

Annual Review 2025/26

Porta Products Pty Ltd (Formally Borg Manufacturing, Borg Panels, Australian Panels)

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Porta Products

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<i>I, Richard Kaine, certify that this Annual Review provides a true and accurate record of the compliance status of Porta Products Pty Ltd – Oberon Facility for the period 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026, and that I am authorised to make this statement on behalf of Porta Products Pty Ltd.</i> <i>Note: a) This Annual Review constitutes an environmental audit for the purposes of section 122B(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Section 122E prohibits the inclusion of false or misleading information in an audit report. Maximum penalties apply: \$1 million for corporations and \$250,000 for individuals. b) The Crimes Act 1900 contains additional offences relating to false or misleading information, including section 192G (intention to defraud by false or misleading statement – maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment) and sections 307A–307C (false or misleading applications/information/documents – maximum penalty 2 years imprisonment, \$22,000, or both).</i>	
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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This Annual Review has been prepared for the Porta Products Pty Ltd Oberon facility (formerly Borg Manufacturing, Borg Panels and Australian Panels - referred to herein as the 'Development') and covers the reporting period 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026. The Review has been prepared to satisfy Condition C11 of Development Consent SSD 7016, issued by the Minister for Planning on 29 May 2017, which requires the Applicant to report annually on the environmental performance of the Development.

The Development is located at 124 Lowes Mount Road, Oberon, and comprises three medium-density fibreboard (MDF) plants, a particleboard manufacturing plant and a mouldings manufacturing plant.

This Annual Review is submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Oberon Council to ensure all relevant stakeholders are informed of the environmental performance of the Development. The Review is also made publicly available on the Porta Products Oberon website:

[BORG - Oberon NSW \(borgs.com.au\)](http://borgs.com.au)

Porta Products Pty Ltd ('Porta') generally maintained compliance with all relevant approvals and licences during the reporting period. Two exceptions were identified under EPL 3035 Conditions L2.5 and O2.1, as summarised in Table 1. These matters are discussed in detail in Section 4.4 Surface Water and Section 7.2 Non-Conformances.

Table 1 Compliance

Relevant approval	Condition	Condition description (summary)	Compliance status	Comment	Where addressed in Annual Review
SSD 7016	C11	Annual review	Compliant		1.4 Annual Review Requirements
WAL28951	N/A	Aquifer extraction	Compliant		1.6 Water Licenses
EPL 3035	Section 3 L2.4	Air Quality	Compliant		4.3 Air Monitoring
EPL 3035	Section 3 L2.5	Water Quality	Compliant		4.4 Surface Water
EPL 3035	Section 3 L4.1	Noise	Compliant	One night-time exceedance of 1 dB; retest within one week confirmed compliance	4.6 Noise
EPL 3035	O3.1–O3.6	Dust lift off event	Non-compliant	Invitation to Show Cause (SR-8186) submitted to EPA	7.2 Non-Conformances
EPL 3035	R3	Fire at SUNDS energy plant	N/A	Self-reported to EPA Pollution Hotline in accordance with PIRMP	7.2 Non-Conformances
SSD 7016 EPL 3035	C17 M5/m6	Complaints	N/A	Community complaints Register	5 Community Relations

1.2 Introduction

The Development forms part of the broader Oberon Timber Complex (OTC) and is a major regional manufacturing facility producing a wide range of medium-density fibreboard (MDF) and particleboard products. Products manufactured at the facility during the reporting period include:

- Standard MDF
- Moisture-resistant MDF
- E0 low-formaldehyde MDF
- Ultraprime MDF mouldings
- Decorative laminated MDF and particleboard
- Treated paper for lamination
- Raw standard particleboard for joinery and laminating applications
- Raw moisture-resistant particleboard for joinery and laminating applications
- Particleboard flooring for structural applications

Figure 1 Regional context



1.3 Consent

Development Consent SSD 7016 was issued by the Minister for Planning on 29 May 2017. The consent authorises the construction and operation of a particleboard manufacturing facility, together with the continuation, alteration and expansion of the existing medium-density fibreboard (MDF) facilities at the Oberon site.

Since its issue, SSD 7016 has been modified five times. These modifications have supported operational improvements, environmental performance, and site infrastructure upgrades. A summary of each modification is provided below.

SSD 7016 MOD 1 – Site Layout Changes (Approved 20 November 2018)

Condition A26 of SSD 7016 required the Development to modify DA27/95; however, compliance with this condition was not achievable. Porta submitted a Section 96 Modification Application seeking removal of Condition A26. MOD 1 also included:

- Minor reorientation of the particleboard materials-handling building
- An increase in the warehouse footprint
- Amendments to the northern stormwater management system

The Department approved MOD 1 on 20 November 2018.

SSD 7016 MOD 2 – Gas Turbine Installation (Approved 29 November 2019)

MOD 2 enabled installation of:

- A high-pressure natural gas pipeline connection
- A gas turbine and ancillary equipment
- Systems to utilise waste exhaust heat within the particleboard manufacturing process

These works improved energy efficiency and supported integration of heat recovery into production processes. Approval was granted on 29 November 2019.

