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ABBREVIATIONS

ACM	Asbestos Containing Material
AHD	Australian Height Datum
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
AST	Above-ground Storage Tank
ASS	Acid Sulfate Soil
B(a)P	Benzo(a)Pyrene
BGL	Below Ground Level
BH	Borehole
BTEX	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, Xylene
COC	Chain of Custody documentation
CLM	Contaminated Land Management
DA	Development Application
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)
DECC	Department of Environment and Climate Change (NSW)
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW)
DLA	DLA Environmental Services
DP	Deposited Plan
DQO	Data Quality Objective
EC	Electrical Conductivity
EIL	Ecological Investigation Level
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	Environment Protection Authority (NSW)
ESL	Ecological Screening Level
HIL	Health-Based Investigation Level
LOR	Limit of Reporting
MW	Monitoring Well
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia
NEPC	National Environment Protection Council
NEPM	National Environment Protection Measure
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NRMMC	Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council
NSW	New South Wales
OCP	Organochlorine Pesticides
OEH	Office of Environmental and Heritage
OPP	Organophosphorus Pesticides
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyls
PID	Photo-Ionisation Detector
PQL	Practical Quantification Limit
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
RAP	Remedial Action Plan
RPD	Relative Percentage Difference
SAC	Site Acceptance Criteria
SAQP	Sampling Analysis and Quality Plan
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SWL	Standing Water Level
TCLP	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
TRH	Total Recoverable Hydrocarbons
UCL	Upper Confidence Limit
UST	Underground Storage Tank
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
WHS	Work Health Safety

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

DLA Environmental Services (DLA) was commissioned by Upper Hunter Shire Council to undertake annual and quarterly surface and groundwater monitoring at The Scone Waste Landfill located on Noblet Rd, Scone. It is anticipated that quarterly monitoring will be undertaken in April, July and October with annual reporting undertaken in the January reporting period.

Quarterly water monitoring was undertaken on 6th October 2016 by staff of DLA.

1.2 Scope of Works

The scope of work provided by Upper Hunter Shire Council indicates that annual and quarterly ground water monitoring is required at the following groundwater sampling locations:

- MWA
- MWB
- MWC
- MWD (landfill leachate monitoring well)
- MWE

Refer to **Figure 3: Site Layout with Sample Locations**

2.0 MONITORING PARAMETERS

The following sample analysis parameters and monitoring frequency were provided by Upper Hunter Shire Council for the Groundwater Wells. Threshold Criteria are primarily sourced from Australian and New Zealand guidelines for fresh and marine water quality (ANZECC) 2000 95% trigger values and National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (NEPM) 2013.

Table 1: Analytes, Threshold Criteria and Monitoring Frequency for Groundwater Monitoring Wells.

Analytes	Units	Threshold Criteria	
		NEPM 2013 and ANZECC 2000 Fresh Water 95%	Monitoring Frequency
Calcium	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Alkalinity (total)	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Chloride	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Fluoride	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Iron	mg/L	0.3 ^E	Quarterly
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Manganese	mg/L	1.9 ^D	Quarterly
Organochlorine pesticides	mg/L	0.00001 ^F	Quarterly
Potassium	mg/L	410 ^Q	Quarterly
pH	pH	6.5 – 8	Quarterly
Sodium	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Ammonia	mg/L	0.9 ^D	Quarterly
Nitrate	mg/L	0.7	Quarterly
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	Quarterly
Total organic carbon	mg/L	4	Quarterly
Total phenolics	mg/L	0.32	Quarterly
Electrical conductivity (EC)	µS/cm	NA	Quarterly
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	NA	Yearly
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	NA	Yearly
Phosphate	mg/L	0.015 ^G	Yearly
Arsenic III & V	mg/L	0.024 (III), 0.013 (V)	Yearly
Aluminium	mg/L	0.055 (pH> 6.5)	Yearly
Barium	mg/L	NA	Yearly
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0002	Yearly
Cobalt	mg/L	0.09 ^M	Yearly
Copper	mg/L	0.0014	Yearly
Chromium VI	mg/L	0.001 ^D	Yearly

**Table 1: Analytes, Threshold Criteria and Monitoring Frequency for Groundwater Monitoring Wells
(cont...)**

Sampling Parameter	Units	Threshold Criteria NEPM	Monitoring Frequency
		2013 and ANZECC 2000 Fresh Water	
Chromium (total)	mg/L	0.001	Yearly
Lead	mg/L	0.0034	Yearly
Mercury	mg/L	0.0006	Yearly
Zinc	mg/L	0.008 ^D	Yearly
TPH	mg/L	0.6 ^I	Yearly
Benzene	mg/L	0.95	Yearly
Toluene	mg/L	0.18 ^L	Yearly
Ethylbenzene	mg/L	0.08 ^L	Yearly
CVCs/VOCCs:			
- Total	mg/L	NA	Yearly
- Tetrachlorethene (TCE)	mg/L	NA	Yearly
- 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	mg/L	6500 (1,1,2 TCA)	Yearly
- Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	mg/L	0.05 ^N	Yearly
- 1,2-Dichloroethene	mg/L	0.03 ^P	Yearly
Vinyl Chloride	mg/L	0.0003 ^N	Yearly
PCBs	mg/L	0.00003 ^A	Yearly
PAHs	mg/L	0.016 ^B	Yearly
OPPs	mg/L	0.00002 ^C	Yearly

