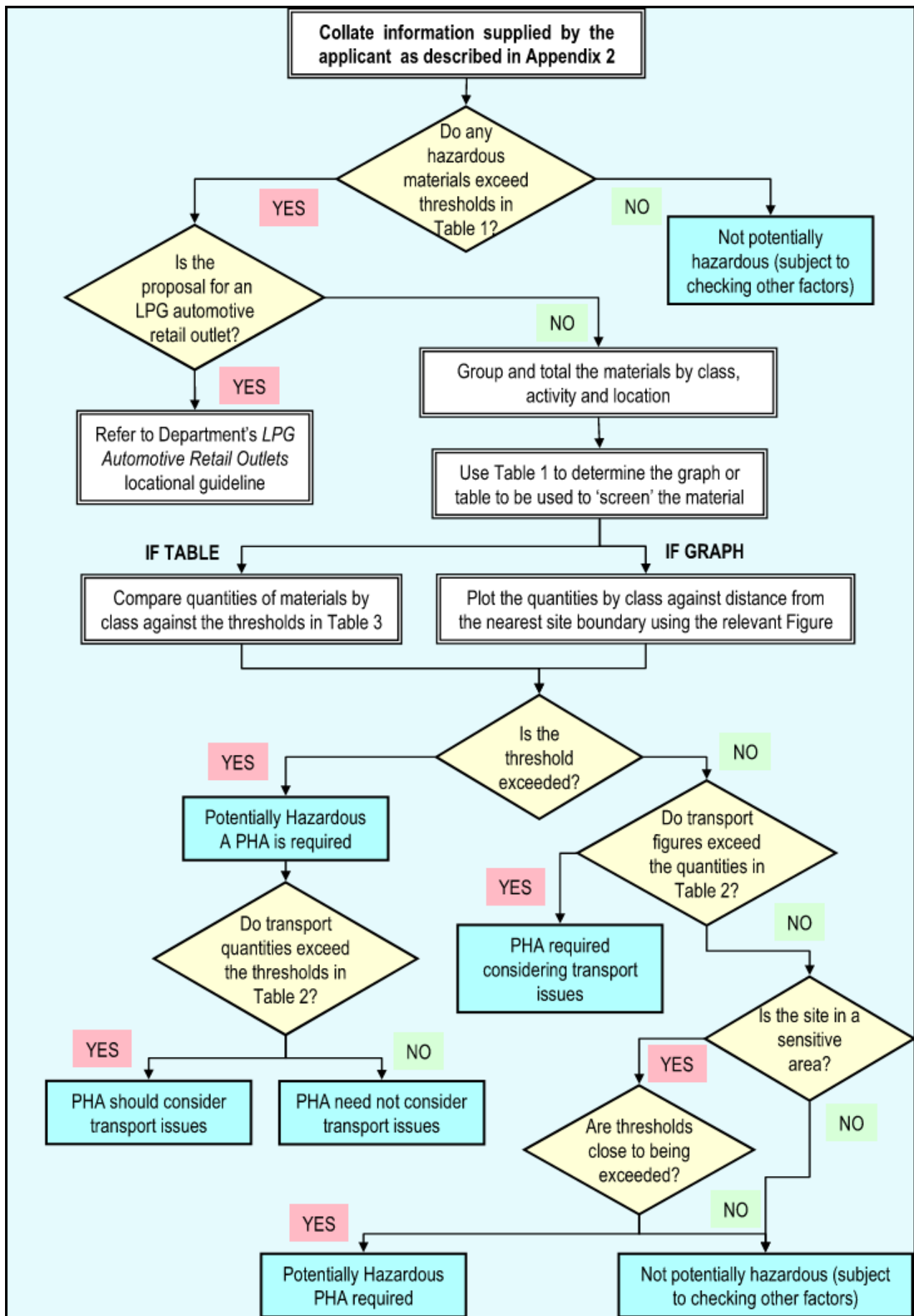
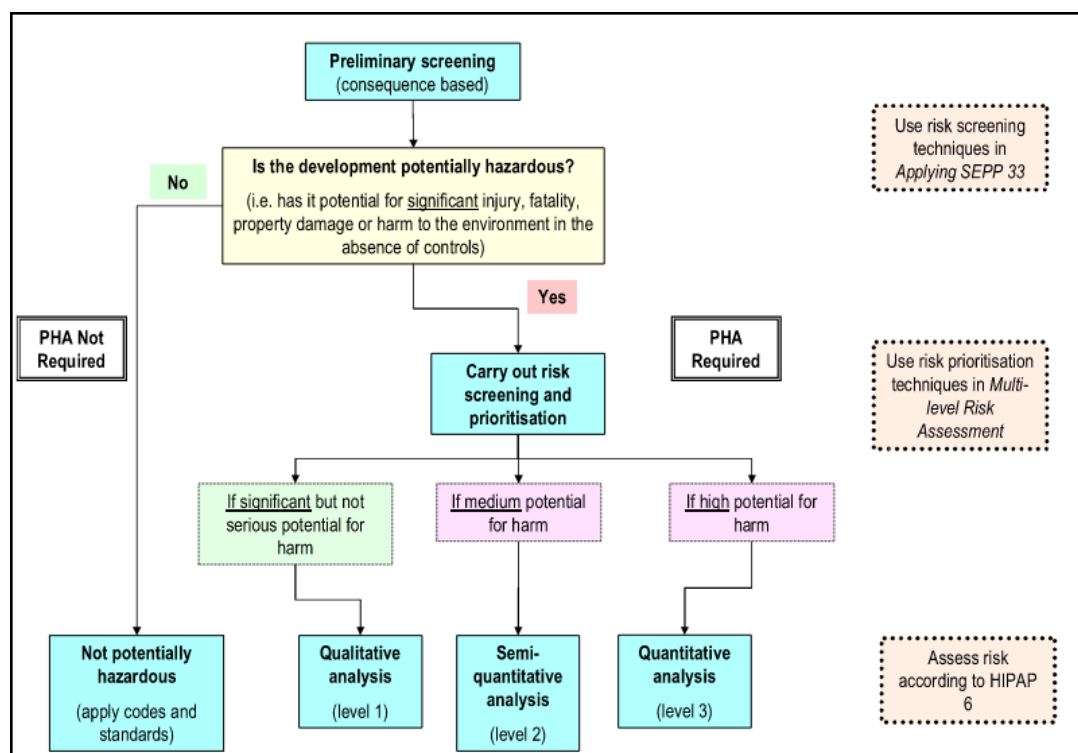




Figure 3-3: The Multi-level Risk Assessment Approach from NSW DPIE's Multi-level Risk



### Assessment

Table 3-1: Levels of Analysis and Assessment from NSW DPIE's Multi-level Risk Assessment

Key Elements	Assessment Basis
<b>Level 1 – Essentially Qualitative</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hazard identification using summary diagram, FMEA, fault and event trees, HAZOP etc.</li> <li>identification of key scenarios and qualitative estimate of risks</li> <li>comparisons with qualitative criteria.</li> <li>thorough discussion of protective technical and management measures, including codes and standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>appropriate methods used for identification</li> <li>all key scenarios thoroughly examined</li> <li>realistic estimates of risk</li> <li>relevant qualitative criteria met</li> <li>proposed measures appropriate and sufficient</li> <li>compliance with all relevant codes and standards</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2 – Partially Quantitative</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>qualitative elements as for level 1</li> <li>rigorous quantification of consequences of all events with significant off-site effects</li> <li>quantification of the likelihood of events with significant off-site consequences</li> <li>indicative estimate of risk vs. criteria</li> <li>thorough discussion of technical controls, risk reduction and management measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>qualitative elements as for level 1</li> <li>sound consequence methodology used and appropriate failure data used</li> <li>technical methods and results appropriately documented</li> <li>relevant criteria shown to be met</li> <li>appropriate controls and safeguards</li> </ul>

Key Elements	Assessment Basis
<b>Level 3 – Fully Quantitative</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qualitative elements as for level 1</li> <li>• comprehensive quantification of significant consequences and their likelihood</li> <li>• evaluation of risk against all relevant criteria</li> <li>• thorough discussion of technical controls, risk reduction and management measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qualitative elements as for level 1</li> <li>• sound consequence methodology used</li> <li>• appropriate failure data used</li> <li>• technical methods and results well-documented</li> <li>• all relevant criteria met</li> <li>• ALARP principles followed</li> </ul>

### 3.3 Step 3: Conducting the risk assessment

Given that a PHA is required, the following elements are to be included:

- identification of all potential hazards and incident scenarios;
- analysis of the consequences of the incidents on people;
- analysis of the likelihood (frequency) of such events occurring;
- quantification of the resultant risk levels (individual risk and societal risk); and
- comparison of the risk levels with established risk criteria and identification of opportunities for risk reduction.

Sections 5 and 6 contain the results of this risk assessment.

## 4 Hazard identification

### 4.1 Dangerous goods used and stored at the facility

Dangerous Goods are primarily used at the proposed facility to treat wastewater. The details of how each dangerous good is used at the facility are described in Table 4-1. Each dangerous good has been classified in accordance with the ADGC [7].

**Table 4-1: Dangerous Goods used at the facility**

Product Name	UN No.	Class	PG	Anticipated Storage Quantity (kL or t)	Description
Carbon Dioxide	1013	2.2	N/A	28	Used as pH correction
Methane	1971	2.1	N/A	6,200	Used for cogeneration
Methanol	1230	3, 6.1	II	200	Used as a supplemental carbon source
Ferric Chloride	2582	8	III	100	Used for chemical phosphorous removal and biogas odour control
Sodium Hydroxide	1824	8	II	102	Used for alkalinity correction and reverse osmosis cleaning in place
Sodium Hypochlorite	1791	8	III	60	Used in the membrane bioreactor and the advanced water treatment plant
Sodium Bisulphite	2693	8	III	8	Used for de-chlorination
Sulphuric Acid	1830	8	II	20	Used as a pH correction
Phosphonic Acid (or similar)	N/A	8	III	4	An antiscalant

### 4.2 Storage of dangerous goods screening

There are two main areas of the site – near the bioreactors and near the Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP) – that will be used to store dangerous goods. The proposed site layout provides details of these two storage areas in Appendix A. The dangerous goods have been grouped by class and activity and screened according to Section 7 of *Applying SEPP 33* [3]. The details of this screening can be found in Table 4-2 and Table 4-3.



**Table 4-2: Screening for dangerous goods near the bioreactors**

Dangerous Goods Class	Chemicals	Anticipated Quantity (kL or t)	Threshold	Threshold Exceeded
3 PGII	Methanol	200 <sup>1</sup> , 36 m from the site boundary	10 m from the boundary and sensitive receptors	No
6.1 PGII (subsidiary)	Methanol	200	2.5 tonnes	Yes
8 PGII	Ferric Chloride, Sodium Hydroxide, Sodium Hypochlorite, Sodium Bisulphite	224	25 tonnes	Yes

Note that as per Figure 9 of *Applying SEPP 33* [3], the underground storage of 200 kL corresponds to a threshold of approximately 10 m from the boundary and sensitive receptors. Since the methanol storage at this stage of the design is located more than 10 m from the site boundary, the threshold is not exceeded.

**Table 4-3: Screening for dangerous goods near the AWTP**

Dangerous Goods Class	Chemicals	Anticipated Quantity (kL or t)	Threshold	Threshold Exceeded
2.2	Carbon Dioxide	28 <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A
8 PGII	Sodium Hydroxide Sodium Hypochlorite Sodium Bisulphite Sulphuric Acid Phosphonic Acid	70	25 tonnes	Yes

Note that the 6,200 m<sup>3</sup> of methane expected to be produced at the facility exceeds the threshold of 16 m<sup>3</sup> set by SEPP 33.

## 4.3 Transportation of dangerous goods screening

The transportation of dangerous goods to and from the site has also been screened according to Section 7 of *Applying SEPP 33* [3]. The details of this screening can be found in Table 4-4.

**Table 4-4: Screening for the transportation of dangerous goods**

Dangerous Goods Class	Chemicals	Expected Weekly Loads (kL or t)	Expected Annual Movements	Threshold of Annual Movements	Threshold Exceeded
2.2	Carbon Dioxide	7	52	N/A	N/A
3 PGII	Methanol	50	130	>750	No
6.1	Methanol	50	130	All	Yes

<sup>1</sup> For class 3 materials only, if storage is underground, the capacity of the tank should be divided by 5 prior to assessing against the screening threshold.

<sup>2</sup> Class 2.2 goods are excluded from risk screening because they are non-flammable, non-toxic gases and are not considered to be potentially hazardous with respect to offsite risk.

Dangerous Goods Class	Chemicals	Expected Weekly Loads (kL or t)	Expected Annual Movements	Threshold of Annual Movements	Threshold Exceeded
8	Ferric Chloride Sodium Hydroxide Sodium Hypochlorite Sodium Bisulphite Sulphuric Acid Phosphonic Acid	91	234	>500	No

Note that class 2.1 goods have not been considered for transport screening as it will be produced onsite. Further, only class 6.1 goods exceed the threshold for annual movements. Class 6.1 goods also exceed the threshold of 2 t loads per truck movement with expected loads of 20 t.

## 4.4 Applicability of SEPP 33

As can be seen from Table 4-2, dangerous goods classes 6.1 PGII, 8 PGII and 8 PGIII all exceed the threshold. Therefore, SEPP 33 applies, the development is to be considered potentially hazardous, and a PHA is required.

It should be noted that methanol may not be chosen as the final carbon dosing source. If it is chosen as the carbon dosing source, then as it has a subsidiary hazard of class 6.1 dangerous good, it will exceed the thresholds in Table 4-2 and Table 4-4. SEPP 33 advises that a route evaluation study should be completed in accordance with HIPAP 11 – *Route Selection* [6].

The facility requires an Environment Protection Licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and is therefore considered potentially offensive. However, the site is expected to meet the requirements of its Environment Protection Licence. The facility will implement sufficient safeguards and mitigation controls to ensure that emissions will not result in a significant level of offence and is therefore not considered an offensive industry. More detail can be found in the air quality assessment component of the EIS.

As per MLRA [2], the appropriate level of analysis was determined to be Level 2 – partially quantitative due to the potential for offsite impacts arising from the methanol storage area and digester gas holders.

## 4.5 Hazard Identification

A hazard identification study (HAZID) was conducted by Sydney Water on 5 May 2020 and 6 May 2020 and the minutes can be found in Appendix B. The HAZID identified the following hazards for the operation of the facility:

- an explosion in the digester gas holder area; and
- a bushfire impacting the AWRC.

The following hazards have been identified as a result of the SEPP 33 screening conducted above:

- a pool fire in the methanol storage area;
- sensitive receptors exposed to methanol vapour as a result of transport issues;
- the interaction of incompatible dangerous goods stored together;
- the production of dangerous goods from the interaction of chemicals not considered dangerous;
- the release of firewater into the environment; and

- the release of brine into the environment.

These have been qualitatively addressed in Section 5 and if required by MLRA, quantitatively in Section 6 below.