SSD 7016 MOD 3 – Materials Handling and Stormwater System Upgrades (Approved 22 May 2020)

MOD 3 included several upgrades to improve operational efficiency and site water management, including:

- Installation of additional materials-handling equipment to improve separation of undesirable materials in recycled wood
- Construction of an enclosed awning at the northern end of the Northern Warehouse to optimise truck loading/unloading
- Reclamation of the overflow effluent pond and reinstatement at a new location to facilitate additional hardstand
- Modifications to stormwater swales and ponds to support hardstand construction
- Separation of surface water flows between the Development and the adjacent AKD (formerly Highland Pine Panels) site
- Construction of a new AKD discharge point

Approval was granted on 22 May 2020.

SSD 7016 MOD 4 – Hardstand Expansion, Workshop Relocation and Water Treatment Upgrades (Approved 20 May 2022)

MOD 4 involved a series of infrastructure improvements, including:

- Reclamation of the remaining portion of the man-made spring-fed dam to expand hardstand area and facilitate relocation of the site mechanic's workshop
- Modernisation of the multidaylight MDF press and associated exhaust air systems
- Enclosure of the water treatment biological tanks
- Installation of additional reverse-osmosis water production capacity
- Construction of a new bunded chemical storage shed for the water treatment plant
- Construction of an additional lined effluent storage dam

- Construction of a new internal road to improve traffic flow
- Approval was granted on 20 May 2022.

SSD 7016 MOD 5 – Mechanical Workshop Expansion (Approved 23 April 2024)

MOD 5 included minor alterations and additions to the mechanical workshop, including:

- Three additional workshop bays (increasing capacity from seven to ten)
- Additional first-floor storage
- Minor office updates
- Installation of a dedicated automated truck-washing machine
- Improved parking and manoeuvring areas for large vehicles

These changes were justified to:

- Support existing operational requirements
- Provide adequate workshop capacity for a growing vehicle fleet
- Improve safety by reducing outdoor mechanical work
- Enhance efficiency of vehicle servicing and site logistics

Approval was granted on 23 April 2024.

A summary of all development consents and approved modifications applicable to the Development is provided in Table 2. These consents collectively authorise the construction, operation and ongoing improvement of the MDF and particleboard manufacturing facilities at the Oberon site.

Table 2 Facility Development Consents

Consent Description	Approval Date	Approval Authority	Approved Development
Development Consent SSD 7016	29 May 2017	NSW Minister for Planning	Construction and operation of a particleboard facility, and continuation, alteration and expansion of the existing medium-density fibreboard facility.
Development Consent SSD 7016 MOD 1	20 November 2018	NSW Minister for Planning	Site layout changes, including reorientation of the particleboard materials-handling building, increased warehouse footprint, amendments to northern stormwater management, and surrender of DA27/95.
Development Consent SSD 7016 MOD 2	29 November 2019	NSW Minister for Planning	Installation of an electricity-generating gas turbine, high-pressure natural gas pipeline connection, and ancillary equipment to support heat-recovery integration into the particleboard manufacturing process.
Development Consent SSD 7016 MOD 3	22 May 2020	NSW Minister for Planning	Installation of additional materials-handling equipment, extension of the Northern Warehouse, upgrades to the site stormwater system, reclamation and relocation of the overflow effluent pond, and separation of surface water flows between Porta and the adjacent AKD site.

Consent Description	Approval Date	Approval Authority	Approved Development
Development Consent SSD 7016 MOD 4	20 May 2022	NSW Minister for Planning	Reclamation of the remaining portion of the spring-fed dam, expansion of hardstand area, relocation of the mechanic's workshop, modernisation of the multidaylight press and exhaust systems, enclosure of biological treatment tanks, installation of additional reverse-osmosis water production, construction of a bunded chemical storage shed, construction of a lined effluent storage dam, and construction of a new internal road.
Development Consent SSD 7016 MOD 5	23 April 2024	NSW Minister for Planning	Minor alterations and additions to the mechanical workshop, including three additional workshop bays, expanded first-floor storage, minor office updates, installation of a dedicated automated truck-washing machine, improved parking for large vehicles, and removal of the refuelling station.

1.4 Annual Review Requirements

Condition C11 of Development Consent SSD 7016 requires the Applicant to prepare and submit an Annual Review each year, detailing the environmental performance of the Development. The specific requirements of Condition C11 and the sections of this Annual Review where each requirement is addressed are summarised in Table 3.

Table 3 Annual Review Requirements

Development Consent SSD 7016 – Condition C11	Section of Annual Review
By 31 July 2017, and each year thereafter, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must review and submit a report to the Secretary detailing the environmental performance of the Development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This review must:	This Report
(a) describe the development that was carried out during the reporting period, and the development that is proposed to be carried out over the next reporting period;	Section 2 Section 8
(b) include a comprehensive review of the monitoring results and complaints records of the Development over the previous reporting period, which includes a comparison of these results against the: i. relevant statutory requirements, limits or performance measures/criteria; ii. requirements of any plan or program required under this consent; iii. the monitoring results of previous years; and iv. the relevant predictions in the EIS;	Section 4 Section 5
(c) identify any non-compliance during the reporting period, and describe what actions were (or are being) taken to ensure compliance;	Section 4 Section 7
(d) identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the Development;	Section 4
(e) identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the Development, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and	Section 4
(f) describe what measures will be implemented over the next reporting period to improve the environmental performance of the Development.	Section 8

1.5 Environment Protection Licence

The Development operates in accordance with Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 3035, issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 14 February 2001 under Section 55 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. The current licence version is dated 5 May 2025.