A - Trigger value for Aroclor 1254 used in absence of trigger value for total PCBs

B - Trigger value for Naphthalene used in absence of reliable trigger value for total PAHs

C - Trigger value of Azinphos methyl used in absence of reliable trigger value for total OPP

D – Trigger value may not protect key species from chronic toxicity, refer to ANZECC & ARMCANZ (2000) for further guidance

E - Interim working level, in absence of reliable trigger value

F - Trigger value for DDT used in absence of trigger value for total OCP

G - Filterable Reactive Phosphate

I - Dutch Intervention (2000) Mineral Oil Criteria

L – ANZECC 2000 Low reliability trigger value

M – ANZECC 2000 Moderate reliability trigger value

N - NEPM 2013 drinking water criteria

P - Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011

Q – Poor (acceptable) drinking water criteria, World Health Organisation Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality 2009

3.0 SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

3.1 Groundwater Sampling

Groundwater samples were collected from five well locations. Purging and sampling of monitoring wells was conducted in accordance with the NEPM 2013 Guidelines for the Assessment and Management of Groundwater Contamination (NSW DEC, 2007) and the Murray-Darling Basin Groundwater Quality Sampling Guidelines.

Wells were purged with a low flow peristaltic pump or disposable bailer whilst being measured for physiochemical stability to indicate the flow of formation water. Physiochemical properties were measured using a YSI Quatro Pro Plus Water Quality Meter and a flow through cell. Stable conditions were indicated by monitoring the measured parameters for three consecutive readings.

Groundwater samples were collected into laboratory prepared sample containers for specific analytes, i.e. into a combination of plastic unpreserved, plastic preserved, glass amber unpreserved and preserved glass vials. All samples were collected and filled into the respective sample containers so no head space remained in the sample container, with no loss of any preservation agents, where present. Groundwater samples for metals were field filtered with a 0.45 micron filter prior to placement into acid preserved plastic containers. All samples were then placed immediately into a chilled esky to prevent the loss of potential volatile components.

Decontamination procedures between sampling events and sampling locations are outlined below.

Sampling equipment was cleaned prior to sampling and between sample locations to prevent cross contamination. The cleaning procedure included:

- Washing and brush scrub with phosphate free laboratory grade detergent;
- Rinsing with water of a potable quality;
- Rinsing with deionised water; and,
- Disposable Teflon tubing was used with the low flow pump and was replaced between sample locations (Groundwater Sampling Only).

It is opinion of DLA that decontamination procedures were appropriate during groundwater sampling and that no cross contamination can be inferred.

4.0 RESULTS

All wells were sampled during the October 2016 sampling event, results are detailed below.

Refer to **Table 4a – Table 4e** for results. Refer to **Figure 3** for sampling locations.

Table 4a – Groundwater Results Comparison October 2016

Sampling Parameter	Units	Threshold Criteria (mg/L)	MWA	MWA	MWA	MWA
			Jan 2016	Apr 2016	July 2016	Oct 2016
Calcium	mg/L	NA	630	700	620	580
Alkalinity (total)	mg/L	NA	430	460	460	430
Chloride	mg/L	NA	7800	7300	7900	7400
Fluoride	mg/L	NA	ND	0.1	0.12	0.15
Iron	mg/L	0.3 ^E	ND	ND	0.021	ND
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	1100	1300	1200	1100
Manganese	mg/L	1.9 ^D	0.01	0.009	0.021	0.02
OCP	mg/L	0.00001 ^F	ND	ND	ND	ND
Potassium	mg/L	410 ^Q	4	3.1	3.7	4.4
pH	pH	6.5 – 8	7	7	7.1	6.8
Sodium	mg/L	NA	2200	2800	2200	2100
Ammonia	mg/L	0.9 ^D	0.2	0.006	0.14	0.14
Nitrate	mg/L	0.7	0.24	0.62	0.36	0.50
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	34	43	35	37
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	mg/L	4	4.2	3	6.1	6.2
Total phenolics	mg/L	0.32	0.25	ND	0.03	0.22
EC	µS/cm	NA	23000	18000	21000	21000

Samples highlighted in **Bold** exceed threshold criteria

ND = No Detection above Laboratory LOR

D – Trigger value may not protect key species from chronic toxicity, refer to ANZECC & ARMCANZ (2000) for further guidance

E - Interim working level, in absence of reliable trigger value

F - Trigger value for DDT used in absence of trigger value for total OCP

Q – Poor (acceptable) drinking water criteria, World Health Organisation Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality 2009