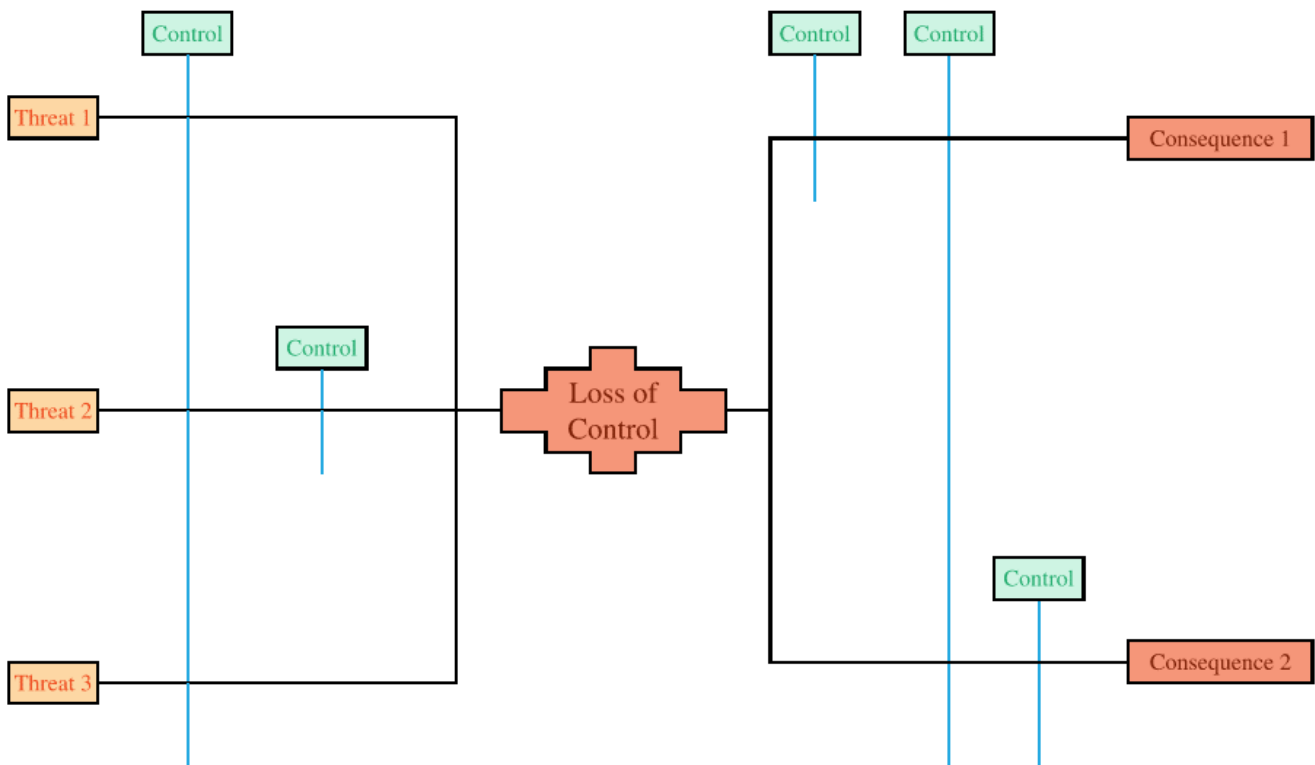
## 5 Qualitative analysis

Following the HAZID and SEPP 33 screening, the hazards that were deemed to pose credible offsite risks were determined. The details of the potential causes and consequences of each identified hazard is described below. If no offsite impacts were anticipated, recommendations were made for the hazard to ensure that the residual risk was reduced SFAIRP by listing relevant design compliance requirements from the relevant Australian Standard. If offsite impacts were anticipated, the hazard was carried forward for consequence analysis in Section 6.

Where necessary, threat-barrier diagrams (TBDs) have been developed to assess the risks of potential fire and explosion scenarios and their potential offsite impacts.

TBDs are models which demonstrate the interactions between threats, consequences and controls. An example TBD is presented in Figure 5-1.

**Figure 5-1: Example threat-barrier diagram (TBD)**



The main elements of a TBD are:

- threat: a scenario which may lead to a Loss of Control;
- Loss of Control: the moment when control is lost over a threat and a negative consequence may occur;
- consequence: a potential outcome of a Loss of Control; and
- control: a precaution which may prevent threat scenarios from leading to a Loss of Control, and a Loss of Control from leading to a consequence.

TBDs may be quantified by estimating the frequency of each threat and the effectiveness of each control. This enables the estimated frequency of the Loss of Control and subsequent consequences to be calculated.

Appendix C contains the TBDs for a LOC from the methanol storage area, digester gas holders and methanol transport. Note that as there is no fatality risk outside the boundary associated with the events studied, the TBD's have not been quantified.

## 5.1 Pool fire in methanol storage area

Methanol is used at the facility as a supplemental carbon source. It is classified as a class 3 dangerous good with subsidiary class 6.1 and packing group II by the ADGC.

The most credible causes of a LOC from the methanol storage area include corrosion and leaks from the dosing equipment in the dosing area. The consequence scenario from the methanol storage area is a pool fire following immediate ignition after a LOC of the flammable liquid.

The potential for this hazard to pose offsite impacts means that it has been carried forward for consequence analysis. The details of this consequence analysis can be found in Section 6.

## 5.2 Explosion from digester gas holders

Biogas is produced in the digestion process and will be stored in the membrane gas holders fitted above each anaerobic digester. This biogas will primarily be made up of methane, with ferric chloride being used to minimise the concentration of hydrogen sulphide in the biogas. Methane is classified as a class 2.1 dangerous good by the ADGC.

The most credible cause of a LOC from the digester gas holders includes a leak from the gas holders. The consequence scenarios from the digester gas holders are:

- a vapour cloud explosion (VCE) after a LOC of the methane; and
- a boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion (BLEVE) following direct flame impingement from a jet fire from another digester gas holder.

The potential for this hazard to pose offsite impacts means that it has been carried forward for consequence analysis. The details of this consequence analysis can be found in Section 6.

## 5.3 Exposure to methanol from a tanker accident

Methanol is to be transported to the AWRC to be used for carbon dosing. For Stage 1 of the facility operation, on average, 2 deliveries of 20 t trucks are expected per week. It is classified as a class 3 dangerous good with subsidiary class 6.1 and packing group II by the ADGC.

Any transportation of class 6.1 dangerous goods is considered to exceed the threshold, and so this PHA considers transport issues. The most credible cause of a LOC from the transport of methanol is an accident causing a leak in the tanker. The consequence scenarios from this leak are:

- the dispersion of toxic vapour after the vaporisation of a pool of methanol; and
- a pool fire following immediate ignition after a LOC of the flammable liquid.

The potential for this hazard to pose offsite impacts means that it has been carried forward for consequence analysis. The details of this consequence analysis can be found in Section 6.

## 5.4 Interaction between incompatible dangerous goods

The most credible causes of failure leading to the interaction of incompatible dangerous goods include corrosion and leaks from the storage tanks. The interaction between incompatible dangerous goods can credibly lead to reaction products that are corrosive, flammable, or explosive.

To determine the compatibility of the storage chemicals in Table 4-2 and Table 4-3, *CAMEO Chemicals* [8] was utilised. CAMEO Chemicals is a database of hazardous chemical datasheets that emergency responders and planners use to get response recommendations and predict hazards i.e. explosions or toxic fumes. CAMEO Chemicals was developed by the United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Response and Restoration.

Table 5-1 and Table 5-2 below provides an overview of the reactivity predictions of dangerous goods stored near the bioreactors and AWTP, respectively.

**Table 5-1: Compatibility of chemicals stored near bioreactors**

	Ferric chloride, solution			
Sodium hydroxide solution	Incompatible	Sodium hydroxide solution		
Sodium hypochlorite	Incompatible	Incompatible	Sodium hypochlorite	
Sodium bisulphite solution	Incompatible	Caution	Incompatible	Sodium bisulphite solution
Methanol	Caution	Incompatible	Incompatible	Compatible

**Table 5-2: Compatibility of chemicals stored near AWTP**

	Carbon dioxide			
Sodium bisulphite solution	Incompatible	Sodium bisulphite solution		
Sodium hydroxide solution	Incompatible	Caution	Sodium hydroxide solution	
Sodium hypochlorite	Caution	Incompatible	Incompatible	Sodium hypochlorite
Sulfuric acid	Incompatible	Incompatible	Incompatible	Incompatible

It is recommended that class 8 substances in the above tables will be stored in accordance with AS 3780-2008: *The storage and handling of corrosive substances* [9], and in accordance with obligations under division 5 of chapter 7 of the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Regulations 2011 [5]. This includes the specific requirements of containing and managing spills under subdivision 2. Incompatible chemicals are not to be stored in the same bunded area.

The measures outlined above are considered sufficient to reduce the residual risk of this hazard SFAIRP.



## 5.5 Goods not classified as dangerous goods by the ADGC

There are goods stored onsite that, while not classified as dangerous goods by the ADGC, may produce dangerous goods if they come in contact with other dangerous goods stored onsite, similar to the scenario described above. For example, citric acid is not classified as a dangerous good by the ADGC. Despite this, citric acid can react with sodium bisulphite (SBS) to produce sulphur dioxide, a toxic gas. It is therefore recommended that citric acid (and all other acids listed in this document) be stored at least 5m away from the SBS storage tank or stored in a separate bunded area (AS3780-2008 clause 5.3.3(a)).

Additionally, the product to be used as an antiscalant has not been confirmed at the time of writing. If it is classified as a dangerous good, it will most likely be a class 8 and will require similar separation requirements as defined in Section 5.4.

The measures outlined above are considered sufficient to reduce the residual risk of this hazard SFAIRP.

## 5.6 Release of firewater into the environment

The total first flush storage volume for Stage 1 is currently estimated to be 500 m<sup>3</sup> across 2 separate drainage areas of the site. Following a fire event that requires extinguishing, the firewater has the potential to be released into the environment without being controlled. The stormwater design for the site is still in progress. There is a first flush system which is sized to capture the first 10mm rainfall runoff of all hardstand areas on site during a rain event and return it to the head of the works.

To mitigate this hazard, the stormwater system should be designed with sufficient capacity to contain the firewater in the event of a fire and retain it until testing confirms it is safe for release.

## 5.7 Bushfire impacts on the facility

The location of the proposed site is deemed to be 'bushfire prone' and is required to comply with the aims and objectives of NSW Rural Fire Services document *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* [10]. The Bushfire Constraints and Opportunities Assessment (ref. 201323) completed for the facility states that the proposed AWRC can meet the general aims and objectives of Sections 1 and 8 of the *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* [10] and is therefore bushfire compliant.

## 5.8 Release of brine into the environment

The AWRC will produce a brine solution as a by-product of the advanced treatment process. The brine will be pumped by the transfer pump station via the brine pipeline for release into the existing Malabar wastewater network at Lansvale. There exists the possibility that a leak in the pipeline could lead to the release of brine into the environment and cause human injury. The indicative composition of the brine has been estimated using Reverse Osmosis System Analysis (ROSA) software and the 10<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles are presented in Table 5-3 below.

**Table 5-3: Indicative brine results from mass balance of ROSA results**

Analyte Name		Units	Percentile		
			10 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	90 <sup>th</sup>
Ammonia	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> + NH <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	0.28	0.40	0.81
Potassium	K	mg/L	75	75	89
Sodium	Na	mg/L	537	537	634
Magnesium	Mg	mg/L	61	61	64
Calcium	Ca	mg/L	90	90	96
Strontium	Sr	mg/L	0.32	0.34	0.37
Carbonate (part of alkalinity measure)	CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	1.7	2.3	3.8
Bi-carbonate (part of alkalinity measure)	HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	331	361	452
Nitrate	NO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	4.9	6.7	18.7
Chlorine	Cl	mg/L	804	823	854
Fluoride	F	mg/L	2.8	2.8	2.9
Sulphate	SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/L	283	283	377
Silicon dioxide	SiO <sub>2</sub>	mg/L	24	24	27
Boron	Boron	mg/L	0.13	0.13	0.13
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	mg/L	9.6	10.2	12.1
Total dissolved solids	TDS	mg/L	2235	2248	2622
"Power of hydrogen"	pH	pH units	7.5	7.6	7.7

The estimated composition of the brine shows that a release from the pipeline is very unlikely to create toxic, fire or explosion risks. As such it is considered unlikely that a release of brine into the environment would have any impact on humans.

Furthermore, there are both design and operational measures in place to either prevent pipeline failure or leakage, and detect and fix the failure in the event that it occurs. These are discussed in more detail in Project Options and Project Description sections of the EIS.

As it is not considered likely that a release of brine into the environment will have any human impacts, this hazard has not been assessed further.

## 5.9 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Section 7.1 of the WHS Regulations sets out the requirements for the use, handling, and storage of hazardous chemicals at a workplace. Specifically, this report assesses requirements for exceeding manifest and placard quantities found in Division 3 and 4 of Section 7.1, respectively.

Table 5-4 below shows the manifest and placard quantities set out by Schedule 11 of the WHS Regulations. It also contains screening for each chemical classified as hazardous by Schedule 11 stored onsite against the thresholds.

**Table 5-4: Placard and manifest quantities of hazardous chemicals**

Description of Hazardous Chemical		Placard Quantity	Manifest Quantity	Applicable Chemicals	Anticipated Quantity	Exceeds Placard Quantity	Exceeds Manifest Quantity
Gases under pressure	not specified elsewhere	1,000 L	10,000 L	Carbon dioxide	28,000 kg	Yes	Yes
Flammable liquids	category 2	250 L	2,500 L	Methanol	200,000 L	Yes	Yes
Acute toxicity	category 3	1,000 L/kg	10,000 L/kg	Methanol	200,000 L	Yes	Yes
Skin corrosion	category 1A	50 L/kg	500 L/kg	Sodium hydroxide	102,000 L	Yes	Yes
				Sulphuric acid	20,000 L	Yes	Yes
Skin corrosion	category 1B	250 L/kg	2,500 L/kg	Ferric chloride	100,000 L	Yes	Yes
				Sodium hypochlorite	60,000 L	Yes	Yes
Corrosive to metals	category 1	1,000 L/kg	10,000 L/kg	Ferric chloride	100,000 L	Yes	Yes
				Sodium hydroxide	102,000 L	Yes	Yes
				Sulphuric acid	20,000 L	Yes	Yes

### 5.9.1 Manifest Quantities

Table 5-4 shows that each of the hazardous chemicals exceed the manifest quantities of the WHS Regulations. As such, the following recommendations have been made:

- a manifest of the chemicals in the above table is to be prepared in accordance with Regulation 347 and Schedule 12 of the WHS Regulations.
- the regulator must be notified in accordance with Regulation 348 of the WHS Regulations.
- an emergency plan is to be prepared for the site and provided to the NSW Fire and Rescue as per the requirements of Regulation 361 and Division 4 of Part 3.2 of the WHS Regulations.

### 5.9.2 Placard Quantities

Division 4 of the WHS Regulations states that outer warning placards and placards are to be displayed if placard quantities are exceeded. Table 5-4 above shows that each of the hazardous chemicals exceed the placard quantities of the WHS Regulations. As such the following recommendations have been made:

- outer warning placards should be displayed at any entrance where emergency services may enter the workplace in accordance with Regulation 349 and Schedule 13 of the WHS Regulations.
- placards should be displayed on or near the storage of hazardous chemicals in accordance with Regulation 350 and Schedule 13 of the WHS Regulations.

## 6 Consequence analysis

Consequence modelling has been carried out for the hazards identified as potentially having offsite impacts in Section 5:

- methanol storage area: a pool fire following immediate ignition after a LOC of the methanol from the dosing equipment.
- digester gas holders:
- a vapour cloud explosion (VCE) after a LOC of the methane; and
- a boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion (BLEVE) following direct flame impingement from a jet fire from another digester gas holder.
- methanol transport:
- a pool fire after a LOC of the methanol from a tanker accident; and
- the dispersion of a toxic cloud following a leak from a tanker accident.