EPL 3035 was varied during the reporting period to update several operational limits and administrative conditions. Key changes included:

- Increase in the maximum licensed Urban Wood Residue (UWR) intake from 200,000 tonnes per annum to 440,000 tonnes per annum, with no more than 40,000 tonnes stored on site at any one time.
- Removal of the percentage-based UWR usage limit, with compliance now demonstrated through air emission monitoring at licensed discharge points.
- Removal of supplier restrictions to ensure consistency with the Resource Recovery Order/Exemption (RRO/RRE) and the Borg Urban Wood Residue Quality Control Plan.

These variations reflect updated operational requirements and ensure alignment with current EPA regulatory frameworks for resource recovery and air quality management.

1.6 Water Licences

Porta holds a Water Access Licence (WAL28951) for groundwater extraction under the Water Management Act 2000. Licence details are provided in Table 4. No spring water was harvested during the reporting period.

Table 4 Water Licences

Approval Details	Approval Number	Validity of Licence	Approval Kind	Extraction Limit
WAL28951	80WA715797	16 January 2012 – 01 March 2026	Water Extraction	28 Units

1.7 Trade Waste Licence

Porta's Trade Waste Service Contract with Oberon Council, which previously authorised discharge of liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system, was not renewed during the reporting period. All liquid trade waste generated at the Development is now treated on-site in accordance with the Operational Environmental Management Plan and relevant environmental controls.

1.8 Environmental Management Plans

In accordance with Schedule 2, Part C of SSD 7016, construction activities continue to be undertaken in accordance with the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), and operational activities in accordance with the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) and associated sub-plans.

Consistent with Condition C10 – Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs, all environmental management plans were reviewed during the reporting period, with minor amendments made where required to reflect changes in site operations and ongoing compliance obligations.

The following plans were updated during the reporting period:

- Traffic Management
- Waste Management
- Noise Management
- Mobile Wood Chipper Management
- Erosion and Sediment Management
- Spring Fed Dam Reclamation Management Plan
- Operational Noise Management
- Surface Water Management
- Waste Management
- Operational Air Management
- Urban Wood Residue Management Plan

These updates ensure that environmental controls remain current, effective and aligned with SSD 7016, EPL 3035 and best-practice environmental management.

1.9 Contacts

Personnel responsible for environmental management and regulatory compliance at the Development are listed in Table 5.

Table 5 Site Personnel

Name	Title	Contact Details
Richard Kaine	Facility Manager	0409 151 094
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Andrew Brady	Environmental Manager	0447 765 913

1.10 Actions Required from Previous Annual Review

The actions identified in the 2024/25 Annual Review for implementation during the 2025/26 reporting period are summarised in Table 6, together with the outcomes achieved during this reporting period.

Table 6 Proposed Activities in 2026/27 Reporting Period

Activities Proposed in 2024/25 Reporting Period	Results achieved in 2025/26 Reporting Period
Ongoing implementation of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) for the existing Development and the project.	The OEMP, CEMP and associated sub-plans continued to be implemented throughout the reporting period. Environmental inspections were undertaken at least monthly, with actions recorded, assigned and tracked through DataStation until close-out. All plans were reviewed and updated where required to reflect changes in site operations and in accordance with SSD 7016 Condition C10.
Continue implementation of management and mitigation measures required under SSD 7016, including additional conditions introduced through MOD 1, MOD 2, MOD 3, MOD 4 and MOD 5	All relevant management and mitigation measures continued to be implemented. Additional conditions introduced through MODs 1–5 were incorporated into Porta's Approvals and Licensing Compliance Register and monitored throughout the reporting period.

Complete works approved under MOD 4.	Works associated with MOD 4 commenced following approval and continued during the reporting period. The remaining portion of the spring-fed dam was filled as planned, with subsurface water flows continuing without disruption. Other MOD 4 projects did not commence during this reporting period and will continue into the next period.
Undertake rehabilitation works to areas disturbed by construction activities.	Rehabilitation works progressed across areas affected by construction. Stormwater swales re-established good groundcover, improving erosion control and reducing sediment mobilisation. Rehabilitation and minor modification works will continue to support effective stormwater management.
Discuss licensed water discharge points with the EPA to confirm suitability under EPL 3035.	Monitoring continued at the two separated water sources (EPA Point 28 and the HPP Swale). Porta maintained full compliance throughout the reporting period. Official handover of monitoring requirements and responsibility to AKD occurred on 1 January 2026.
Continue erosion and sediment control inspections and rectification works, and reinstate the original HPP swale design following completion of high-voltage electrical works.	Erosion and sediment controls were inspected regularly, with rectification works undertaken as required. Monitoring at EPA Point 28 and the HPP Swale confirmed full compliance. Earthworks remain ongoing, including upgrades to the stormwater system and installation of closed concrete transfer pipes beneath roadways.

2 Operations during the Reporting Period

2.1 Production

Development Consent SSD 7016 permits annual production of up to 380,000 m³ of medium-density fibreboard (MDF) and 500,000 m³ of particleboard. Production during the 2025/26 reporting period was within these approved limits.

The Development manufactured:

- 319,060 m³ of MDF, and
- 342,745 m³ of particleboard

In addition, the facility received and processed approximately 192,847 tonnes of Urban Wood Residue (UWR) in accordance with the Borg Urban Wood Residue Order and Exemption (March 2021). UWR continued to form a significant component of the particleboard manufacturing process.