NA – Not Applicable

Table 4b – Groundwater Results Comparison October 2016

Sampling Parameter	Units	Threshold Criteria (mg/L)	MWB	MWB	MWB	MWB
			Jan 2016	Apr 2016	July 2016	Oct 2016
Calcium	mg/L	NA	650	720	650	600
Alkalinity (total)	mg/L	NA	370	380	390	360
Chloride	mg/L	NA	6000	6300	6100	6000
Fluoride	mg/L	NA	ND	0.3	0.24	0.22
Iron	mg/L	0.3 ^E	ND	0.02	0.008	0.006
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	810	880	820	830
Manganese	mg/L	1.9 ^D	0.012	0.007	0.008	0.008
OCP	mg/L	0.00001 ^F	ND	ND	ND	ND
Potassium	mg/L	410 ^Q	3.5	2.6	3.1	3.6
pH	pH	6.5 – 8	7	7.1	7.1	6.9
Sodium	mg/L	NA	1700	2300	1700	1800
Ammonia	mg/L	0.9 ^D	0.15	ND	0.10	0.09
Nitrate	mg/L	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.95	1.1
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	69	61	69	69
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	mg/L	4	7	4	7.6	6.6
Total phenolics	mg/L	0.32	0.31	ND	ND	0.14
EC	µS/c	NA	18000	15000	16000	17000

Samples highlighted in **Bold** exceed threshold criteria

ND = No Detection above Laboratory LOR

D – Trigger value may not protect key species from chronic toxicity, refer to ANZECC & ARM CANZ (2000) for further guidance

E - Interim working level, in absence of reliable trigger value

F - Trigger value for DDT used in absence of trigger value for total OCP

Q – Poor (acceptable) drinking water criteria, World Health Organisation Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality 2009

NA – Not Applicable

Table 4c – Groundwater Results Comparison October 2016

Sampling Parameter	Units	Threshold Criteria (mg/L)	MWC	MWC	MWC	MWC
			Jan 2016	Apr 2016	July 2016	Oct 2016
Calcium	mg/L	NA	56	290	55	67
Alkalinity (total)	mg/L	NA	750	660	730	630
Chloride	mg/L	NA	630	3700	610	770
Fluoride	mg/L	NA	0.34	0.3	0.24	0.34
Iron	mg/L	0.3 ^E	ND	0.038	0.006	ND
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	110	420	93	120
Manganese	mg/L	1.9 ^D	4.9	3.1	5.4	5.6
OCP	mg/L	0.00001 ^F	ND	ND	ND	ND
Potassium	mg/L	410 ^Q	0.9	1.4	1.0	1.1
pH	pH	6.5 – 8	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.1
Sodium	mg/L	NA	590	1900	580	620
Ammonia	mg/L	0.9 ^D	0.12	ND	0.05	0.04
Nitrate	mg/L	0.7	ND	4.9	0.15	ND
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	300	220	220	180
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	mg/L	4	21	9	24	24
Total phenolics	mg/L	0.32	ND	ND	ND	ND
EC	µS/c	NA	4300	9600	3300	3900

Samples highlighted in **Bold** exceed threshold criteria

ND = No Detection above Laboratory LOR

D – Trigger value may not protect key species from chronic toxicity, refer to ANZECC & ARM CANZ (2000) for further guidance

E - Interim working level, in absence of reliable trigger value

F - Trigger value for DDT used in absence of trigger value for total OCP

Q – Poor (acceptable) drinking water criteria, World Health Organisation Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality 2009

NA – Not Applicable

Table 4d – Groundwater Results Comparison October 2016

Sampling Parameter	Units	Threshold	MWD	MWD	MWD	MWD
		Criteria (mg/L)	(leachate) Jan 2016	(leachate) Apr 2016	(leachate) July 2016	(leachate) Oct 2016
Calcium	mg/L	NA	170	160	250	210
Alkalinity (total)	mg/L	NA	1200	2200	1200	1600
Chloride	mg/L	NA	1000	2600	1000	1600
Fluoride	mg/L	NA	0.32	0.3	0.14	0.27
Iron	mg/L	0.3 ^E	0.33	2.2	0.52	1.2
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	110	230	120	150
Manganese	mg/L	1.9 ^D	0.87	0.45	0.960	0.6
OCP	mg/L	0.00001 ^F	ND	ND	ND	ND
Potassium	mg/L	410 ^Q	110	180	120	140
pH	pH	6.5 – 8	7.3	7.7	7.3	7.3
Sodium	mg/L	NA	690	1900	630	1000
Ammonia	mg/L	0.9 ^D	110	210	80	150
Nitrate	mg/L	0.7	ND	ND	ND	ND
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	18	35	140	110
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	mg/L	4	140	290	140	200
Total phenolics	mg/L	0.32	0.47	ND	0.01	0.07
EC	µS/c	NA	5800	9600	5200	7800

Samples highlighted in **Bold** exceed threshold criteria

ND = No Detection above Laboratory LOR

D – Trigger value may not protect key species from chronic toxicity, refer to ANZECC & ARMCANZ (2000) for further guidance

E - Interim working level, in absence of reliable trigger value

F - Trigger value for DDT used in absence of trigger value for total OCP

Q – Poor (acceptable) drinking water criteria, World Health Organisation Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality 2009

NA – Not Applicable

As MWD is within the perched landfill leachate water table, the Threshold Criteria are only applicable as indicators of general water quality for comparison to the wells surrounding the landfill. Exceedances of the Threshold Criteria for MWD are expected and do not indicate contamination is leaving the site.