The results of the modelling undertaken has been assessed against the consequence criteria set out in HIPAP 4 [4] shown below. Modelling was performed using DNV GL's process hazard analysis software package *Phast v8.22* – widely accepted as industry best practice. The details of this consequence modelling are described further below.

### 6.1 Consequence criteria

#### Heat flux radiation

The heat radiation generated from a fire event is a potential hazard to the surrounding population. The consequences of heat radiation levels are provided in HIPAP 4 [4] and are reproduced in Table 6-1.

**Table 6-1: Heat radiation consequences**

Radiation (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Effect
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• received from the sun at noon in summer</li> </ul>
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum to cause pain after 1 minute</li> </ul>
4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will cause pain in 15-20 seconds and injury after 30 seconds</li> </ul>
12.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significant chance of fatality for extended exposure, high chance of injury</li> <li>• causes the temperature of wood to rise to a point where it can be ignited by a naked flame after a long exposure</li> <li>• thin steel with insulation on the side away from the fire may reach a thermal stress level high enough to cause structural failure</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• likely fatality for extended exposure and chance of fatality for instantaneous exposure</li> <li>• spontaneous ignition of wood after long exposure</li> <li>• unprotected steel will reach thermal stress temperatures which can cause failure</li> <li>• pressure vessel needs to be relieved or failure will occur</li> </ul>
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significant chance of fatality for instantaneous exposure</li> <li>• cellulosic material will pilot ignite within one minute of exposure</li> </ul>



## Explosion overpressure

The overpressure generated from an explosion event is a potential hazard to the surrounding population. The consequences of explosion overpressure levels are provided in HIPAP 4 [4] and are reproduced in Table 6-2.

**Table 6-2: Explosion overpressure consequences**

Overpressure (kPa)	Effect
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no fatality, very low probability of injury</li> <li>90% glass breakage</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% probability of injury, no fatality</li> <li>damage to internal partition and joinery but can be repaired</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>house uninhabitable or badly cracked</li> </ul>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20% chance of fatality in a building</li> <li>reinforced structures distort</li> </ul>
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>house uninhabitable</li> <li>wagons and plants items overturned</li> <li>threshold of eardrum damage</li> <li>50% chance of fatality for a person in a building and 15% chance of fatality for a person in the open</li> </ul>

## Toxic exposure

The short-term exposure limit (STEL) of a toxic substance is the acceptable exposure over 15 minutes. STELs for common toxic substances are defined by Safe Work Australia's *Workplace Exposure Standard for Airborne Contaminants* [11]. The STEL of a substance aligns with HIPAP 4's [4] minimum risk criteria for toxic gas exposure.

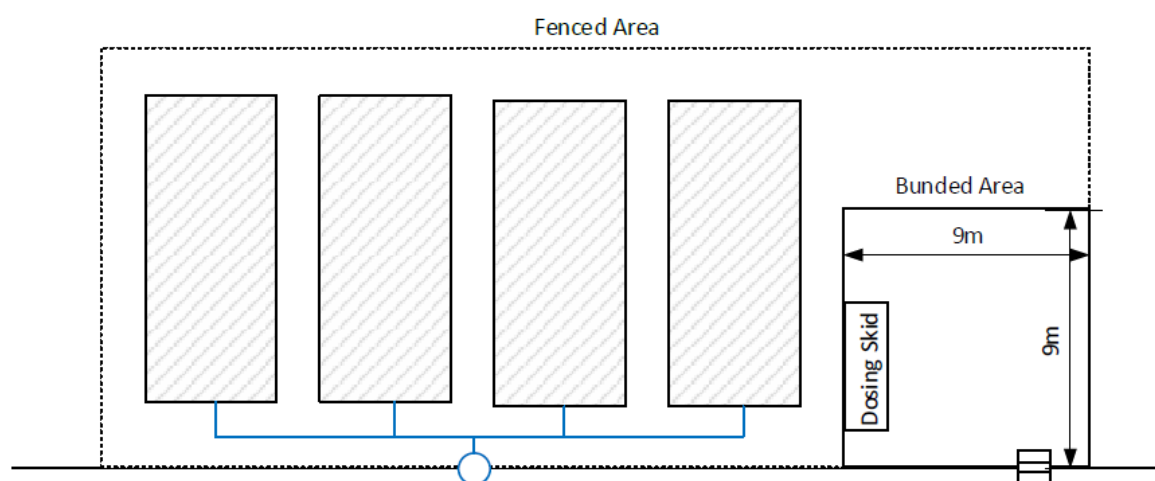
## 6.2 Consequence Scenarios

### 6.2.1 Pool fire in methanol storage area

The scenario upon which the model was based is a pool of methanol forming as a result of a leak from the dosing equipment. The pool fire consequence modelling tool in *Phast* was used to model this scenario. The 9m×9m bund in Figure 6-1 was converted to a circular bund of equivalent radius. Inputs used for the model can be found in Table 6-3.

**Table 6-3: Input parameters for pool fire**

Parameter	Value
Material	Methanol
Pool diameter	10.16 m
Elevation of radiation effects	1 m

**Figure 6-1: Methanol dosing area**

## 6.2.2 Explosion from digester gas holders

### 6.2.2.1 Vapour cloud explosion

The scenario upon which the model was based is a cloud of methane and air in the optimal stoichiometric ratio for combustion forming in the digester gas holder area. A cloud of this nature could credibly form as the result of a catastrophic failure of the gas holder.

The digester gas holder area has a volume of approximately 4,500 m<sup>3</sup>, with a cloud height of 5 m being assumed. A 4,500 m<sup>3</sup> cloud containing a methane-air mixture in the optimal stoichiometric ratio for combustion was defined in *Phast*. This ratio is an output from *Phast* and defines the case for what the highest explosion overpressures will be, in the event of a deflagration.

The optimal stoichiometric ratio of methane to air is 1:23.9. Therefore, a 4,500 m<sup>3</sup> cloud of methane in its optimal stoichiometric ratio with air contains 1631.1 kg of fuel.

The Multi-Energy method in *Phast* was used to model the explosion behaviour. One of the parameters used in this method is the 'explosion strength', which is a number between 1 and 10, and is used to define the equation used in the calculations. Due to the low confinement of the considered area, an explosion strength of 3 was deemed most appropriate for the situation.

Inputs used for the model can be found in Table 6-4.

**Table 6-4: Input parameters for vapour cloud explosion**

Parameter	Value
Material	Methane
Flammable mass in cloud	559.5 kg
Volume of confined source	4500 m3

Parameter	Value
Strength of confined source	3

### 6.2.2.2 Boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion

The scenario upon which the model was based is a jet fire from a gas holder impinging on another causing a boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion (BLEVE). This scenario could credibly form as a result of a leak from the digester gas holder.

A methane tank pressurised at 4.1 kPa with a volume of 1,600 m<sup>3</sup> was defined in *Phast*. The BLEVE blast method was used to model the explosion behaviour. The input parameters can be found in Table 6-5 below.

**Table 6-5: Input parameters for BLEVE model**

Parameter	Value
Material	Methane
Diameter	16 m
Length	8 m
Temperature	25 °C
Pressure (gauge)	4.1 kPa

### 6.2.3 Exposure to methanol from a tanker accident

If chosen as a carbon supplement, methanol is likely to be transported to the AWRC from a supplier in Ingleburn, NSW. From satellite review, the route that minimises exposure to sensitive receptors passes a small school on the corner of Elizabeth Dr and Duff Rd, Cecil Park, NSW. Figure 6-2 below shows the school and adjacency to the likely transport route. The following analysis has been conducted with this sensitive receptor forming the basis of the model.

**Figure 6-2: School near methanol transport route**

#### 6.2.3.1 Pool fire

The scenario upon which the model was based is a pool of methanol forming as a result of a leak from the tanker transporting methanol. The pool fire consequence modelling tool in *Phast* was used to model this scenario. A pool diameter of 20 m was deemed to be most appropriate for the scenario given the natural drainage on either side of the road. Inputs used for the model can be found in Table 6-6 below.

**Table 6-6: Input parameters for pool fire model**

Parameter	Value
Material	Methanol
Pool diameter	20 m
Elevation of radiation effects	1 m

#### 6.2.3.2 Dispersion of toxic cloud

The scenario upon which the model was based is the vaporisation of a pool of methanol as a result of a leak from the tanker transporting methanol. A tank carrying 20 t of methanol and a pool of 20 m in diameter was defined in *Phast*. The dispersion method was used to model the dispersion of this cloud. The STEL of methanol is 250 ppm and is therefore the concentration of interest in this scenario. The input parameters used for the model can be found in Table 6-7 below.

**Table 6-7: Input parameters for dispersion model**

Parameter	Value
Material	Methanol
Mass inventory	20 t
Temperature	25 °C
Pressure (gauge)	101.325 kPa
Orifice diameter	8 mm



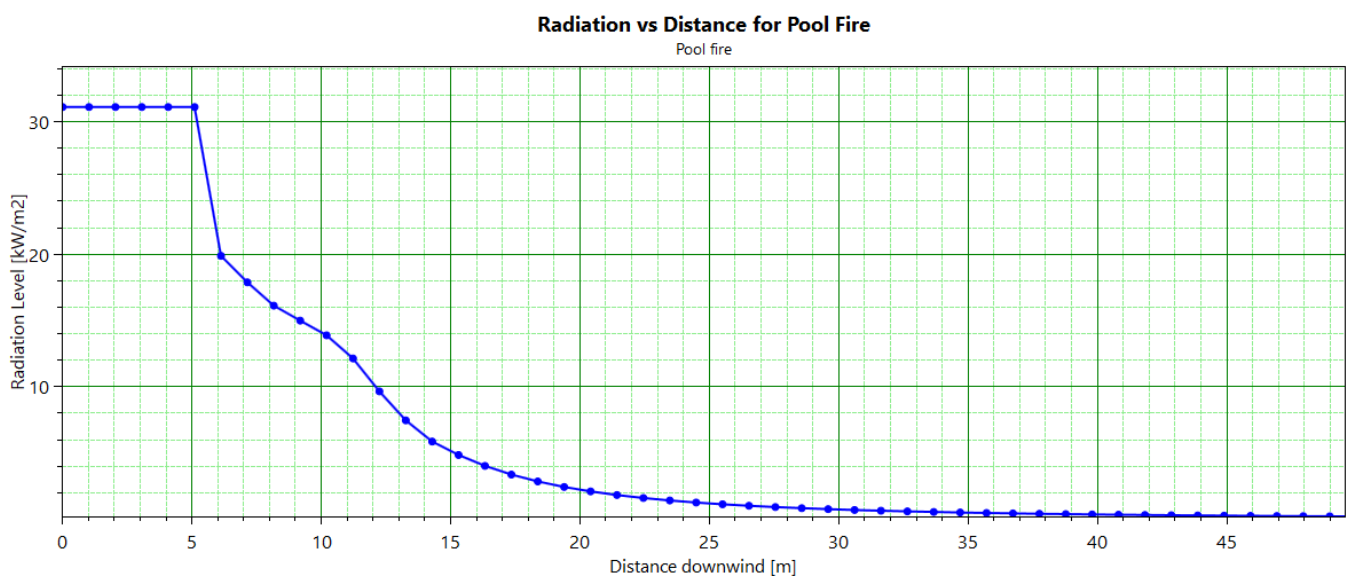
Parameter	Value
Elevation	1 m
Concentration of interest	250 ppm

## 6.3 Consequence Results

### 6.3.1 Pool fire in methanol storage area

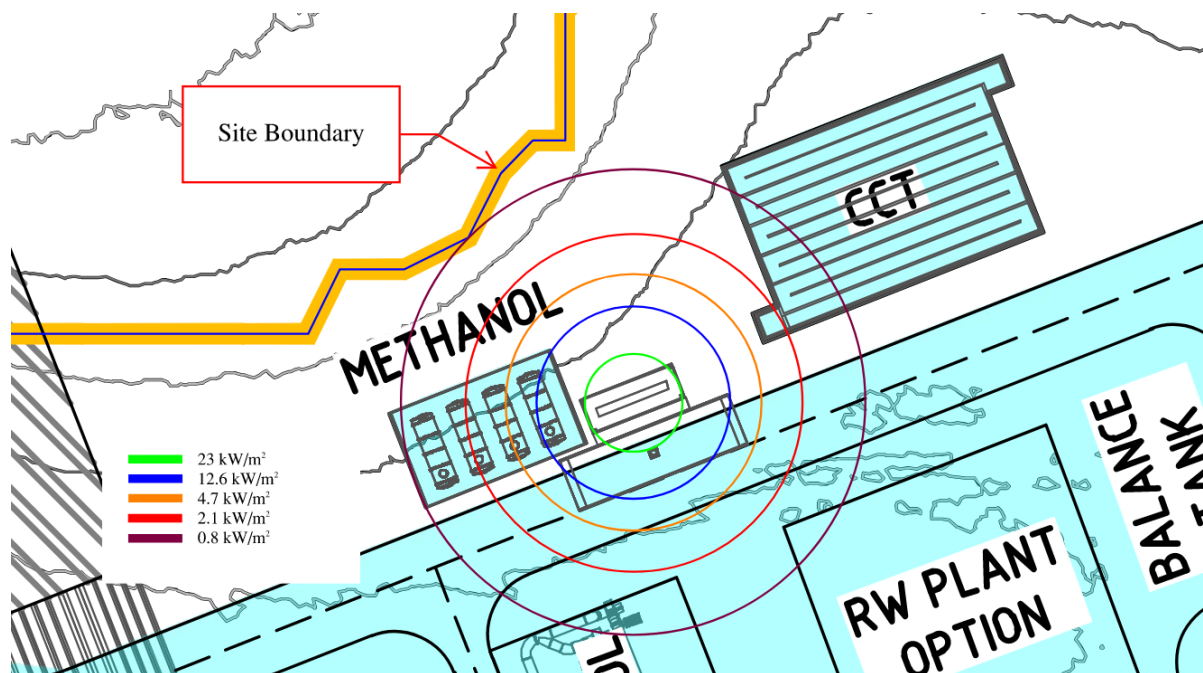
The results of the consequence modelling are presented in Figure 6-3. The distances from the pool fire centre to the heat flux radiation levels for a pool fire from the methanol storage area are presented in Table 6-8. This is represented by impact contours on the site layout in Figure 6-4 below.