2.2 Facility Improvements

A number of improvements to site infrastructure, plant and equipment were completed during the reporting period to enhance operational efficiency, environmental performance and product quality. Key improvements included:

- Upgrades to the particleboard UWR system, improving processing efficiency and enabling production of higher-quality board with increased recycled content.
- Replacement of dirt and gravel roads with concrete surfaces, reducing dust generation and improving traffic flow.
- Efficiency improvements to the water treatment plant, increasing utilisation of stormwater and reducing reliance on town water.
- Modifications to the C4 reject and dryer cyclones, improving separation efficiency and overall system performance.

- Maintenance works on the C2 cyclones, further reducing emissions and improving operational reliability.

Refer to Figure 2 for the location of key site infrastructure.

2.3 Site Activities

Operational and construction activities undertaken during the reporting period included:

- Earthworks to improve internal traffic flow, including installation of additional concrete roads to support access to the proposed mechanics workshop.
- Continued receipt and inspection of recycled wood materials under the Borg Urban Wood Residue Order and Exemption (March 2021), supporting ongoing inclusion of UWR in particleboard production.
- Completion of filling works to reclaim the spring-fed dam in the northeastern corner of the site, enabling future construction of the mechanics workshop while maintaining spring flow into the tributary leading to Kings Stockyard Creek.
- Additional earthworks continued to refine basin overflow and drainage structures.

Environmental management commitments implemented during the reporting period included:

- Operational activities undertaken in accordance with the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) and associated sub-plans.
- Construction activities undertaken in accordance with the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).
- Attended noise verification monitoring at required intervals.
- Air emission verification monitoring at licensed discharge points.
- Groundwater and stormwater quality sampling in accordance with EPL 3035 and SSD 7016.
- Routine environmental inspections across the site, with actions tracked through DataStation.
- Site-wide communication of environmental requirements through EHSR Alerts, toolbox talks and operational briefings.

2.4 Wood Recycling Program

During the reporting period, the Development continued to accept and process recycled wood materials in accordance with the Borg Panels Urban Wood Residue (UWR) Order and Exemption (March 2021). A total of 192,847 tonnes of UWR was received at the Oberon facility for inclusion in particleboard production.

UWR is aggregated at two main Porta-operated facilities in Sydney, where it undergoes initial inspection and quality control. Material delivered to Oberon is subject to a second inspection upon arrival. This inspection involves spreading the material across a hardstand area to allow visual assessment and removal of any unsuitable contaminants prior to processing. This two-stage inspection process ensures compliance with the UWR Order and

Exemption and maintains the quality of recycled material incorporated into particleboard manufacture.

Quarterly monitoring was undertaken at EPA Identification Point 32 (WESP) during the reporting period. All monitoring results were compliant with EPL 3035 requirements and confirmed that the use of UWR in the manufacturing process continued to operate within approved environmental limits.

Figure 2 SSD 7016 Approved Development Area



3 Waste Management

Waste generated at the Development is managed in accordance with the Waste Management Plan, which outlines procedures for segregation, recycling, reuse and lawful disposal. The facility prioritises recycling and resource recovery wherever practicable. Waste streams that cannot be reused or recycled are transported off-site to licensed waste facilities for lawful disposal in accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and relevant EPA guidelines.

3.1 Solid Waste

Solid waste generated at the Development during the reporting period was removed from site by licensed waste contractors and disposed of at authorised facilities. A summary of waste quantities transported off-site during the reporting period is provided in Table 7.

Table 7 Waste Management 2025/26

Month	Description				Destination
	Litres	m3	Tonnes	Waste	
Apr 2026			176.04	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			100.78	mixed commercial	Oberon Council Waste Depot
Mar 2026			200.3	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			251.5	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			120.48	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
	15000			waste oil	Sams Liquid Waste & Hire
			8.88	Bulky Large Waste Commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			8.46	Recycle	Bathurst Regional Council
Feb 2026			138.38	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			112.04	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			193.98	Bulky Large Waste Commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
Jan 2026			133.08	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			182.72	mixed waste	Bathurst Regional Council
			88.04	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
	10000			waste oil	Sams Liquid Waste & Hire
			12.82	Bulky Large Waste Commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
Dec 2025			164.02	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			153.92	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			114.64	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
	8700			waste oil	Renewable Oil Services
			13.86	Bulky Large Waste Commercial	Bathurst Regional Council

Nov 2025			177.26	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			326.4	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			101.36	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
Oct 2025			174.74	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			340.32	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			62.3	mixed commercial	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			15.24	mixed waste	Bathurst Regional Council
			17.04	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
	18000			waste oil	Sams Liquid Waste & Hire
			7.58	Bulky Large Waste Commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
Sep 2025			151.18	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			276.96	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			118.84	(blank)	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			6.94	Non-Recyclable Plastic	Oberon Council Waste Depot
Aug 2025			196.24	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			390.44	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			87.32	mixed waste	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			4.54	(blank)	Bathurst Regional Council
Jul 2025			134.92	ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			121.28	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
			31.88	mixed commercial	Oberon Council Waste Depot
	15000			waste oil	Sams Liquid Waste & Hire
			3.56	Non-Recyclable Plastic	Oberon Council Waste Depot
Jun 2025		265		ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot
		465		general	Oberon Council Waste Depot
			46.1	mixed commercial	Bathurst Regional Council
		430		Non-Recyclable Plastic	Oberon Council Waste Depot
May 2025		340		ash	Oberon Council Waste Depot

Waste types listed in Table 7 are further described below to clarify classification, handling and disposal pathways applied during the reporting period:

- General waste – includes a mixture of putrescible and non-putrescible materials generated from routine site operations.
- Waste requiring burial – consists of urea-formaldehyde residues, spade-able resin, paraffin wax bladders and ash materials. These wastes are disposed of at licensed facilities authorised to accept materials requiring burial.