Table 4e – Groundwater Results Comparison October 2016

Sampling Parameter	Units	Threshold Criteria (mg/L)	MWE	MWE	MWE	MWE
			Jan 2016	Apr 2016	July 2016	Oct 2016
Calcium	mg/L	NA	80	67	57	61
Alkalinity (total)	mg/L	NA	750	890	970	900
Chloride	mg/L	NA	850	640	470	560
Fluoride	mg/L	NA	0.35	0.5	0.30	0.41
Iron	mg/L	0.3 ^E	0.019	0.034	0.021	0.012
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	79	72	66	67
Manganese	mg/L	1.9 ^D	0.23	0.24	0.43	0.110
OCP	mg/L	0.00001 ^F	ND	ND	ND	ND
Potassium	mg/L	410 ^Q	1.1	0.9	1.6	1.3
pH	pH	6.5 – 8	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.3
Sodium	mg/L	NA	690	840	610	650
Ammonia	mg/L	0.9 ^D	0.12	0.026	0.04	0.04
Nitrate	mg/L	0.7	ND	0.01	ND	ND
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	200	160	110	120
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	mg/L	4	10	7	16	16
Total phenolics	mg/L	0.32	0.02	ND	ND	0.01
EC	µS/c	NA	4600	3200	3100	3600

Samples highlighted in **Bold** exceed threshold criteria

ND = No Detection above Laboratory LOR

D – Trigger value may not protect key species from chronic toxicity, refer to ANZECC & ARMCANZ (2000) for further guidance

E - Interim working level, in absence of reliable trigger value

F - Trigger value for DDT used in absence of trigger value for total OCP

Q – Poor (acceptable) drinking water criteria, World Health Organisation Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality 2009

NA – Not Applicable

5.0 DISCUSSION

Due to the sites topography, the inferred hydraulic gradient is generally to the west. Wells MWA, MWB and MWC are located down-hydraulic gradient of the landfill. Well MWE is considered to be up-hydraulic gradient of the landfill. Well MWD is located within the perched landfill water table, being the leachate within the landfill.

The water sampled from well MWD is landfill leachate and as such the Threshold Criteria is not used as a comparison, only as an indicator of current conditions. MWD is to be used as a general indicator of water quality within the landfill for comparison to the external monitoring wells.

The following exceedances of the Threshold Criteria occurred in the October 2016 sampling event:

- MWC exceeded the Manganese Threshold Criteria (1.9 mg/L) with a concentration of 5.6 mg/L. This is an increase from the July 2016 concentration of 5.4 mg/L and is the highest reading to date. Well MWD, the leachate well, had a minor detect of manganese, providing no indication that the Manganese is sourced from the landfill. Well MWE up-hydraulic gradient of MWC and MWD also had a minor detection reported for Manganese. The Manganese may be migrating onto the site through the local ground water.
- Nitrate in MWB exceeded the Threshold Criteria (0.7 mg/L) with a concentration of 1.1 mg/L. This is an increase from the 0.95 mg/L reported in July 2016. Exceedances of nitrate have been consistent in MWB since October 2016. Well MWD the leachate well, had minor detection of Nitrate, giving no indication that the Nitrate in the affected wells is sourced from the landfill. The Nitrate may be migrating onto the site from the farmland to the north through the local ground water.
- Exceedances of the Threshold Criteria (4 mg/L) for TOC occurred in wells MWA, MWB, MWC and MWE. MWA exceeded the Threshold Criteria (4 mg/L) with a TOC reading of 6.2 mg/L, increasing slightly from the July 2016 reading of 6.1 mg/L. MWB decreased to 6.6 mg/L from the July 2016 sampling event of 7.6 mg/L. MWC has exceeded the Threshold criteria (4 mg/L) consistently since October 2015 with the past two readings being the highest recorded exceedance (24 mg/L). MWE has exceeded the Threshold criteria (4 mg/L) consistently since October 2015 with the past two readings being the highest recorded exceedance (16 mg/L). The Threshold Criteria used for TOC is intended for drinking water, not groundwater. Due to the magnitude of the exceedances and the intention of the Threshold Criteria used, these exceedances are regarded as minor. The TOC concentration in MWE indicates that TOC is likely to be elevated in the local groundwater.

The following changes and detections occurred in the landfill leachate well MWD;

- Ammonia concentration has increased to 150 mg/L from the July 2016 concentration of 80 mg/L and has consistently been substantially higher than in the surrounding wells;
- Iron concentration has decreased to a minor detect from the July 2016 concentration of 0.52 mg/L.
- TOC concentration has increased to 200 mg/L from the July 2016 sampling event (140 mg/L).

All other analytes in all other wells reported detections which were within the Threshold Criteria.

Refer to **Attachment 3** – Data Log

The data will be viewed on a trending basis as more results become available.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

The results of laboratory analysis of the samples collected from the Scone Waste Landfill during the October 2016 quarterly sampling event confirmed several exceedances of the Threshold Criteria in the wells external to the landfill. The Threshold Criteria are sourced from the ANZECC 2000 Guidelines for Fresh Water 95% level of protection, NEPM 2013 and Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011.