**Figure 6-3: Pool fire heat radiation vs distance**



**Table 6-8: Methanol storage area – pool fire heat radiation contours**

Distance from pool fire centre to heat radiation level (m)				
35 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	23 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	12.6 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	4.7 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	2.1 kW/m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	7	12	16	21

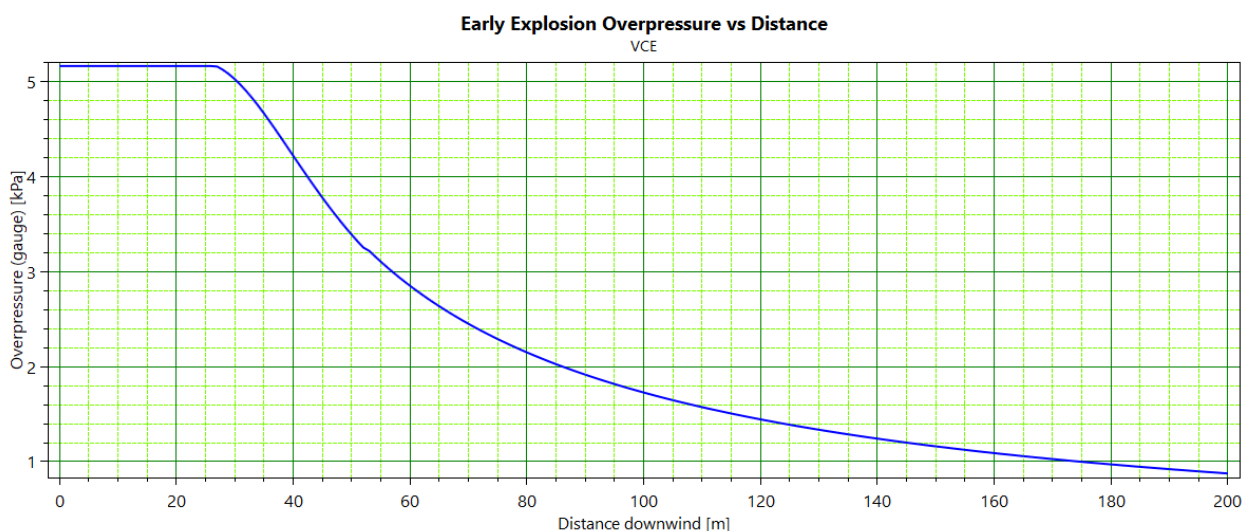
**Figure 6-4: Impact contours on site layout**

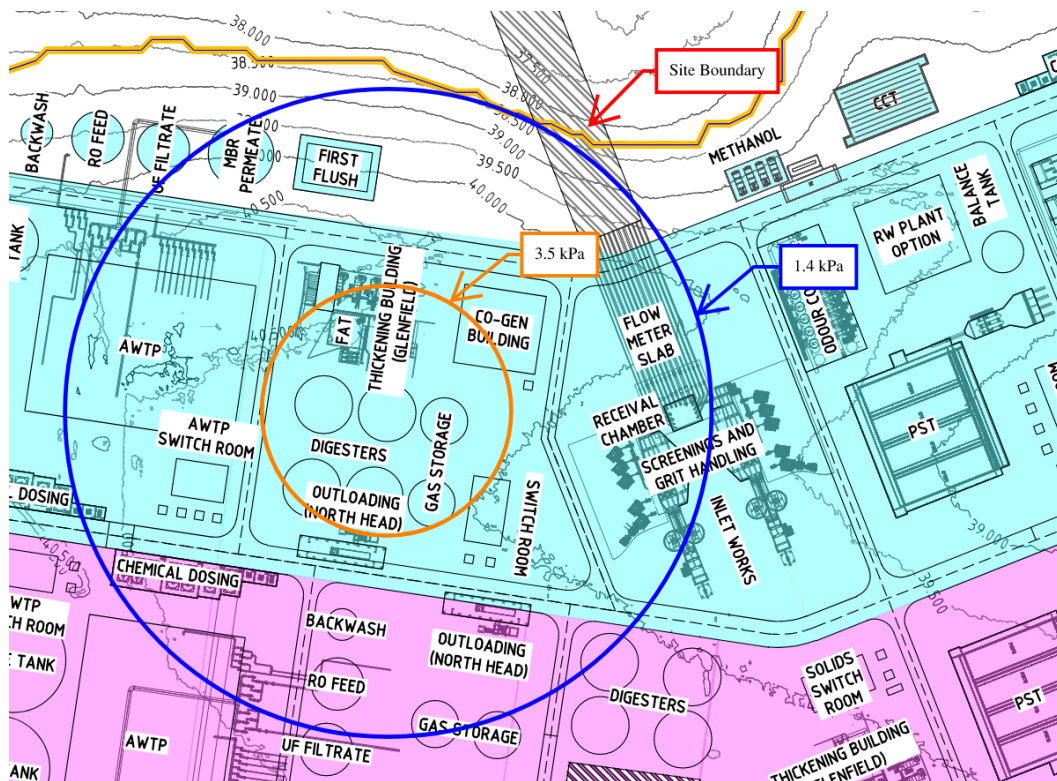
The site layout as at the time of writing shows the methanol storage area at least 29 m from the site boundary. At this distance, the expected heat radiation is approximately 0.8 kW/m<sup>2</sup>. It is anticipated therefore, that the offsite impacts of a pool fire following immediate ignition after a LOC of the flammable liquid will be negligible and that there is no offsite fatality risk.

## 6.3.2 Explosion from digester gas holders

### 6.3.2.1 Vapour cloud explosion

The results of the consequence modelling are presented in Figure 6-5. These results represented by impact contours on the site layout in Figure 6-6 below.

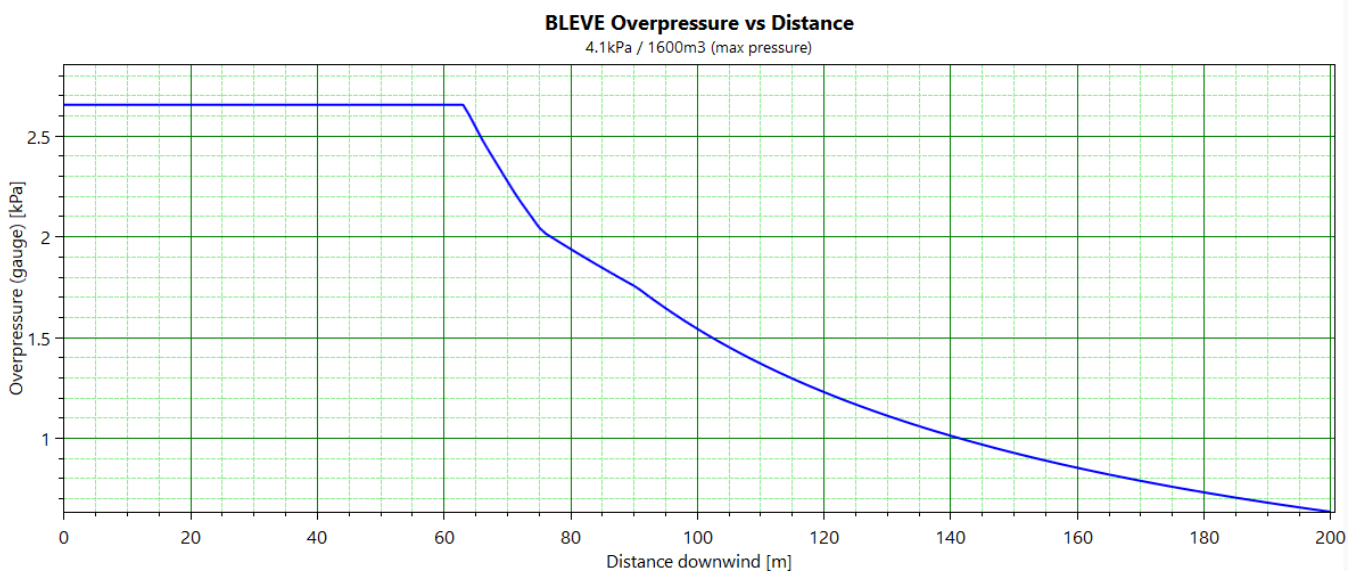
**Figure 6-5: VCE overpressure vs distance**

**Figure 6-6: Impact contours for VCE model**

The site layout as at the time of writing shows the digester gas holders at least 124 m from the site boundary. At this distance, the overpressure is 1.4 kPa, which is comparable to the force of a very strong wind. It is anticipated therefore, that the offsite impacts of a VCE following a LOC of methane from the digester gas holders will be negligible and that there is no offsite fatality risk.

### 6.3.2.2 Boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion

The results of the consequence modelling are presented in Figure 6-7.

**Figure 6-7: BLEVE overpressure vs distance**

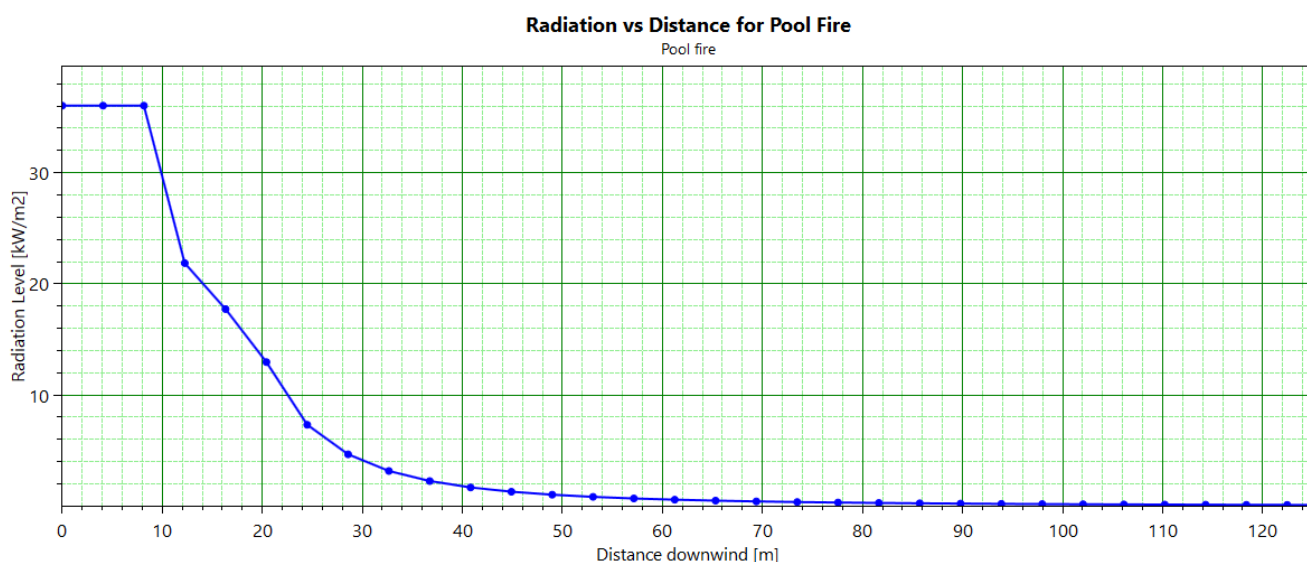
The site layout as at the time of writing shows the digester gas holders at least 124 m from the site boundary. At this distance, the overpressure is 1.2 kPa, which is comparable to the force of a very strong wind over a very short duration. It is anticipated therefore, that the offsite impacts of a BLEVE following a jet fire impingement from the digester gas holders will be negligible and that there is no offsite fatality risk.

### 6.3.3 Exposure to methanol from a tanker accident

#### 6.3.3.1 Pool fire

The results of the consequence modelling are presented in Figure 6-8. The distances from the pool fire centre to the heat flux radiation levels of interest are presented in Table 6-9. This is represented by impact contours on the site layout in Figure 6-9 below.

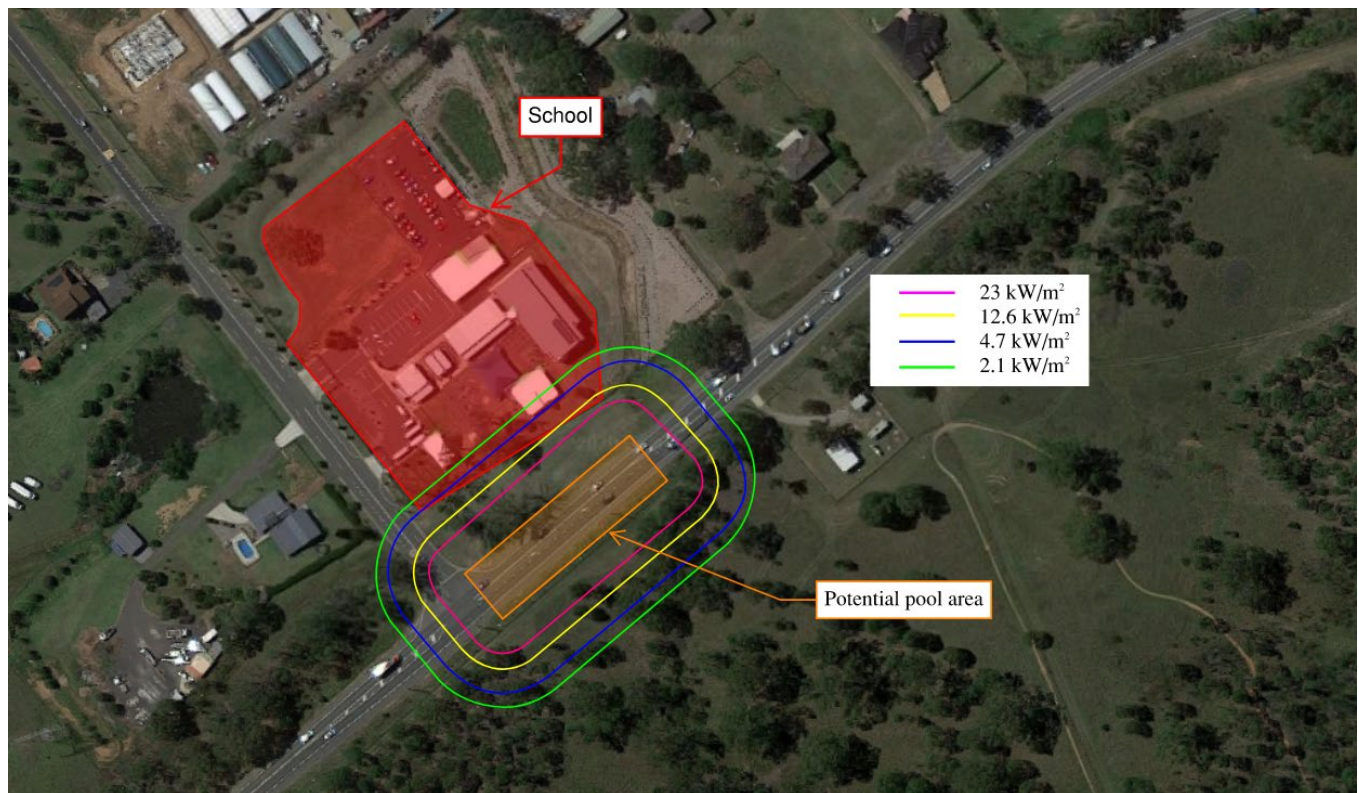
**Figure 6-8: Pool fire heat radiation vs distance**



**Table 6-9: Methanol transportation – pool fire heat radiation contours**

Distance from pool fire centre to heat radiation level (m)				
35 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	23 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	12.6 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	4.7 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	2.1 kW/m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	13	19	28	33



**Figure 6-9: Impact contours for pool fire model**

While the impact contours for 2.1 kW/m<sup>2</sup> and 4.7 kW/m<sup>2</sup> do extend past the site boundary of the school, only the 2.1 kW/m<sup>2</sup> contour reaches an area where an individual could be exposed. Furthermore, HIPAP 4 [4] guidance states that exposure to 4.7 kW/m<sup>2</sup> is an appropriate lower bound for injury. This exposure should not exceed more than 50 chances in a million per year.

As illustrated in the methanol transport pool fire TBD in Appendix C, there are multiple naturally occurring controls that are ordinarily in place to reduce the likelihood of such a scenario occurring. These may include:

- The accident occurring near the school or other sensitive receptor.
- The accident being extreme enough to cause a failure of the tank.
- The pool of methanol ignites.
- There are sensitive receptors outside and close enough to the pool fire to be affected.