- Non-recyclable plastic waste – a new classification introduced by Oberon Council. This category includes all soft plastics such as wrapping, strapping and general plastic waste that cannot be recycled.
- Building and demolition waste – includes concrete, metal and timber generated from construction and maintenance activities. These materials are recycled where appropriate through authorised facilities.
- Used oils – generated from plant process oil systems and the mechanical workshop. All waste oil is classified as trackable waste under the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014*. Waste oil generated during the reporting period was collected by suitably licensed transporters and taken to licensed waste facilities for recycling. Multiple transporters were utilised during the reporting period to ensure reliability of collection services.

3.2 Trade Waste

Porta's Trade Waste Service Contract with Oberon Council, which previously authorised discharge of liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system, was not renewed during the reporting period. As a result, no liquid trade waste was discharged off-site. All liquid trade waste generated at the Development was treated on-site in accordance with the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) and relevant environmental controls.

4 Environmental Monitoring and Performance

4.1 Environmental Management System

The Development operates under the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP), as outlined in Section 1.8. The OEMP establishes the environmental management framework for the facility, ensuring appropriate controls, monitoring programs and mitigation measures are implemented to protect the surrounding environment. Construction activities are undertaken in accordance with the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

Environmental monitoring is carried out in accordance with:

- SSD 7016 and all approved modifications (MOD 1–MOD 5)
- EPL 3035
- Relevant NSW EPA guidelines and approved methods

Monitoring forms a core component of the environmental management system, enabling assessment of performance against statutory limits, licence conditions, and environmental objectives. Monitoring results are reviewed to identify trends, confirm compliance, and detect any non-conformances requiring corrective action.

4.2 Meteorological Data

The Development operates and maintains a meteorological monitoring station at EPA Identification Point 26. During the reporting period, the station was relocated to a more suitable position following earthworks associated with MOD 4 (reclamation of the spring-fed dam). The station was inspected and serviced on 8 May 2026 by a qualified technician from Envirodata Weather Stations Pty Ltd.

The following sections summarise meteorological conditions recorded during the 2025/26 reporting period.

4.2.1 Rainfall

Total monthly rainfall and the number of rain days recorded at EPA Point 26 during the reporting period are presented in Table 8 and illustrated in Figure 3. Total rainfall for the period was 824.4 mm, which is 11.3 mm below the long-term annual mean rainfall of 835.7 mm for the Oberon region (Bureau of Meteorology, Oberon Springbank Station No. 063063).

Table 8 Recorded Rainfall 2025/26

Total Monthly Rainfall (mm)												
May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
68.2	72.6	104	75.4	96.8	58.4	44	64.6	66.2	53.2	118.4	2.4	824.4
Number of Rain Days (≥0.2mm)												
14	18	16	16	6	10	10	8	9	12	14	3	136

Figure 3 Recorded Rainfall (mm) at Porta Meteorological Station 2025/26

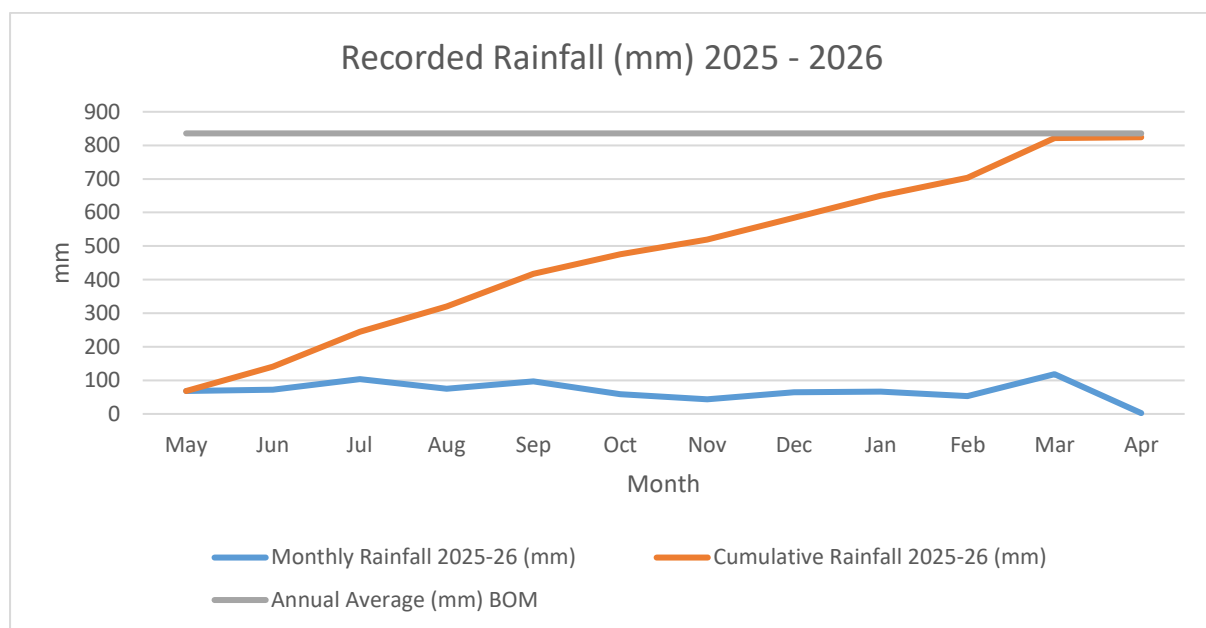


Figure 3 illustrates the total monthly rainfall recorded at EPA Point 26 during the 2025/26 reporting period. Rainfall was variable throughout the year, with the highest monthly total recorded in March (118.4 mm) and the lowest in April (2.4 mm). Overall rainfall for the period (824.4 mm) was slightly below the long-term annual mean of 835.7 mm for the Oberon region.