The following analytes exceeded the Threshold Criteria during the October 2016 sampling event; Manganese in MWC, Nitrate in MWC, TOC in MWA, MWB, MWC and MWE. There were no other exceedances of the Threshold Criteria in the wells surrounding the landfill.

Some exceedances have been explained by local conditions or regarded as minor due to the criteria being Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. Trending of these analytes over time may indicate a seasonal fluctuation of regional groundwater conditions. All remaining exceedances are in MWD which is the leachate monitoring well. Exceeding concentrations in MWD are substantially higher than other wells, this indicates that it is unlikely that releases of landfill leachate into the local groundwater are occurring.

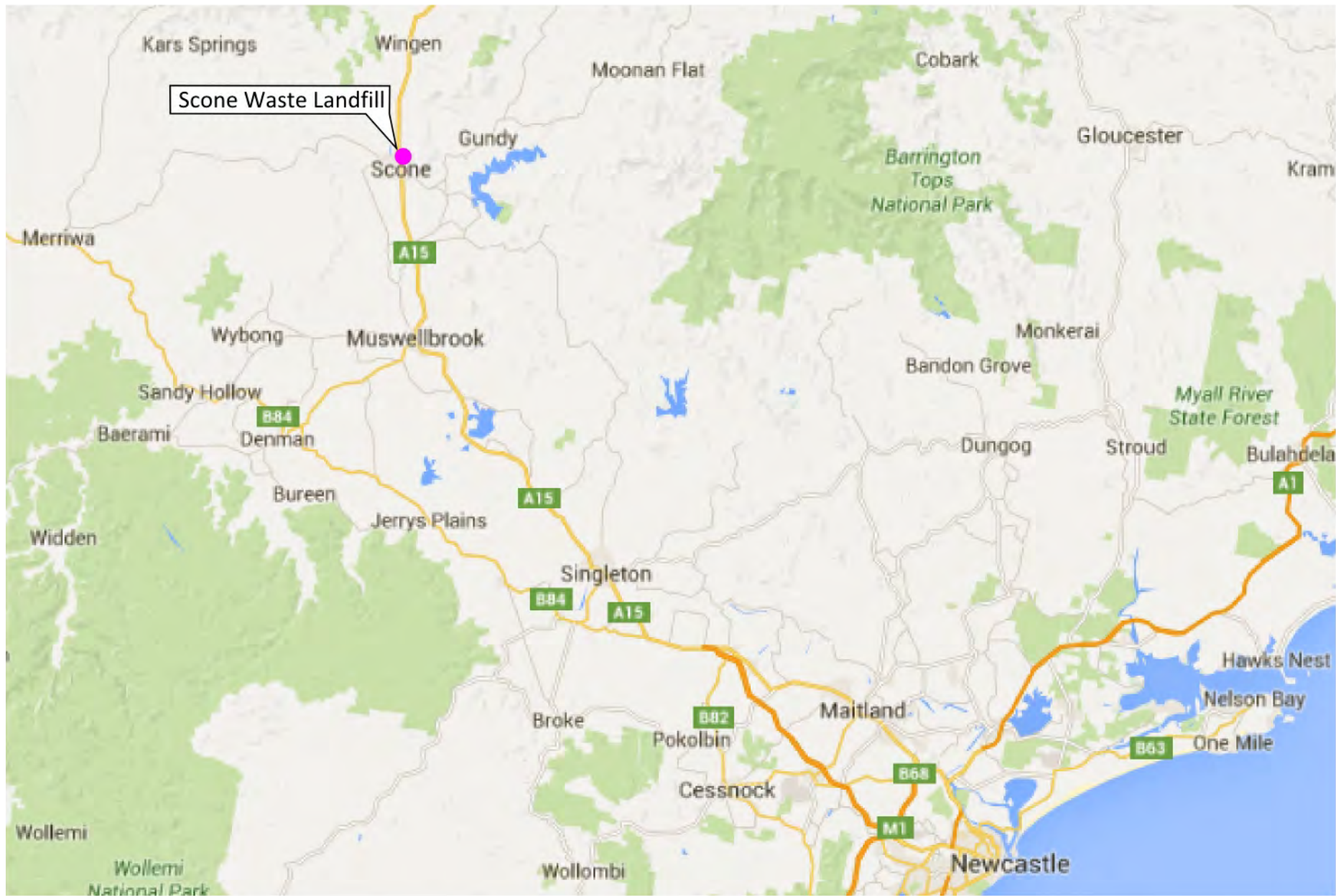
The elevated concentrations of Manganese, Nitrate, TOC in the landfill external wells does not indicate the concentrations are due to the landfill leachate, future testing and trending of data will allow for appropriate comparisons. Further monitoring may reveal the source and extent of elevated concentrations of particular analytes. As more data becomes available, it will become clearer which analytes are consistently elevated and may allow for determining the source of contamination.

The next water sampling event will be the annual monitoring which will be undertaken in January 2017.