This is not an exhaustive list, but all controls would all have to fail concurrently for this scenario to occur. It is considered that the likelihood of a pool fire resulting from a leak of methanol following an accident involving the methanol transport adjacent to a sensitive receptor is extremely low.

It is recommended that if methanol is chosen as the supplemental carbon source, the likelihood of this event is to be quantified and a route evaluation study in accordance with HIPAP 11 [6] be undertaken. Additionally, the school should be notified as part of the emergency response plan in the event of an emergency involving a methanol tanker near the school.

### 6.3.3.2 Dispersion of toxic cloud

The results of the consequence modelling are presented in Figure 6-10 and Figure 6-11. The possible dispersion contour is presented in Figure 6-12.

Figure 6-10: Footprint of methanol dispersion

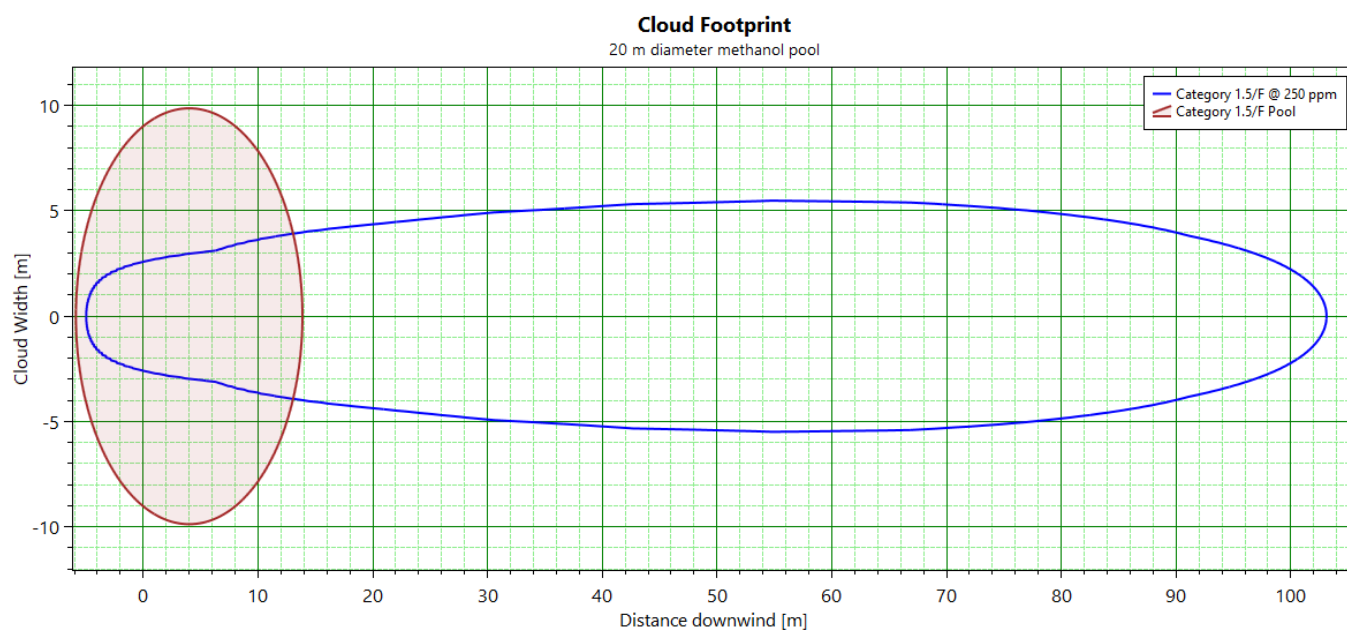
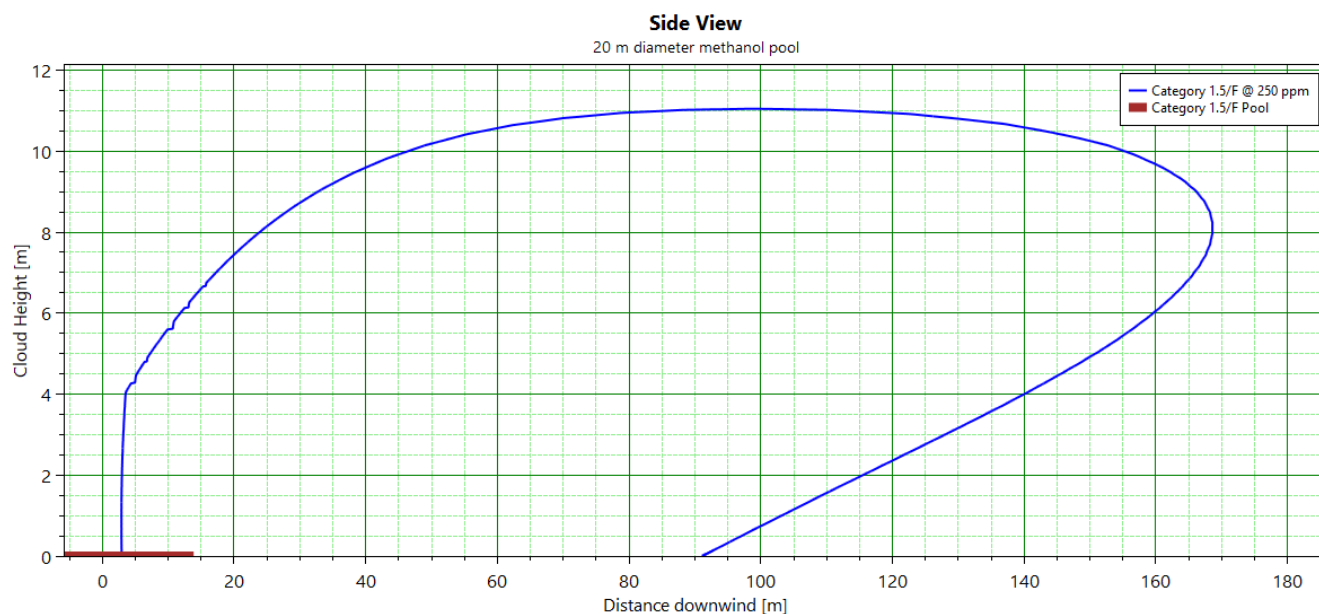


Figure 6-11: Side view of methanol dispersion



**Figure 6-12: Dispersion contour at 250 ppm**

While this cloud does extend past the site boundary of the school, it is expected that individuals will be able to shelter indoors before being exposed to the STEL. Furthermore, as illustrated in the methanol transport dispersion TBD in Appendix C, there are multiple naturally occurring controls that are ordinarily in place to reduce the likelihood of such a scenario occurring. These may include:

- The accident occurring near the school or other sensitive receptor.
- The accident being extreme enough to cause a failure of the tank.
- The pool of methanol vaporises and does not ignite.
- The wind is strong enough and in the right direction to disperse the cloud towards sensitive receptors.
- There are sensitive receptors outside and close enough to the STEL contour to be affected.

This is not an exhaustive list, but all controls would all have to fail concurrently for this scenario to occur. It is considered that the likelihood of the dispersion of methanol resulting from a leak following an accident involving the methanol transport adjacent to a sensitive receptor is extremely low.

In accordance with HIPAP 4 [4], this event should not have a probability of occurrence more than 10 chances in a million per year.



It is recommended that if methanol is chosen as the supplemental carbon source, the likelihood of this event is to be quantified and a route evaluation study in accordance with HIPAP 11 [6] be undertaken. Additionally, the school should be notified as part of the emergency response plan in the event of an emergency involving a methanol tanker near the school.



## 7 Acceptability of design changes

As the design of the AWRC has not been finalised, there are a number of design parameters that may change before the construction of the site. It is important to understand the potential changes that could be effected while maintaining the negligible levels of risk demonstrated by this PHA.

The following guidance gives conservative separation distances and distances to the site boundary for hazardous chemicals deemed to have potential offsite consequences:

- the bunded methanol dosing point should be at least 20 m from the site boundary;
- the digester gas holders should be at least 30 m from the site boundary to ensure that a bushfire will not cause a vapour cloud explosion; and
- chemical storage of flammable and explosive material for future stages of the development are to be at least 50 m from the current flammable and explosive storage to prevent any knock-on events.

The distances stated above have been chosen as sufficiently conservative, in-line with the relevant general principles set out by HIPAP 4 [4]:

- the avoidance of all *avoidable* risks;
- the risk from a major hazard should be reduced wherever practicable, even where the likelihood of exposure is low; and
- the effects of significant risks should, wherever possible be contained within the site boundary.

It should be noted that the future stages of the project being considered have the requisite chemicals sufficiently separated from both Stage 1 chemicals and the site boundary that the conclusions and recommendations made in this PHA are considered adequate for future stages of the project.

## 8 Findings

It has been identified that the most credible onsite hazards with the potential to cause offsite impacts are the methanol storage area and the digester gas holders. The transport of methanol to the site was also identified as potentially impacting sensitive receptors. The following scenarios were defined:

- methanol storage area: a pool fire following immediate ignition after a LOC of the methanol from the dosing equipment.
- digester gas holders:
  - a vapour cloud explosion (VCE) after a LOC of the methane; and
  - a boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion (BLEVE) following direct flame impingement from a jet fire from another digester gas holder.
- methanol transport:
  - a pool fire after a LOC of the methanol from a tanker accident; and
  - the dispersion of a toxic cloud following a leak from a tanker accident.

A pool fire in the bund of the dosing point was modelled with a heat radiation of  $0.8 \text{ kW/m}^2$ , less than the heat radiation felt by the sun at noon in the summer, being calculated at the boundary of the site.

A VCE as the result of a leak and immediate ignition of the methane from the digester gas holder was modelled with an overpressure of  $1.4 \text{ kPa}$ , comparable to the pressures felt by a very strong wind, being calculated at the boundary of the site.

A BLEVE as the result of the direct flame impingement from a jet fire from another digester gas holder was modelled with an overpressure of  $1.2 \text{ kPa}$ , comparable to the pressures felt by a very strong wind, being calculated at the boundary of the site.

A pool fire on a road adjacent to a sensitive receptor was modelled with a heat radiation of  $4.7 \text{ kW/m}^2$  extending over the boundary of the sensitive receptor. It should be noted that only a heat radiation of  $2.1 \text{ kW/m}^2$  was found to extend to an area where an individual could be exposed.

The dispersion of a toxic cloud of methanol vapour was modelled, with the STEL of  $250 \text{ ppm}$  extending  $100 \text{ m}$  from the pool centre. This extends into the boundary of the sensitive receptor, but it is expected that the likelihood of such an incident is extremely low and individuals would be able to shelter-in-place if it did occur.

The consequence modelling for all three scenarios demonstrate a negligible offsite impact and that there is no offsite fatality risk.

## 9 Recommendations

As a result of the findings above, the following recommendations have been made:

**Table 9-1: Hazards and mitigation effectiveness**

Project specific mitigation measures		
Potential impact	Mitigation measure	Impact significance following mitigation
Release of methanol near sensitive receptor	<p>If methanol is chosen as the final supplemental carbon source:</p> <p>A route evaluation study for the transport of methanol should be completed in accordance with HIPAP 11 – <i>Route Selection</i> [6]; and</p> <p>The likelihood of both a pool fire and dispersion of a toxic cloud should be quantified.</p>	Medium
Interaction between incompatible dangerous goods	<p>Class 8 substances will be stored in accordance with AS 3780-2008, and in accordance with obligations under section 5 of chapter 7 of the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 [5].</p> <p>Citric acid (nor any other acid) will not be stored in the same bunded area as sodium bisulphite.</p>	Low
Compliance with Work Health and Safety Regulations	<p>A manifest of the hazardous chemicals exceeding manifest quantities is to be prepared in accordance with Regulation 347 and Schedule 12 of the WHS Regulations.</p> <p>The regulator must be notified of hazardous chemicals exceeding manifest quantities in accordance with Regulation 348 of the WHS Regulations.</p> <p>An emergency plan is to be prepared for the site and provided to the NSW Fire and Rescue as per the requirements of Regulation 361 of the WHS Regulations.</p> <p>The school should be notified as part of the emergency response plan in the event of an emergency involving a methanol tanker near the school.</p> <p>Outer warning placards regarding quantities of hazardous chemicals should be displayed at any entrance where emergency services may enter the workplace in accordance with Regulation 349 and Schedule 13 of the WHS Regulations.</p> <p>Placards should be displayed on or near the storage of hazardous chemicals in accordance with Regulation 350 and Schedule 13 of the WHS Regulations.</p>	Low
Release of firewater into the environment	<p>The stormwater system should be designed with sufficient capacity to contain the firewater in the event of a fire and retain it until testing confirms it is safe for release.</p>	Low

It should be noted that the future stages of the project being considered have the requisite chemicals sufficiently separated from both Stage 1 chemicals and the site boundary that the conclusions and recommendations made in this PHA are considered adequate for future stages of the project.

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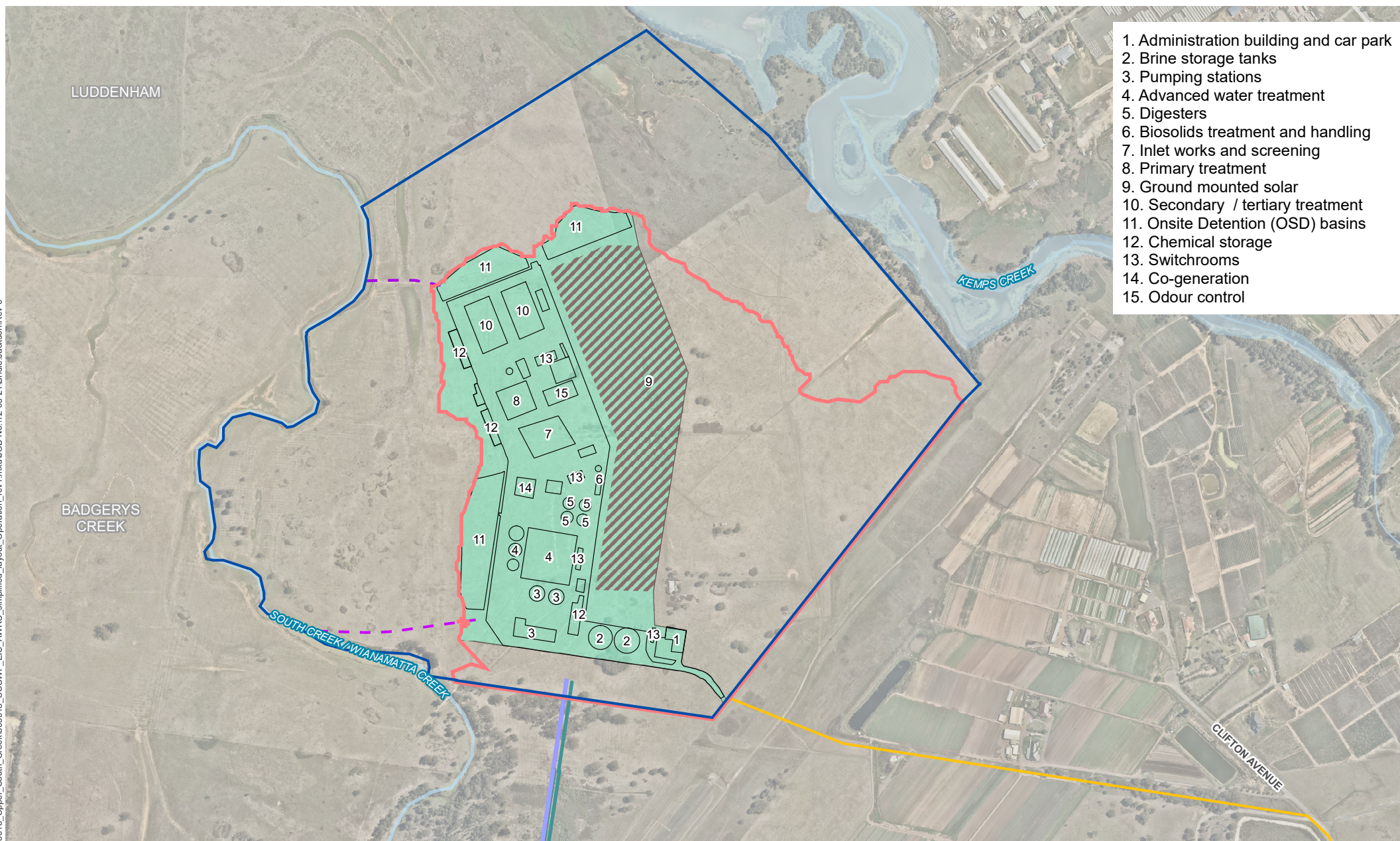
## 11 Glossary and abbreviations