4.2.2 Temperature

Monthly minimum and maximum temperatures recorded at the site meteorological station during the reporting period are presented in Table 9. Temperatures reflect typical seasonal variation for the Oberon region, with cold winter minima and warm summer maxima.

Table 9 Monthly Minimum and Maximum Temperatures 2025/26

Minimum and Maximum Monthly Temperatures (°C)											
May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
- 1.8	- 5.6	- 4.5	- 2.9	- 2.7	1.3	- 2	- 1.2	6	7.3	0.4	- 5.1
18	14.3	13.8	16.7	21.5	27.7	27.8	32.6	36	35.8	28.9	23.8

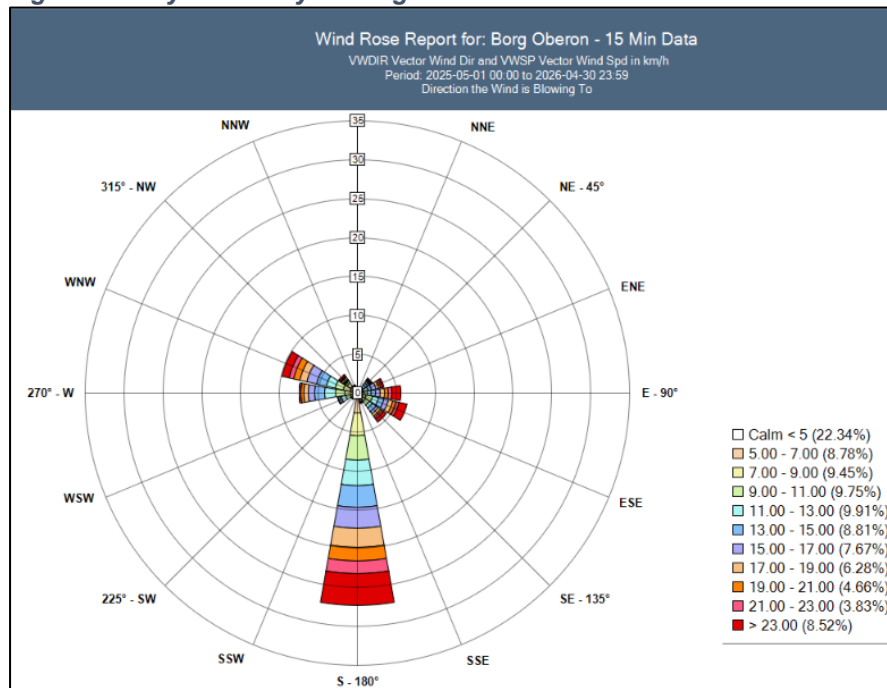
4.2.3 Wind Speed and Direction

Wind speed and direction data recorded at the site meteorological station are summarised in Table 10 and illustrated in Figure 4. The annual wind rose indicates that East-South-Easterly winds were dominant during the reporting period, consistent with regional meteorological patterns for Oberon.

Table 10 Monthly Daily Wind Data 2025/26

Month	Maximum Wind Speed (km/hr)	Mean Wind Speed (km/hr)	Dominant Wind Direction
May 2025	47.2	11.9	115° (SE)
June 2025	50.2	10.2	180° (S)
July 2025	45.6	14.1	*0° (N)
August 2025	53.4	13.9	*0° (N)
September 2025	51.7	12.5	*0° (N)
October 2025	53.8	12.7	*0° (N)
November 2025	55.2	13.2	245° (WSW)
December 2025	50.5	11.8	250° (WSW)
January 2026	49.3	12.1	115° (ESE)
February 2026	51.2	11.8	110° (ESE)
March 2026	48.8	10.0	110° (ESE)
April 2026	40.8	8.9	115° (ESE)

*Wind direction gauge was damaged and replaced during reporting period. Whilst damaged showed 0° (N).

Figure 4 Daily Summary Average Wind Rose 2025/26

4.3 Air Quality

4.3.1 Dust Depositional Gauges

Dust deposition monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the Operational Air Quality Management Plan (OAQMP). Although EPL 3035 does not require dust deposition monitoring, Condition O3 of the licence requires that:

“The premises must be maintained in a condition which minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the premises.”

To support compliance with this requirement and to assist with proactive site management, the Development conducts monthly dust deposition monitoring at six locations in and around the site.

The adopted dust deposition criteria are provided in Table 11.

Table 11 Air Quality Criteria Deposited Dust

Averaging Period	Impact	Criteria
Annual	Incremental	2 g/m ² /month
	Total	4 g/m ² /month

Six dust deposition gauges (DMGs) were sampled monthly from May 2025 to April 2026. Their locations are listed in Table 12 and shown in Figure 5.