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FIGURE 1 – SITE LOCATION REGIONAL

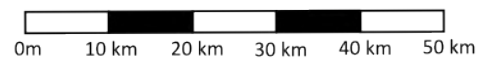


Legend

● Site location - Noblet Rd, Scone



Approximate Scale



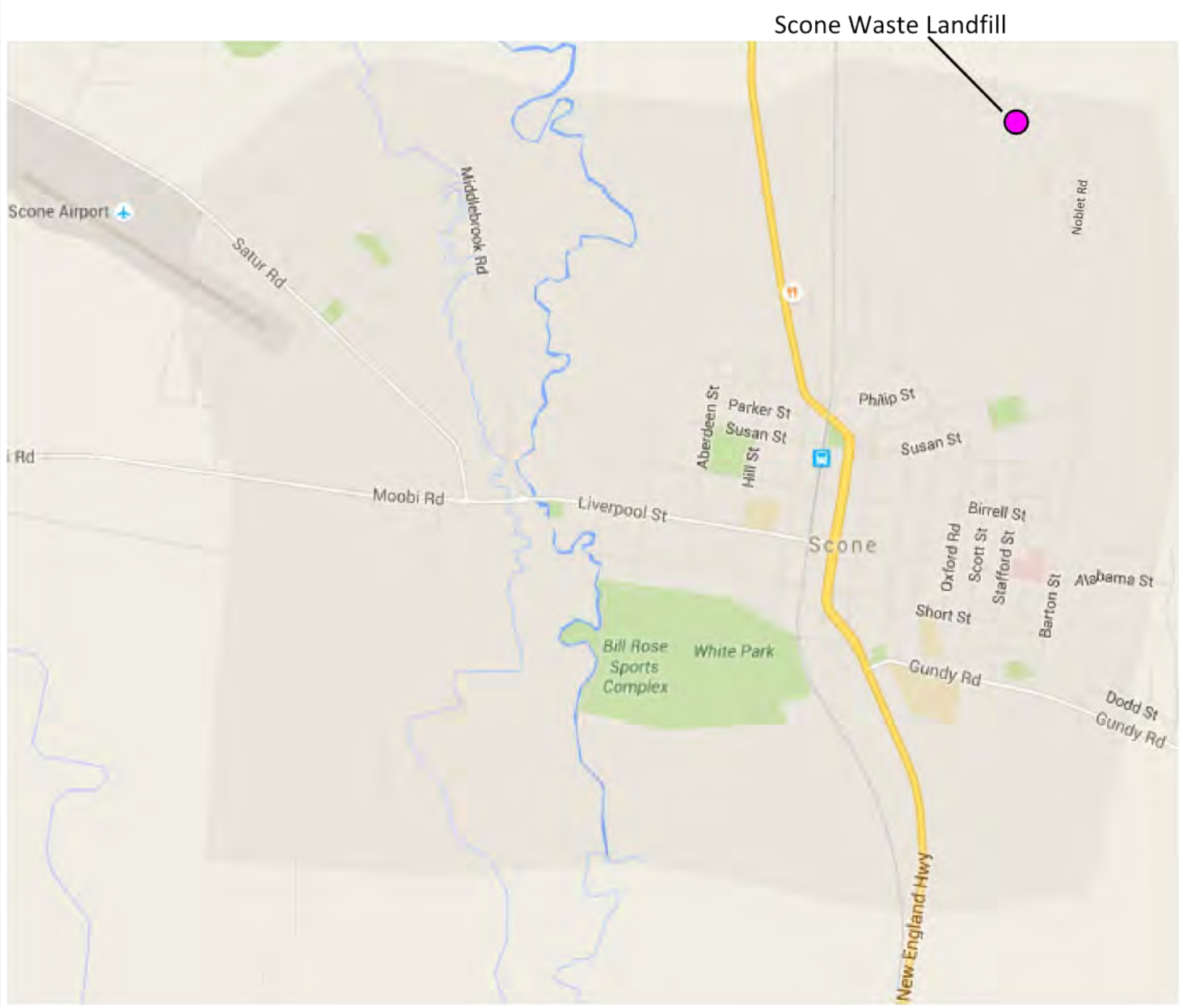
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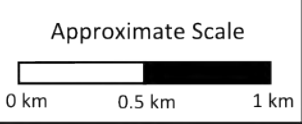
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FIGURE 2 – SITE LOCATION LOCAL



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● Site Location - Noblet Rd, Scone



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FIGURE 3 - SITE LAYOUT WITH SAMPLE LOCATIONS



Legend

● Groundwater well location



Approximate Scale
 0m 50m 100m



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Title Site layout with sample locations			
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ATTACHMENT 1 – NATA CERTIFIED ANALYTICAL RESULTS

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COMMENTS

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OC Pesticides in Water [AN400/AN420] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Alpha BHC	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Lindane (gamma BHC)	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Heptachlor	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Aldrin	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Beta BHC	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Delta BHC	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Heptachlor epoxide	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
o,p'-DDE	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Alpha Endosulfan	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Gamma Chlordane	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Alpha Chlordane	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
trans-Nonachlor	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
p,p'-DDE	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Dieldrin	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Endrin	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
o,p'-DDD	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
o,p'-DDT	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Beta Endosulfan	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
p,p'-DDD	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
p,p'-DDT	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Endosulfan sulphate	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Endrin aldehyde	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Methoxychlor	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Endrin ketone	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Isodrin	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Mirex	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1