ADGC	Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail
AWRC	Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre
AWTP	Advanced Water Treatment Plant
BLEVE	Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion
DPIE	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
HAZID	Hazard Identification Study
HIPAP	Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper
LOC	Loss of Containment
MLRA	Multi-level Risk Assessment
PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis
ROSA	Reverse Osmosis System Analysis
SBS	Sodium Bisulphite
SEAR	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirement
SEPP	State Environmental Protection Policy
SFAIRP	So Far as is Reasonably Practicable
STEL	Short-term Exposure Limit
TBD	Threat-Barrier Diagram
VCE	Vapour Cloud Explosion
WHS	Work Health and Safety



# Appendix A Proposed Site Layout

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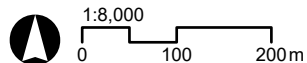
1. Administration building and car park
2. Brine storage tanks
3. Pumping stations
4. Advanced water treatment
5. Digesters
6. Biosolids treatment and handling
7. Inlet works and screening
8. Primary treatment
9. Ground mounted solar
10. Secondary / tertiary treatment
11. Onsite Detention (OSD) basins
12. Chemical storage
13. Switchrooms
14. Co-generation
15. Odour control

— Treated Water Pipeline  
— Brine Pipeline  
— South Creek release infrastructure

— Operational area – AWRC  
— Parkland area  
— AWRC Layout (Stage 1)

— AWRC Access Road  
— AWRC Footprint  
— Solar Panels  
— Watercourse

— Waterbody






Source: Aurecon, Sydney Water, LPI, Nearmap, ESRI  
Projection: GDA2020 MGA Zone 56

# **Appendix B    Hazard Identification Study Minutes**



PROJECT NUMBER	20036007
PROJECT NAME	USC AWRC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Waste Water Treatment Plant
PROJECT MANAGER	Matthew Dignam
DESIGN MANAGER	Nigel Vivian

COMPULSORY READING/ RELEVANT INFORMATION		Description
	<a href="#">Safe Work Australia - Safe Design of Structures Code of Practice</a>	<p>This model Code of Practice has been developed to provide practical guidance to persons conducting a business or undertaking who design structures that will be used, or could reasonably be expected to be used, as a workplace. This includes architects, building designers and engineers.</p> <p>This Code is also relevant for anyone making decisions that influence the design outcome, such as clients, developers and builders.</p>
	<a href="#">CHAIR Safety in Design Tool</a>	A useful document summarising the CHAIR process, including examples and the list of guidewords.
	<a href="#">Sydney Water Safety in Design Procedure</a>	iConnect link (will only work when accessed from Sydney Water computers)

## SAFETY IN DESIGN METHODOLOGY GUIDE

1. There are several types of SiD reviews available to the project team.
2. The type of review/s to be undertaken depends upon the Level of Design and Discipline Involvement.
3. The designers shall select the most appropriate SiD reviews to mitigate the risks associated with the project.
4. Below are examples of these categories and various SiD methodologies that could be used.

LEVEL OF DESIGN				
<b>PROCUREMENT SUPPORT</b> Technical authoring / equipment specification based on SWC Specifications	<b>MINOR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES</b> Minor equipment replacement or remediation	<b>CONCEPT DESIGN</b> Conceptual design only	<b>DETAILED DESIGN</b> Detailed design only	<b>DEMOLITION</b> Any works involving demolition or decommissioning
POSSIBLE SID METHODOLOGY				
NOT APPLICABLE	HIDRA	HIDRA CHAIR 1 HAZOP CHAZOP FMECA	HIDRA CHAIR 2 CHAIR 3 HAZOP CHAZOP FMECA	HIDRA CHAIR 2

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Reference Drawings/Documents

HAZOP-LIQUIDS



HAZOP RECORD SHEET

No.	Guideword	Risk Issue	Causes	Consequences	Safeguards	ACTION			DISCUSSION NOTES - Not all specifially HAZARD However recorded in the relevant section for context.
						Description	Person Responsible	Date Due	
4.7	Services Required								
4.8	Materials of Construction								
4.9	Breakdown/failure								
5.	Grit washing and outloading								
5.1	Flow/Level								
5.2	Pressure								
5.3	Temperature								
5.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
5.5	Plant items	blockage of pipework	Tee's in grit pipe	loss process units		dedicated pipes from grip pumps to classifiers.	SC	80%	Each grit tank works with a classifier. It has no functionality of crossover pipework for maintenance. We need to update the P&ID. No common header for grit pumps, each grit trap has two grit pumps to two classifiers.
5.6	Instruments								
5.7	Services Required								
5.8	Materials of Construction								
5.9	Breakdown/failure								
6.	PST Flow Distribution								
6.1	Flow/Level	Setting of solids in inlet channel	low velocity	grit in inlet channel / maintenance		taper channel to prove an increased velocity at ends of cahnnel where flow in the lowest.	MR	100%	Shape of channel changing in cross section depending on flow at various points (wider in centre, narrower towards PSTs). If you are relying on penstock/launders to control flow split, might end up with differential flows in tanks. At st marys, flow split was more controlled by inlet valve to get split over the weir. Not an ideal way to control levels relative to a weir. Also issue with solids settling in channel. need to consider shaping and depth of channel. Avoid aeration in channel because of maintenance issues.
6.2	Pressure								
6.3	Temperature								
6.4	Changes in composition/concentration	Scum in feed channel	no method of removal	scum build up - maintenance		Need to add penstock or similar that can open to allow scum to pass through to PST.	SC	80%	Need to consider scum in inlet channel. LSC has higher level penstock to allow scum through to get rid of it.
6.5	Plant items								Mixers could also help with ferric dosing
6.6	Instruments								
6.7	Services Required								Consider reverse direction valves at back of tank for backfilling with PE during maintenance, releasing from channel height.
6.8	Materials of Construction								Spec should include usual consideration about corrosion concrete coating etc.
6.9	Breakdown/failure								
7	PST Tanks								
7.1	Flow/Level	Low flow	Block pipes	ineffective scum or sludge removal		add rodding points or hot sludge flush - however not designing to this level of detail.			Issue with getting scum to flow through the lines. May be issues with cleaning and rodding scum lines and the potential for sludge lines blocking with fats, oils and grease.
7.2	Pressure								
7.3	Temperature								
7.4	Changes in composition/concentration	Scum				add level detection			
7.5	Plant items	sludge build up in the PST	ineffective suidge draw or due to wide PSTs and single draw point	process issues and desludging		add additional extraction point	SC	80%	For tanks this wide, can use cross scraper to push sludge across width to one end, but that adds more maintenance. We cannot have single sludge drawoff from a 12m wide sludge hopper.
7.6	Instruments								Need torque switches on drives, particularly for bottom scraper. Limit switches for flight direction. WSH for drives.
7.7	Services Required								Need sludge blanket level detector. Consider multiple sludge hoppers.
7.8	Materials of Construction								Need spray water for scum, hose points for wash down
7.9	Breakdown/failure								
8	Fine Screens								
8.1	Flow/Level	Screenings pump block	Ragging	Increased maintance	Pump Selection - vaughn chopper pumps				3x50% process capacity, 2 duty, 1 standby Consider pump types for screenings
8.2	Pressure								
8.3	Temperature								
8.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
8.5	Plant items								Getting screenings to common screenings handling. Currently sluice -> wet well -> submersible pumps. Are submersible pumps the best? Could end up with screenings stuck on pump wires/supports or blocking the suction of pumps. May need a chopper pump and configured dry mounted. Connect RE to sluice.
8.6	Instruments								
8.7	Services Required								
8.8	Materials of Construction								Power fail scenario: We have a dual power feed with half of bioreactor on each. With the loss of one feed, we will have half bioreactor capacity so only 1.5ADWF. Varying capacity to bioreactor has issues with static weir. In event of power fail, we will use penstocks combined with level in bioreactor. If increase in bioreactor level, penstocks will close to prevent level, forcing more flow to overflow weir. Alternatively, could be a valve on the line between the PST and screen chamber (plug valve). Would be expensive and would very rarely operate. We have 2 sets of penstocks for reliability. We need to decide how to balance screens so two could be off one feeder and one off another. Would have enough control to be able to have only 1 screen operating when losing a feeder. Need to make it clear in control logic/spec about uneven equipment over 2 feeders and the different response. Overflow on PST sized for 4.5ADWF. In event where we lost feed, need to manage full flow to plant. Storm weir controlled by penstocks. As a 3rd level of backup, control link with network. Need to consider cost of separate feeder vs cost of 6ADWF bypass. Wouldn't necessarily need backup generator. If we lose power from outside of fence, can feed the plant from other feed supply.
8.9	Breakdown/failure	Flooding of bioreactor	failure of isolation	environmental / health / safety concerns	power back up, multiple penstocks				Probably need to size for the 3, because 4.5 requires too many failure scenarios. Could have v notch to extend weir. Note west camden CCT had the last section ~10% for dechlorination to prevent discharge to creek. Sodium bisulphite line can be moved to last pass of CCT.
9	CCT and Dechlorination								
9.1	Flow/Level	Flooding of CCT	power fail in peak storm condition	environmental / health / safety concerns		increase capacity of CCT to ensure 4.5 ADWF can be passed through from PST to runoff	MR	80%	Hydraulically sized to take 4.5ADWF. We have a contingency for power fail during storm. From a process perspective, should it be sized to 3 or 4.5?
9.2	Pressure								Probably need to size for the 3, because 4.5 requires too many failure scenarios. Could have v notch to extend weir. Note west camden CCT had the last section ~10% for dechlorination to prevent discharge to creek. Sodium bisulphite line can be moved to last pass of CCT.
9.3	Temperature								

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9.4	Changes in composition/concentration	SBS too fully mixed in prior to discharge	Dosed downstream of CCT weir	effect on ecology in creek	There is a very long discharge path through pipes and channels. There will be plenty of mixing.				SBS dose point - potentially use final pass for contact time Number of turns/baffling up to supplier. Consider CCT cleaning, need drains.	
9.5	Plant Items									
9.6	Instruments									
9.7	Services Required									
9.8	Materials of Construction									
9.9	Breakdown/failure									
10	Bioreactor									
10.1	Flow/Level	Need stopboards for tank isolations e.g. risk of power outage/stop pumping membranes causing backflow into reactor. Need to isolate downstream end.	Membrane tank offline and RAS pump fails	Flow pass backwards to Membrane tanks.		Allow for stopboards on the membrane outlet weirs.	SC	80%	There is no hydraulic bypass to membrane. Is there a risk of overflowing bioreactors? We aren't actually pumping into bioreactor, so at a certain level it will flow upstream. We need to check hydraulics. Could have weir/chamber at end of MBR feed channel connected to stormwater, to ensure gravity feed out. However would be overflowing mixed liquor. Considered making bioreactors tall enough to make it overflow PST weir, but that would have been too tall. Hydraulic break on weirs to bioreactors, so theoretically overflow shouldn't go back to screens. Need to consider network controls, if there is a high level in bioreactor shutoff feed to plant. Fine screens upstream of bioreactor will shut if mixed liquor channel is high high, which is another protection. High level switch on every bioreactor would be another layer of protection. Note that layout and levels could change in detailed design. Need to document sequence of events that results in this critical scenario, would require multiple failures.	
10.2	Pressure									
10.3	Temperature									
10.4	Changes in composition/concentration	scum build up in bioreactor	insufficient flow velocity to push scum to MLR channel	maintenance activities		Check MLR & RAS rates and check velocities or provide sprays	MR	80%		
10.5	Plant Items									
10.6	Instruments	Bioreactor flooding in power fail	penstock don't close	environmental / health / safety concerns		Allow for back up instruments to detect high level	SC	80%	Level instruments for power failure scenario: level control is in downstream membrane tanks feed channels. Duty/standby LTX and LSHH to shut inlet penstocks as failsafe - all instruments and penstocks to be connected to UPS. Need to have something in spec on preferred instruments to ensure enough spares etc. Location of ammonia probe should be such that it can control aeration DO.	
10.7	Services Required									
10.8	Materials of Construction									
10.9	Breakdown/failure	Flooding of membrane tanks	RAS pumps stop / fail	environmental / health / safety concerns	Membrane tank wall same height as bioreactor.				If membrane permeate or RAS pumps stop, chambers fill up and stop flow through bioreactors. Do we want high level switch on each bioreactor to shut off feed penstock? Bioreactor has large HGL but we can consider it.	
11	Mixed Liquor Channel									
11.1	Flow/Level								Scum removal: shown as fixed weir, but might have different level. Can make scum removal slightly submerged bellmouth. Can make scum lines primary wasting method -> surface wasting (as used in north head MBR). Want to make scum valves modulated and connect to wasting line. Need high level switch and alarm - <b>refer to 10.1</b>	
11.2	Pressure									
11.3	Temperature									
11.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
11.5	Plant Items	Can't remove scum	Fixed weir on the scum weir.	only remove scum and very specific flow rates.		Consider modulating weir.	MR	80%		
11.6	Instruments									
11.7	Services Required									
11.8	Materials of Construction									
11.9	Breakdown/failure									
12	Bioreactor Aeration Chamber									
12.1	Flow/Level								Plenty of turndown for blowers for commissioning loads and flows. Need NRV on each blower.	
12.2	Pressure									
12.3	Temperature									
12.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
12.5	Plant Items									
12.6	Instruments									
12.7	Services Required									
12.8	Materials of Construction									
12.9	Breakdown/failure									
13	MBR Tank									
13.1	Flow/Level								Low-level entry to MBR tank	
13.2	Pressure									
13.3	Temperature									
13.4	Changes in composition/concentration	Air in pipe	air not effectively removed by eductor	pump don't provide correct flow rate		Eductor should be moved upstream of the backpulse pipework due to needing to be located at high point of permeate pipework	SC	80%	What area are we using to level control pumps? If we use a small channel, level will change a lot. - using the ML channel  If we lose 2 bioreactors on a power feeder, we will only have 1 RAS return, so that membrane zone could fill up quickly. Can be picked up with level controls. <b>REFER TO 10.9</b>	
13.5	Plant Items									
13.6	Instruments									
13.7	Services Required									
13.8	Materials of Construction									
13.9	Breakdown/failure									
14	MBR Tanks									
14.1	Flow/Level									
14.2	Pressure									
14.3	Temperature									
14.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
14.5	Plant Items									
14.6	Instruments									
14.7	Services Required									
14.8	Materials of Construction									
14.9	Breakdown/failure									
15	RAS Pump Station									
15.1	Flow/Level								Weir into each of chambers to split flow equally, RAS pumps will pump to set flow with trim based on level control. Because volume of bioreactors is quite large there will be a lag. Likely that membrane suppliers will edit this.	
15.2	Pressure									