Table 12 Location of Dust Depositional Gauges

Dust Depositional Gauge	Location Description
DMG 1	Eastern boundary of the Development (adjacent to Woodchem)
DMG 2	Materials handling building
DMG 3	Water treatment plant
DMG 4	Northern boundary
DMG 5	Highlands Motor Inn (south of the Development)
DMG 6	Albion Street (east of the Development)

Figure 5 Depositional Dust Gauge Locations

DMGs 1 to 4 are located around the periphery of the Development. DMG 1 is positioned within the operational boundary, immediately adjacent to an unsealed laydown area and in

proximity to an unsealed internal road. DMG 2 is located adjacent to the materials-handling building. DMG 4 is situated near the northern boundary in an area comprising unsealed compacted surfaces used for storage of large machinery and reusable materials such as steel.

During the reporting period, DMG 3 was relocated, along with the meteorological station, to a more suitable position following earthworks associated with MOD 4 (reclamation of the spring-fed dam).

Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids in accordance with Standards Australia AS 3580.10.1–2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air – Determination of Particulates – Deposited Matter – Gravimetric Method. All dust samples collected during the reporting period were obtained by trained specialists and analysed by NATA-accredited laboratories.

Table 13 Dust Depositional Gauges Annual Average

No.	Location	Annual Average Insoluble Solids (g/m ² /month) 2023/24	Annual Average Insoluble Solids (g/m ² /month) 2025/26	Annual Average Insoluble Solids (g/m ² /month) 2025/26
DMG 1	The Development eastern boundary with Woodchem	5.3	4.8	*
DMG 2	Materials handling building	3.6	2.7	4.6
DMG 3	Site Meteorological station	2.2	0.9	2.0
DMG 4	Northern boundary	0.8	0.9	0.6
DMG 5	Highlands Motor Inn	0.8	0.6	0.8
DMG 6	Albion Street east of the Development	0.7	0.7	*

*DMG 1 was removed during roadway upgrades adjacent to Woodchem and will be reinstated in a suitable location once works are completed.

*DMG 6 was removed by the tenant of the property. Despite multiple attempts to contact the tenant, the gauge could not be accessed. A replacement gauge will be installed at a suitable nearby location as soon as practicable.

There were no exceedances of the adopted dust deposition criteria (annual average 4 g/m²/month) at DMG 2, DMG 3, DMG 4, or DMG 5 during the 2025/26 reporting period. All gauges demonstrated generally consistent levels compared with previous years, indicating stable dust conditions across the site and surrounding receptors.

DMG 2 recorded an increase in insoluble solids relative to the previous reporting period. This increase is considered likely to be associated with:

- Drier-than-average conditions recorded at the site (Section 4.2.1), and
- Higher recycled content throughput in particleboard production, resulting in increased handling of UWR materials.

These results remain well below the applicable criteria and do not indicate any adverse environmental impact.

4.3.2 Air Emissions Monitoring Points

The locations of air emission monitoring points are listed in Table 14. These locations are consistent with the monitoring and discharge points specified in EPL 3035 (version dated 5 May 2025).

Table 14 Location of Air Emissions Monitoring

EPA Identification No.	Description
4	DC1 Baghouse
5	DC2 Baghouse
7	Conti 2 Stage 1 Dryer Cyclone #1 (west)
8	Conti 2 Stage 1 Dryer Cyclone #2 (east)
9	Conti 1 Dryer Cyclone #1 (south)
10	Conti 1 Dryer Cyclone #2 (north)
11	Conti 2 Heat Plant
12	Press Vents Conti 1
17	Conti 1 Heat Plant
18	Conti 4 Combined Press Vent stack
19	Conti 4 dryer stack
20	Conti 4 DC 11
21	Conti 4 DC 11a
22	Conti 4 DC 8
27	Conti 2 Combined Press Vent stack
29	Conti 3 Forming Line Baghouse
30	Conti 3 Form station baghouse
31	Conti 3 Combined Press Vent stack
32	Conti 3 Wet electrostatic precipitator (WESP)
33	Cogeneration Unit 1
34	Cogeneration Unit 2

EPL Recognition Without Monitoring Requirements EPA Identification Points 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 are recognised as discharge points under EPL 3035, however no monitoring of pollutant concentrations is required at these locations. These plant components were previously dormant but were included in SSD 7016 MOD 4. They will be reinstated as active monitoring points in EPL 3035 once Conti 4 is commissioned and operational.

Non-flow Points EPA Points 11 and 17 do not produce flow:

- Exhaust from Conti 2 Heat Plant (Point 11) is ducted back into Conti 2 Dryer Cyclones (Points 7 and 8).
- Exhaust from Conti 1 Heat Plant (Point 17) is ducted back into the Conti 1 production system (Points 9 and 10).

As a result, these points do not operate as independent emission sources.

4.3.3 Air Monitoring

Environment Protection Licence 3035 specifies pollution concentration limits for EPA Points 7, 8, 9 and 10, as shown in Table 15. All plant and equipment must also comply with the relevant concentration standards in Schedules 2, 3 and 4 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 where EPL limits are not specified.

Monitoring results for the reporting period are assessed against these criteria to determine compliance with air emission limits and to confirm ongoing performance of air pollution control equipment.