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Total Phenolics in Water [AN289] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Total Phenols	mg/L	0.01	0.22	0.14	<0.01	0.07	0.01

Forms of Carbon [AN190] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Total Organic Carbon as NPOC	mg/L	0.2	6.2	6.6	24	200	16

Ammonia Nitrogen by Discrete Analyser (Aquakem) [AN291] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Ammonia Nitrogen, NH ₃ as N	mg/L	0.01	0.14	0.09	0.04	150	0.04

Anions by Ion Chromatography in Water [AN245] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Chloride	mg/L	1	7400	6000	770	1600	560
Sulphate, SO4	mg/L	1	37	69	180	110	120
Fluoride	mg/L	0.1	0.15	0.22	0.34	0.27	0.41
Nitrate Nitrogen, NO3-N	mg/L	0.005	0.50	1.1	<0.025 †	<0.025 †	<0.025 †

pH in water [AN101] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
pH**	No unit	-	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.3

Conductivity and TDS by Calculation - Water [AN106] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Conductivity @ 25 C	µS/cm	2	21000	17000	3900	7800	3600
Total Dissolved Solids (by calculation)	mg/L	2	12000	10000	2400	4700	2100



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Alkalinity [AN135] Tested: 11/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L	5	430	360	630	1600	900
Carbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Hydroxide Alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Phenolphthalein Alkalinity as CaCO3*	mg/L	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L	5	430	360	630	1600	900



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Acidity and Free CO2 [AN140] Tested: 11/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Acidity to pH 8.3	mg CaCO3/L	5	200	150	86	250	110



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Metals in Water (Dissolved) by ICPOES [AN320/AN321] Tested: 11/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
			6/10/2016 SE157863.001	6/10/2016 SE157863.002	6/10/2016 SE157863.003	6/10/2016 SE157863.004	6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Calcium, Ca	mg/L	0.1	580	600	67	210	61
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	0.1	1100	830	120	150	67
Sodium, Na	mg/L	0.1	2100	1800	620	1000	650
Potassium, K	mg/L	0.2	4.4	3.6	1.1	140	1.3

Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS [AN318] Tested: 10/10/2016

PARAMETER	UOM	LOR	MWA	MWB	MWC	MWD	MWE
			WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.001	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.002	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.003	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.004	WATER - 6/10/2016 SE157863.005
Iron, Fe	µg/L	5	<5	6	<5	1200	12
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	1	20	8	5600	600	110

METHOD

METHODOLOGY SUMMARY

- AN020** Unpreserved water sample is filtered through a 0.45µm membrane filter and acidified with nitric acid similar to APHA3030B.
- AN101** pH in Soil Sludge Sediment and Water: pH is measured electrometrically using a combination electrode (glass plus reference electrode) and is calibrated against 3 buffers purchased commercially. For soils, an extract with water is made at a ratio of 1:5 and the pH determined and reported on the extract. Reference APHA 4500-H+.
- AN106** Conductivity and TDS by Calculation: Conductivity is measured by meter with temperature compensation and is calibrated against a standard solution of potassium chloride. Conductivity is generally reported as µmhos/cm or µS/cm @ 25°C. For soils, an extract with water is made at a ratio of 1:5 and the EC determined and reported on the extract, or calculated back to the as-received sample. Total Dissolved Salts can be estimated from conductivity using a conversion factor, which for natural waters, is in the range 0.55 to 0.75. SGS use 0.6. Reference APHA 2510 B.
- AN135** Alkalinity (and forms of) by Titration: The sample is titrated with standard acid to pH 8.3 (P titre) and pH 4.5 (T titre) and permanent and/or total alkalinity calculated. The results are expressed as equivalents of calcium carbonate or recalculated as bicarbonate, carbonate and hydroxide. Reference APHA 2320. Internal Reference AN135
- AN140** Acidity by Titration: The water sample is titrated with sodium hydroxide to designated pH end point. In a sample containing only carbon dioxide, bicarbonates and carbonates, titration to pH 8.3 at 25°C corresponds to stoichiometric neutralisation of carbonic acid to bicarbonate. Method reference APHA 2310 B.
- AN190** TOC and DOC in Water: A homogenised micro portion of sample is injected into a heated reaction chamber packed with an oxidative catalyst that converts organic carbon to carbon dioxide. The CO₂ is measured using a non-dispersive infrared detector. The process is fully automated in a commercially available analyser. If required a sugar value can be calculated from the TOC result. Reference APHA 5310 B.
- AN190** Chemical oxygen demand can be calculated/estimated based on the O₂/C relation as 2.67*NPOC (TOC). This is an estimate only and the factor will vary with sample matrix so results should be interpreted with caution.
- AN245** Anions by Ion Chromatography: A water sample is injected into an eluent stream that passes through the ion chromatographic system where the anions of interest ie Br, Cl, NO₂, NO₃ and SO₄ are separated on their relative affinities for the active sites on the column packing material. Changes to the conductivity and the UV-visible absorbance of the eluent enable identification and quantitation of the anions based on their retention time and peak height or area. APHA 4110 B
- AN289** Analysis of Total Phenols in Soil Sediment and Water: Steam distillable phenols react with 4-aminoantipyrine at pH 7.9±0.1 in the presence of potassium ferricyanide to form a coloured antipyrine dye analysed by Discrete Analyser. Reference APHA 5530 B/D.
- AN291** Ammonia in solution reacts with hypochlorite ions from Sodium Dichloroisocyanate, and salicylate in the presence of Sodium Nitroprusside to form indophenol blue and measured at 670 nm by Discrete Analyser.
- AN318** Determination of elements at trace level in waters by ICP-MS technique, in accordance with USEPA 6020A.
- AN320/AN321** Metals by ICP-OES: Samples are preserved with 10% nitric acid for a wide range of metals and some non-metals. This solution is measured by Inductively Coupled Plasma. Solutions are aspirated into an argon plasma at 8000-10000K and emit characteristic energy or light as a result of electron transitions through unique energy levels. The emitted light is focused onto a diffraction grating where it is separated into components .
- AN320/AN321** Photomultipliers or CCDs are used to measure the light intensity at specific wavelengths. This intensity is directly proportional to concentration. Corrections are required to compensate for spectral overlap between elements . Reference APHA 3120 B.
- AN400** OC and OP Pesticides by GC-ECD: The determination of organochlorine (OC) and organophosphorus (OP) pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in soils, sludges and groundwater. (Based on USEPA methods 3510, 3550, 8140 and 8080.)
- AN420** SVOC Compounds: Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) including OC, OP, PCB, Herbicides, PAH, Phthalates and Speciated Phenols in soils, sediments and waters are determined by GCMS/ECD technique following appropriate solvent extraction process (Based on USEPA 3500C and 8270D).
- Calculation** Free and Total Carbon Dioxide may be calculated using alkalinity forms only when the samples TDS is <500mg/L. If TDS is >500mg/L free or total carbon dioxide cannot be reported . APHA4500CO₂ D.