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15.3	Temperature								No major issues with solids settling, as chambers are small and recycle constant  Each chamber has level instrumentation.
15.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
15.5	Plant items								
15.6	Instruments								
15.7	Services Required								
15.8	Materials of Construction								
15.9	Breakdown/failure								
16	MBR Backpulse Pumps								
16.1	Flow/Level								Draw RE from this balance tank rather than AWTP? Closer to sources for things such as screens sprays. Check with RW team if RE being used for sprays requires disinfection.  CIP chemicals need to go into each of individual MBR lines. Might have tank doing CIP while backpulse is happening. Don't want to backpulse chemicals. Might want backpulse line to be downstream going to each tank, so only dosing chemicals into chosen membrane, not all of them. Because of the size of the lines, there is a big pipe. Chemicals could sit in pipe and possibly wash into other units. Move dosing much closer to tank (directly into tank or in line just before tank). Membrane suppliers probably have this figured out.
16.2	Pressure								
16.3	Temperature								
16.4	Changes in composition/concentration	Spray with hazardous water	None disinfected RE spray	operators health		Check if it is a health issue.	AR	80%	
16.5	Changes in composition/concentration	chemical in RE	Chemical residual left in backwash line	RE could have chemical residual					
16.6	Plant items								
16.7	Instruments								
16.8	Services Required								
16.9	Materials of Construction								
16.10	Breakdown/failure								
17	MBR Tank Drain Pumps								
17.1	Flow/Level								VE: Might be able to get rid of one pump and create common standby. Do we need something off common main to pump ML back to ML channel? In spec, need discussion on speed of pump back to chemical waste tank. Need minimum and max return rate.  Chemical waste tank: No neutralisation. Currently have 10% of UF. But if dry weather and no UF, might need to neutralise. Need to have clear guidance on RE quality. Line to return mixed liquor back to front end of mixed liquor channel during draindown for CIP. Refer to 16.4
17.2	Pressure								
17.3	Temperature								
17.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
17.5	Plant items								
17.6	Instruments								
17.7	Services Required								
17.8	Materials of Construction								
17.9	Breakdown/failure								
18	MBR Air Scour Blowers								
18.1	Flow/Level	Reverse flow	no NRVs on blowers	damage to blowers		Add NRVs to blower discahrge	SC	80%	NRVs on blower lines
18.2	Pressure								
18.3	Temperature								
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
18.5	Plant items								
18.6	Instruments								
18.7	Services Required								
18.8	Materials of Construction								
	Breakdown/failure								
GENERAL DISCUSSION									
0.1									
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<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>Upper South Creek Water Factory</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Online (MS Teams/Mural)</b>
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Reference Design for new water recycling fa</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>HAZOP1 - Liquids Stream</b>

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HAZOP  
HAZARD & OPERABILITY STUDY

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LINES									
E.g.	High Flow / High Level								
1.	Primary Sludge Pumps								
1.1	Flow/Level	no flow from primary pumps	FOG	pump performance / maintainance		Refer to text. Rodding points to be added. Not designing to that level of detail.			Currently single line. Is there value in providing 2 lines? Consider in detailed design. Do we need hot sludge return to sludge feed pumps? Parallel line from digesters that brings hot sludge into suction lines of primary sludge pumps, close to PST hoppers. Pumps back through the system. Run for ~ half an hour a day to break down fat deposits. However, USC is likely to run at lower sludge concentration than typical. Would that contribute to significant blockages or is fat blockage more closely related to temperature? Thinner sludge is less likley to drop fats and greases out of pipes due to higher pump velocity. It still might be an issue.
1.2	Pressure								
1.3	Temperature								
1.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
1.5	Plant items								
1.6	Instruments	instrument signal failure	cleaning of density meters	ploss of process control		Not designing to that level of detail.			Consideration in detailed design for 2 primary sludge lines Issues with keeping sludge density metres clean. Al Kapocius is a good contact. Should be focused on in tender and spec. Need to consider access/bypass in cost. Close consideration should be paid to how it is specified.
1.7	Services Required								
1.8	Materials of Constrsuction								
1.9	Breakdown/failure								
2.	Primary Scum Pumps								
2.1	Flow/Level								Do we need dedicated scum pumping system or do we use raw sludge pumps? I.e. valve to empty scum hopper into sludge pumps. Currently in use at glenfield, liverpool and cronulla. Need to consider hopper configuration. Consider suction line length, potential problem with pumping if common pumps (around 20-30m suction length).
2.2	Pressure								
2.3	Temperature								
2.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
2.5	Plant items	Scum not removed	scum suction line blocked due to long suction line	maintainance		Consider number of scum removal points or combining scum with wasting	SC	80%	How many scum pumps per PSTs? Need to consider suction length of pumps. Check suction conditions on scum pumps or consider doubling pumps so we have a set per pair of tanks.
2.6	Instruments								
2.7	Services Required	Scum not removed	caked on surface	maintainance		RE sprays	SC	80%	Will need RE flushing. Have RE sprays at PSTs that feed into scum trough that feed scum pumps. Do we want an RE feed upstream of pump for dedicated flow for flushing?
2.8	Materials of Constrsuction								
2.9	Breakdown/failure								
3.	WAS and Secondary Pump Station								
3.1	Flow/Level								Surface wasting to remove need of ML scum pumps? Will create common WAS with foam and scum in it, which will get pumped to RDT. No major process issue with scum in RDT. With this size of plant wasting continuously, will be pulling scum off continuously, so significant surface scum doesnt form. For surface wasting can use floating weir style of bellmouth below water level with sprays to help capture foam. <b>Also refer to bioreactor section.</b>
3.2	Pressure								
3.3	Temperature								
3.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
3.5	Plant items								
3.6	Instruments								
3.7	Services Required								
3.8	Materials of Constrsuction								
3.9	Breakdown/failure								
4	WAS Thickening								
4.1	Flow/Level								
4.2	Pressure								
4.3	Temperature								
4.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
4.5	Plant items								
4.6	Instruments								
4.7	Services Required								
4.8	Materials of Constrsuction								



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4.9	Breakdown/failure	failure of the flock tank and there is a loss of thickening,	critical component	critical maintenance activity - loss of process function		refer to text.			Can we isolate flow to one of two RDTs at flock tank? If not, have to stop both units. Can decide in detailed design e.g. 2 feed pumps, 2 floc tanks. Note there is a full common standby unit. Need to consider cost saving. Can ask contractor to price during tender negotiations. Can add preferred equipment to spec, for contractors to have to convince if they have a better option. Discussion about RDT vs varipond. Consider alternatives for discussion at tender. Add knife gate valve to allow for isolation. Common outlet pump and hopper typical for G3 megaduo.
5.	Recuperative Thickening								
5.1	Flow/Level	critical failure items	lack of isolation	LOSS OF PROCESS DUE TO FAILURE OF critical device		Add valves to isolate RDT.			Add valves on these P&IDs to WAS RDT P&ID
5.2	Pressure								
5.3	Temperature								
5.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
5.5	Plant items								
5.6	Instruments								
5.7	Services Required								
5.8	Materials of Construction								
5.9	Breakdown/failure								
6.	Digester Feed Blending Tank								
6.1	Flow/Level	spill from top of digester	pumped feed and no overflow	environmental and health and safety		add in over flow pipe from digesters to sump. May need additional pump station	SC / MR	80%	Update for surface wasting/combined WAS and Scum. Can we provide an overflow i.e. to fill and spill pump station or overflow pipe to plant sewer? Fill and spill PS not too far away, but do we want to but raw sludge in there? Or even overflow pipe to the ground, into first flush sump. Also,tank may have suction problems in pumps. Would want pumps mounted underneath tank. Tanks where we have tanks mounted off the side we often end up with suction problems, which limits sludge thickness. Opportunity to remove feed blending tank and pump straight to digesters. Consider pump suction from cone bottom of tank.
6.2	Pressure								Issues with struvite if too much mixing inside tank. Turbines should be below water level of tank. Might not be an issue this far upstream because ammonia concentration is too low. Manage turbulence and alkalinity stripping by ensuring feed and mixing lines return below operating level. Note
6.3	Temperature								
6.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
6.5	Plant items								
6.6	Instruments								
6.7	Services Required								
6.8	Materials of Construction								
6.9	Breakdown/failure								
7	Digesters								
7.1	Flow/Level								Pump mixing: don't have sludge screens and cannot use North head style mixer with biogas dome. St marys P&IDs has digester with roof gas covers. Can go with cheaper sludge mixing, but will need sludge screens. Best to stay with what he have now.
7.2	Pressure								
7.3	Temperature								
7.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
7.5	Plant items								
7.6	Instruments								
7.7	Services Required								
7.8	Materials of Construction								
7.9	Breakdown/failure								
8	Fill and Spill								
8.1	Flow/Level	exceed capacity of digester	momentum from recop process	overflow		Consider additional capacity	AR	80%	If stopping recup pumps, momentum from levels in digesters could continue to spill for a while after stop pumping. Need to have enough capacity for this. Can be a note for detailed design. Consider drawing recup feed directly from secondary digesters.
8.2	Pressure								
8.3	Temperature								
8.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
8.5	Plant items								
8.6	Instruments								
8.7	Services Required								
8.8	Materials of Construction								
8.9	Breakdown/failure								
9	Recuperative Thickening Feed								
9.1	Flow/Level								
9.2	Pressure								
9.3	Temperature								
9.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
9.5	Plant items								
9.6	Instruments								
9.7	Services Required								
9.8	Materials of Construction								
9.9	Breakdown/failure								
10	Recuperative thickening RDT								
10.1	Flow/Level					Add valves	SC	80%	Recup thicken has bypass unlike WAS
10.2	Pressure								
10.3	Temperature								
10.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
10.5	Plant items								
10.6	Instruments								
10.7	Services Required								
10.8	Materials of Construction								
10.9	Breakdown/failure								
11	Standby Thickening RDT								
11.1	Flow/Level						SC	80%	Consider upstream isolation

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11.2	Pressure								
11.3	Temperature								
11.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
11.5	Plant Items								
11.6	Instruments								
11.7	Services Required								
11.8	Materials of Construction								
11.9	Breakdown/failure								
12	<b>Hot Water Recir Pumps</b>								
12.1	Flow/Level						SC	80%	Check against St Mary's IFC P&IDs for all requirements.
12.2	Pressure								
12.3	Temperature								
12.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
12.5	Plant Items								
12.6	Instruments								
12.7	Services Required								
12.8	Materials of Construction								
12.9	Breakdown/failure								
13	<b>Digester Heating and Cooling Supply</b>								
13.1	Flow/Level								
13.2	Pressure								
13.3	Temperature								
13.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
13.5	Plant Items								
13.6	Instruments								
13.7	Services Required								
13.8	Materials of Construction								
13.9	Breakdown/failure								
14	<b>BFW Preheating Hot Water Supply</b>								
14.1	Flow/Level						SC	80%	GENERAL: fix up titles, remove BFW (not using boilers)
14.2	Pressure								
14.3	Temperature								
14.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
14.5	Plant Items								
14.6	Instruments								
14.7	Services Required								
14.8	Materials of Construction								
14.9	Breakdown/failure								
15	<b>Composite Steam Boiler</b>								
15.1	Flow/Level								
15.2	Pressure								
15.3	Temperature								
15.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
15.5	Plant Items								
15.6	Instruments								
15.7	Services Required								
15.8	Materials of Construction								
15.9	Breakdown/failure								
16	<b>Hot Water Expansion Tank</b>								
16.1	Flow/Level								
16.2	Pressure								
16.3	Temperature								
16.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
16.5	Plant Items								
16.6	Instruments								
16.7	Services Required								
16.8	Materials of Construction								
16.9	Breakdown/failure								
17	<b>Digester Gas Holders</b>								
17.1	Flow/Level								
17.2	Pressure	equipment damage / gas to environment	over pressurisation	health and safety					
17.3	Temperature								
17.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
17.5	Plant Items								
17.6	Instruments								
17.7	Services Required	Explosion	Bushfire / ember attack	loss of life	deluge system if required from bushfire assessment				Bushfire analysis: deluge? Power failure: biogas needs to be flared to WGB if over pressure.
17.8	Materials of Construction								
17.9	Breakdown/failure								
18	<b>Biogas Blowers</b>								
18.1	Flow/Level								
18.2	Pressure								
18.3	Temperature								
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
18.5	Plant Items								
18.6	Instruments								

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						Description	Person Responsible	Date Due		
18.7	Services Required								80% Move connection to WGB upstream of biogas blowers.	
18.8	Materials of Construction									
18.9	Breakdown/failure					SC				
19	Biogas Distribution Header									
19.1	Flow/Level								Check if chiller is required. Refer to North Head P&IDs. Methane analyser - also consider other analysers (H2S, CO2) if biogas cleaning provided.	
19.2	Pressure									
19.3	Temperature									
19.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
19.5	Plant items									
19.6	Instruments									
19.7	Services Required									
19.8	Materials of Construction								Methane analyser? Often included in cogen package. If we include gas cleaning will also needs CO2 and H2S analysers. Do we need condensate removal/chiller?	
19.9	Breakdown/failure									
20	Cogen Engines									
20.1	Flow/Level									
20.2	Pressure									
20.3	Temperature									
20.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
20.5	Plant items									
20.6	Instruments									
20.7	Services Required									
20.8	Materials of Construction									
20.9	Breakdown/failure									
21	Waste Gas Burner									
21.1	Flow/Level								Power failure: what happens? Fans would be off and biogas would be kept inside membrane gas holders. Would shut off biogas supply to utilisation points and keep gas inside gas holders. If overpressurised, released by flame arrester/PRV. Needs to be preferentially burnt through waste gas burner. High pressure should push gas to WGB.	
21.2	Pressure									
21.3	Temperature									
21.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
21.5	Plant items									
21.6	Instruments									
21.7	Services Required									
21.8	Materials of Construction									
21.9	Breakdown/failure									
22	Lube Oil									
18.1	Flow/Level									Need overflows/vents/odour control connection
18.2	Pressure									
18.3	Temperature									
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
18.5	Plant items									
18.6	Instruments									
18.7	Services Required									
18.8	Materials of Construction									
18.9	Breakdown/failure									
23	Dewaterign FAT and Centrifuge Feed Pumps									
18.1	Flow/Level								Detailed designer needs to consider struvite formation potential in design of tank entries, mixing system. Pump suction needs to be close to tank, slower speed pumps preferred.	
18.2	Pressure									
18.3	Temperature								Add in odour control	
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
18.5	Plant items								Include overflows/venting	
18.6	Instruments									
18.7	Services Required									
18.8	Materials of Construction									
18.9	Breakdown/failure									
24	Centrifuge									
18.1	Flow/Level								Unit sizing: SW wants to run smaller units unattended. Discussions of sizing have already been made in dewatering program. Consider providing buffer tank for centrate to return to this tank at night.	
18.2	Pressure									
18.3	Temperature								Add in RE connections and jetting lines at top of centrate lines for struvite mitigation if required.	
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
18.5	Plant items									
18.6	Instruments									
18.7	Services Required									
18.8	Materials of Construction									
18.9	Breakdown/failure									
25	Recycle Return PS									
18.1	Flow/Level								Consider overflow location	
18.2	Pressure									
18.3	Temperature								Add RE in case of struvite. Extend feed lines below operating level to minimize turbulence.	
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration									
18.5	Plant items									
18.6	Instruments									