FOOTNOTES

*	NATA accreditation does not cover the performance of this service.	-	Not analysed.	UOM	Unit of Measure.
**	Indicative data, theoretical holding time exceeded.	NVL	Not validated.	LOR	Limit of Reporting.
		IS	Insufficient sample for analysis.	↑↓	Raised/lowered Limit of Reporting.
		LNR	Sample listed, but not received.		

Samples analysed as received.
Solid samples expressed on a dry weight basis.

Where "Total" analyte groups are reported (for example, Total PAHs, Total OC Pesticides) the total will be calculated as the sum of the individual analytes, with those analytes that are reported as <LOR being assumed to be zero. The summed (Total) limit of reporting is calculated by summing the individual analyte LORs and dividing by two. For example, where 16 individual analytes are being summed and each has an LOR of 0.1 mg/kg, the "Totals" LOR will be 1.6 / 2 (0.8 mg/kg). Where only 2 analytes are being summed, the "Total" LOR will be the sum of those two LORs.

Some totals may not appear to add up because the total is rounded after adding up the raw values.

If reported, measurement uncertainty follow the ± sign after the analytical result and is expressed as the expanded uncertainty calculated using a coverage factor of 2, providing a level of confidence of approximately 95%, unless stated otherwise in the comments section of this report.

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Note that in terms of units of radioactivity:

- a. 1 Bq is equivalent to 27 pCi
- b. 37 MBq is equivalent to 1 mCi

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ATTACHMENT 2 – YSI WATER QUALITY METER CALIBRATION CERTIFICATE

Multi Parameter Water Meter



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Instrument YSI Quatro Pro Plus
Serial No. 10H100319

Item	Test	Pass	Comments
Battery	Charge Condition	✓	
	Fuses	✓	
	Capacity	✓	
Switch/keypad Display	Operation	✓	
	Intensity	✓	
	Operation (segments)	✓	
Grill Filter	Condition	✓	
	Seal	✓	
PCB	Condition	✓	
Connectors	Condition	✓	
Sensor	1. pH	✓	
	2. mV	✓	
	3. EC	✓	
	4. D.O	✓	
	5. Temp	✓	
Alarms	Beeper		
	Settings		
Software	Version		
Data logger	Operation		
Download	Operation		
Other tests:			

Certificate of Calibration

This is to certify that the above instrument has been calibrated to the following specifications:

Sensor	Serial no	Standard Solutions	Certified	Solution Bottle Number	Instrument Reading
1. pH 7.00		pH 7.00		NH1818	pH 6.97
2. pH 4.00		pH 4.00		NF1636	pH 4.05
3. mV		231.8mV		NK1960/NK1959	231.8mV
4. EC		2.76mS		NH1109	2.77mS
5. D.O		0.00ppm		4005	0.00ppm
6. Temp		21.1°C		MultiTherm	21.1°C

Calibrated by:

Sophie Boler

Calibration date:

28/09/2016

Next calibration due:

28/10/2016

ATTACHMENT 3 – DATA LOG