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18.7	Services Required								
18.8	Materials of Construction								
18.9	Breakdown/failure								
27	Biosolids Silos								
18.1	Flow/Level								
18.2	Pressure								
18.3	Temperature								
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
18.5	Plant items								
18.6	Instruments								
18.7	Services Required								
18.8	Materials of Construction								
18.9	Breakdown/failure								
28	Biosolids Outloading								
18.1	Flow/Level								
18.2	Pressure								
18.3	Temperature								
18.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
18.5	Plant items								
18.6	Instruments								
18.7	Services Required								
18.8	Materials of Construction								Building needs to fully contain truck. Needs hose points, drains, odour control venting
18.9	Breakdown/failure								
GENERAL DISCUSSION									
0.1	Which version of st marys p&ids are we using? 100% or IFC? Will confirm								
0.2									
0.3									
0.4									
0.5									

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<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>Upper South Creek Water Factory</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Online (MS Teams/Mural)</b>
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Reference Design for new water recycling fa</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>HAZOP1 - Solids Stream</b>

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LINES									
E.g.	High Flow / High Level								
1.	Effluent Storage Tanks								
1.1	Flow/Level	frequent stop starts of pumps	large pumps with limited turn down.	Operational issues or large feed tanks.		Review need for smaller pumps	SK	80%	Low turndown in PS resulted in large balance tank. If we change pumps, might be able to reduce balance volume. Especially if we leave space for storage addition later on. Tradeoff between volume and number of pumps. Detailed designer might look in closer detail. Decision changes around likelihood of growth slowdown. Would prefer to cater for less flow in the first instance.
1.2	Pressure								
1.3	Temperature								
1.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
1.5	Plant Items								
1.6	Instruments					Include 2 sets on instruments in transsfer tank.	SC	80%	Duplication of instruments for IICATS and SCADA
1.7	Services Required								
1.8	Materials of Construction								
1.9	Breakdown/failure								
2.	Treated Water Transfer Pumping Station								
2.1	Flow/Level	Reverse flow	2 discharges from one main with isolation on one discharge.	air in line, may affect the pump head		Review discharge design			Could we have backflow from the efflows discharge? Might need motorised valves. If we have motorised valves on both lines, if we can fully close the lines off, can have flowmeter on common line. Include drainage valves and scour valves. Included in pipeline drawings but not on P&ID. On this P&ID we are showing manual isolation valves on pumps. Normal operation would mean standby pumps rely on NRV to stop backflow through pump. Operation pressure of rising main if going to warragamba is ~13 bar. What pressure do we rely on NRV to stop backflow and at what point do we consider a motorised valve on the discharge? Someone like Milan could answer because we have stations with similar pressure head. Zane recalls them not having motorised valves, just usign NRV. Motorised valves close and open slowly, causing pressure issues. Check valves are pretty reliable. Can have maintenance issues with NRVs. Misaki to chase up. Note from Milan: "The isolating valves of this size shown on the P&ID need to be actuated, both suction and discharge.Fixed speed pumps also have delivery control valves (DCVs) upstream of their non-return valves (NRV) for starting and stopping. These are not normally required for variable speed pumps. Eg. we don't have them at the desal WP0369 at Kurnell. However, considering the size and potentially high pressures at this WPS, I would recommend to have DCVs here. They should be metal seated double or triple offset butterfly valves, relatively low cost compared to the total.
2.2	Pressure								
2.3	Temperature								
2.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
2.5	Plant Items	Are there sufficient duty pumps for maintenance and breakdowns	Pumps design for future duty, initially not all installed.	Loss of pumping ability		Review number of pumps.	SK	80%	2 phase flow with air and water  Do we have enough duties for breakdowns? Duty/duty/standby/assist seems fairly reasonable. At the moment have 2 pumps doing 50ML and 3 pumps doing 100ML. Standby comes from design review. Is one additional duty pump going to cover the double flow? Yes the current 2 pumps are running lower for the lower flow. The pumps are chosen so that they dont have to be changed to different pumps between stage 1 and 2. Why are we putting in pumps to do 170 ML right away? It's not doing 170ML right away. Stage 1 always has a standby. It could do 170 ML to run all units at same time. Stage 2 adds another standby pump. Need to consider if stage 1 has less than 50 ML. To reduce costs, we will remove 1 pump. SShould be fine as long as we have a standby unit. Will be asking contractors to give price for smaller capacity. Need to document what the capacity would be for just duty/standby. Need to leave space in pumping station for another pump. Spec to include a table for different flows at different stages. Could potentially upsize line sizes in first 2 streams and leave 3rd and 4th as potential future augmentation. Misaki to look in to that.
2.6	Instruments								
2.7	Services Required								
2.8	Materials of Construction								
2.9	Breakdown/failure								
3.	Brine Storage Tanks								
3.1	Flow/Level								
3.2	Pressure								
3.3	Temperature								
3.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
3.5	Plant Items						SC	80%	Probably no need for actuation on connecting tanks but allows flexibility. Add drain lines on tanks.
3.6	Instruments						SC	80%	Do we need double instruments on each tank? Motorised valves controlled by IICATS. Do we want motorised valve or manual valve? If motorised want open shut position switches.
3.7	Services Required								
3.8	Materials of Construction								
3.9	Breakdown/failure	PS failure	Power outage	Loss of pumping ability	Dual power feed				Power to PS fed from water factory HV. Is it active dual feed or a split feed? Can do either at PS. Capacity of feeders will be sized to run full PS. With power outages, do we need a surge vesse? Milan will do surge and water hammer analysis. Good to include upfront for costs, rather than add it later. Discussed in VE. For 80% design, will know mitigtation methods. Will coordinate with electrical.

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4	Brine Transfer PS								
4.1	Flow/Level	pumping brine when NGRS is at capacity	Loss of control	Unplanned overflow from NGRS, overwhelming Malabar		Consider control and back up systems.	SK	80%	Pump station interlocked with level instrument and regime controls in NGRS. If we pump brine back to NGRS after stormflow, might take more than 3 days for NGRS to be back to normal. Need more controls on brine pump. As soon as there are level issues in NGRS, triggers shutdown on brine pumps or AWTP. Have to consider holistic setpoints before discharge to NGRS and restart brine production. Need to consider whole system and what is feeding it. Currently modelling. Upgrades needed in Malabar system. Controls needed in first instance, and then changes to those controlled based on malabar system thresholds and overflows.
		Feeding brine when NGRS is at capacity	pipe emptying after the pumps have shut down	Unplanned overflow from NGRS, overwhelming Malabar		Consider control valve at end of brine transfer line	SK	80%	
4.2	Pressure								
4.3	Temperature								
4.4	Changes in composition/concentration								Will brine controls be on IICATS? Pump station and brine are IICATS controlled. At the moment the system is controlled by roberts road sensors. Will these be linking to plant control? Intention is to have a duplication of these level instruments feeding to plant scada. Easier to have duplication of instruments after discussion at quakers. Discussing if PS is scada or icats controlled. Another meeting with IICATS on friday, will discuss then. Cahors and roberts rd are significantly downstream of USC flow. Need to know what delays to apply to downstream sensors. From cotractors POV they will build pump station and set up controls. Need to allow for sufficient cost for programming. Dont need to work out exact timing and sequencing now. Do need input on if it will impact how often we will shut down RO system for EIS. Hannah to send out report for feedback. St Marys has similar brine transfer, might look at their information.
4.5	Plant Items								
4.6	Instruments						SK	80%	
4.7	Services Required								
4.8	Materials of Construction	corrosion from brine	pumping brine	increased failures	Brine not concentrated enough to create corrosion concern				Material of valve/fittings/pumps: will brine trigger high rate of failure? Do we need special coating? General don't encounter materials issues until a higher TDS. Misaki will check with material specialists and suppliers
4.9	Breakdown/failure								PS to be interlocked with NGRS regime change and control systems.
5.	AWTP Balance Tank								
5.1	Flow/Level								After VE: Might reduce to one line entering tank
5.2	Pressure								
5.3	Temperature								Consider moving the takeoff for RE PS upstream to ensure RE continuity. Provide an MBR permeate to RO feed tank bypass <b>REFER to 6.1</b>
5.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
5.5	Plant Items								RE continuity depending on which tank <b>REFER to 6.1</b>
5.6	Instruments								
5.7	Services Required								For maintenance, do we have to shut down and drain other tanks? Might need to install valve. Do we want a redundant tank as a standby? Hannah to investigate what happens at other plants. At the moment, MBR only pumps to MBR balance. If you took that tank offline, you couldnt use the bioreactor, probably value in bypassing that tank to RO feed so could go straight to RO during planned shutdown. Could then take UF and MBR tank offline. If we put isolation valve between 2 tanks, could just feed UF effluent to transfer pump station. If we take MBR permeate directly to RO, can take 2 tanks offline. But will lose balance volume. DO we want to be able to run the RO when taking that tank offline? We don't really need that ability, only if we need to do actual maintenance on tanks.
5.8	Materials of Constrction								
5.9	Breakdown/failure	no ability to feed the RO	MBR or RO feed tank under maintenance	none-compliant discharge until tank back on line		Consider bypass around critical tanks	SC	80%	
6.	UF Filtrate and RO Tanks								
6.1	Flow/Level	No RE	RE drawn from inline process tank which has been used emptied by process.	screens and other critical equipment fail.		Ensure the tank has slightly greater volume to allow volum for RE.			Need to maintainn enough water in one of these tanks to feed RE e.g. screenings sprays.
6.2	Pressure								Flexibility around drawing to RO from UF filtrate. <b>REFER TO POINT 5.9</b>
6.3	Temperature								
6.4	Changes in composition/concentration								Should we be able to isolate these tanks? <b>REFER TO POINT 5.9</b>
6.5	Plant Items								
6.6	Instruments								Consider complete bypass of all AWTP tanks from MBR line directly to RO feed tank. Consider the risk of RO feed tank needing to be taken offline for maintenance. <b>REFER TO POINT 5.9</b>
6.7	Services Required								
6.8	Materials of Construction								
6.9	Breakdown/failure								
7	Wet Weather and CCT								
7.1	Flow/Level								
7.2	Pressure								
7.3	Temperature								
7.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
7.5	Plant Items								
7.6	Instruments								
7.7	Services Required								
7.8	Materials of Construction								
7.9	Breakdown/failure								
8	UF Feed Pumps								
8.1	Flow/Level								
8.2	Pressure								
8.3	Temperature								

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						Description	Person Responsible	Date Due	
8.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
8.5	Plant Items								
8.6	Instruments								
8.7	Services Required								
8.8	Materials of Construction								
8.9	Breakdown/failure								
9	UF Trains								
9.1	Flow/Level								
9.2	Pressure								
9.3	Temperature								
9.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
9.5	Plant Items								
9.6	Instruments								
9.7	Services Required								
9.8	Materials of Construction								
9.9	Breakdown/failure								
9	UF Backwash Skids								
9.1	Flow/Level								
9.2	Pressure								
9.3	Temperature								
9.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
9.5	Plant Items								
9.6	Instruments	High temp	high ambient temp	Damage to membranes		Add temperature sensor to air flow	SC	80%	
9.7	Services Required								
9.8	Materials of Construction								
9.9	Breakdown/failure								
10.9	Breakdown/failure								
11	RO Permeate Tank								
11.1	Flow/Level								How are we managing returning off spec water to tank? Don't have hard spec requirements to meet with this water, so long as it passes license requirements. Typically, WWTPs don't return off spec to head of plant, just discharge it. Probably more for if you want to tune things during start up e.g. when starting up chemical dosing systems and want to stabilise pH. This is more relevant if doing potable water reuse, not a major concern now. Don't need a return system for RO. Is there a need for a return to head of works to stabilise dosing system? Try to look at recycle from a comissioning POV, look for an appropriate return.
11.2	Pressure								
11.3	Temperature								
11.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
11.5	Plant Items								
11.6	Instruments								
11.7	Services Required								
11.8	Materials of Construction								
11.9	Breakdown/failure								
12	Remineralisation								
12.1	Flow/Level						SC	80%	Add blank connection for opportunity for flow recycling for potable reuse? Find a recycle point further up in the plant. If we add lime and get too high pH, we might need a recirc to control it. Further discussion to be had. Add it as a VE opportunity. Will need to consider size of recirc pipework.
12.2	Pressure								
12.3	Temperature								
12.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
12.5	Plant Items								
12.6	Instruments								
12.7	Services Required								
12.8	Materials of Construction								
12.9	Breakdown/failure								
13	Chemicals								
13.1	Flow/Level								NOTE: Most chemical P&IDs from other detailed design that have been through full HAZOP
13.2	Pressure								
13.3	Temperature								
13.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
13.5	Plant Items								
13.6	Instruments								
13.7	Services Required								
13.8	Materials of Construction								
13.9	Breakdown/failure								
14	Odour								
14.1	Flow/Level								Opportunity for optimising volumes of flow (From VE)
14.2	Pressure								
14.3	Temperature								
14.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
14.5	Plant Items								
14.6	Instruments								
14.7	Services Required								
14.8	Materials of Construction								
14.9	Breakdown/failure								
15	Plant Auxiliaries								
15.1	Flow/Level								
15.2	Pressure								

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15.3	Temperature								
15.4	Changes in composition/concentration								
15.5	Plant Items								
15.6	Instruments								
15.7	Services Required								
15.8	Materials of Construction								
15.9	Breakdown/failure								
GENERAL DISCUSSION									
0.1	AWTP flows: 2 scenarios: 1 where we don't get 6 flows approved, would need to consider where we only build pipe as far as nepean. Might not need to consider for HAZOP as simpler mode, just validate that there is nothing else we need to consider. There was discussion around 1.3 RO being a flow. We only get credit for what they will release from the dam anyway, which will be increasing with more variability. With the efflows, there will be a signal coming in guiding the production of RO water. Given the additional pumping cost, you would only pump there if you get the credit. From an energy POV would prefer to discharge at nepean. This would be the basis of our approval.								
0.2	Environmentally they wouldn't accept uf treated water to discharge to warragamba. To count as an efflow it would need to be RO water. Once we start shandying effluent with UF filtrate we discharge to nepean until that event has passed and we are back to full RO.								
0.3	Question about brine line: storage tank holds 3 days production at 1.3. In major stormflow, will 3 days be sufficient? NO, we would have to shut down AWTP. First we will fill up AWTP storage over the first few days, in some events you have to go beyond that and stop the AWTP and just do tertiary treated water. You would still have the UF running. Assuming you had less than 1.7AWDF, all flows get MBR+UF and go to nepean. Modelling done to see how often this would occur. Could occur in 1:5 year flood. If flows were ine xcess of 1.7AWDF, pump station wouldn't be able to get them to nepean, excess MBR water would go to south creek. In these extreme events, would have higher phosphorus loads leaving the plant								
0.4									
0.5									

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# Appendix C Threat-Barrier Diagrams