Table 15 EPL 3035 Air Concentration Limits

Pollutant	ID Point	Units of Measure	100 Percentile Concentration Limit	Reference Condition	Oxygen Correction	Averaging Period
Total Solid Particulates	7,8,9,10	mg/m ³	200	n/a	n/a	n/a
Formaldehyde	7,8,9,10	mg/m ³	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Solid Particulates	29,30	mg/m ³	10	Dry, 273 K, 101.3 kPa	n/a	n/a
Total Solid Particulates	31,32	mg/m ³	50	Dry, 273K,101.3k Pa	n/a	n/a
Type 1 and Type 2 substances in aggregate	32	mg/m ³	0.5	n/a	n/a	1 hour
Nitrogen Oxides	33,34	mg/m ³	450	Dry, 273K,101.3k Pa	5%	1 hour
Volatile organic compounds	33,34	mg/m ³	20	Dry, 273K,101.3k Pa	5%	1 hour

Source: EPL 3035 (5 May 2025)

Air emission monitoring was undertaken by trained specialists, with all samples analysed by NATA-accredited laboratories. Monitoring equipment was maintained by the consultant and calibrated in accordance with manufacturer specifications by qualified technicians.

All monitoring was conducted in accordance with:

- EPL 3035 requirements
- The *Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales*
- Relevant NSW EPA standards and approved methods

USEPA Method GD-008 is the approved method for determining flow rate and sampling particulate matter in cyclonic flow at licensed discharge Points 7, 8, 9 and 10.

For each discharge point listed in Table 14, the Development monitored the concentration of pollutants as required by EPL 3035. Monitoring results for the reporting period are compared against the previous two years in Tables 16 to 33.

Table 16 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 4

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<2	<2
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	0.11	0.71

Table 17 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 5

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<3	<2
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	0.65	0.48

Monitoring results at Points 4 and 5 remained consistent across the reporting period, with all analytes well below EPL 3035 limits.

Table 18 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 7

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	35	28	32
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	3.3	1.60	0.89
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	180	300	230
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	19	11	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Every 6 months	0	0	0

Point 7 remained stable and within expected operational ranges. TSP and formaldehyde continued their downward trend compared to earlier years. NOx decreased from the previous year's elevated result. Smoke emissions recorded zero obscuration, confirming compliance with visible emissions requirements.

Table 19 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 8

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	25	28
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	1.9	2.8	1.1
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	340	230
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	11	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Every 6 months	0	0	0

Point 8 recorded a slight increase in TSP compared to the previous year. Formaldehyde and NOx decreased, and all results remained well below EPL 3035 limits. PM10 was not monitored during 2025/26.

Table 20 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 9

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	18	20	4.8
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	4.8	0.47	0.39
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	190	14	49
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	160	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Every 6 months	0	0	0

Point 9 showed reductions across most analytes, with a notable decrease in NO_x compared to previous years.

Table 21 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 10

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	19	20	6.6
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	1	1.9	0.53
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	110	13	52
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	47	130	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Every 6 months	0	0	0

Point 10 showed reductions in formaldehyde and NO_x compared to the previous year.

Across Points 7, 8, 9 and 10, results demonstrated:

- Further reductions in formaldehyde compared to 2024/25
- General reductions in NO_x across most locations
- All results within EPL 3035 and Clean Air Regulation limits

Table 22 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 12 Vent 1

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	<3	
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	0.87	
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	<4	
PM10	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	-	

Table 23 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 12 Vent 2

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	10	-
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	1.4	-
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	<4	-
PM10	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	4.4	-

Table 24 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 12 Vent 3

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	2.1	-
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	2.1	-
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	<4	-
PM10	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	4	-

Table 25 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 12 Vent 4

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	6.7	-
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	6.7	-
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	<4	-
PM10	mg/m ³	Every 3 years	-	5.7	-

Table 26 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 27

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	97	5.3
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	1.3	0.24
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	3	<4
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	41	<3

Table 27 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 29

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<2	6.4
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	0.65	0.97
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<4	<4

PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<2	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Yearly	-	0	0

Table 28 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 30

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<2	<2
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	0.03	0.72
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<4	<4
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	-	<3	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Yearly	-	0	0

Points 12, 27, 29 and 30 all returned results within EPL 3035 and Clean Air Regulation limits.

Table 29 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 31

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	72	5.7	33
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	5.4	7.9	0.72
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	3	<4	5
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	29	5	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Yearly	0	0	0

Point 31 recorded a substantial decrease in formaldehyde compared to the previous reporting period. Total solid particulates and nitrogen oxides increased relative to 2024/25 results. PM10 was not monitored during 2025/26, so no comparison can be made for this parameter. All results remained within EPL 3035 and Clean Air Regulation limits.

Table 30 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 32

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total Solid Particles	mg/m ³	Yearly	4	9.5	22
Formaldehyde	mg/m ³	Yearly	2.4	0.39	0.18
Nitrogen Oxides	mg/m ³	Yearly	150	4	260
PM10	mg/m ³	Yearly	2.1	4.8	-
Smoke Emissions	Obscuration	Yearly	0	0	0

*Fine particulate testing could not be undertaken at this location due to excessively saturated gas stream

Table 30.1 Air Emissions Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 32

Pollutant	Units	Frequency	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
Type 1 and Type 2 substances in aggregate	mg/m ³	Quarterly	<0.23	<0.088	<0.11	-

Point 32 recorded increases in TSP and NO_x but decreases in formaldehyde. All results remained within EPL 3035 and Clean Air Regulation limits.

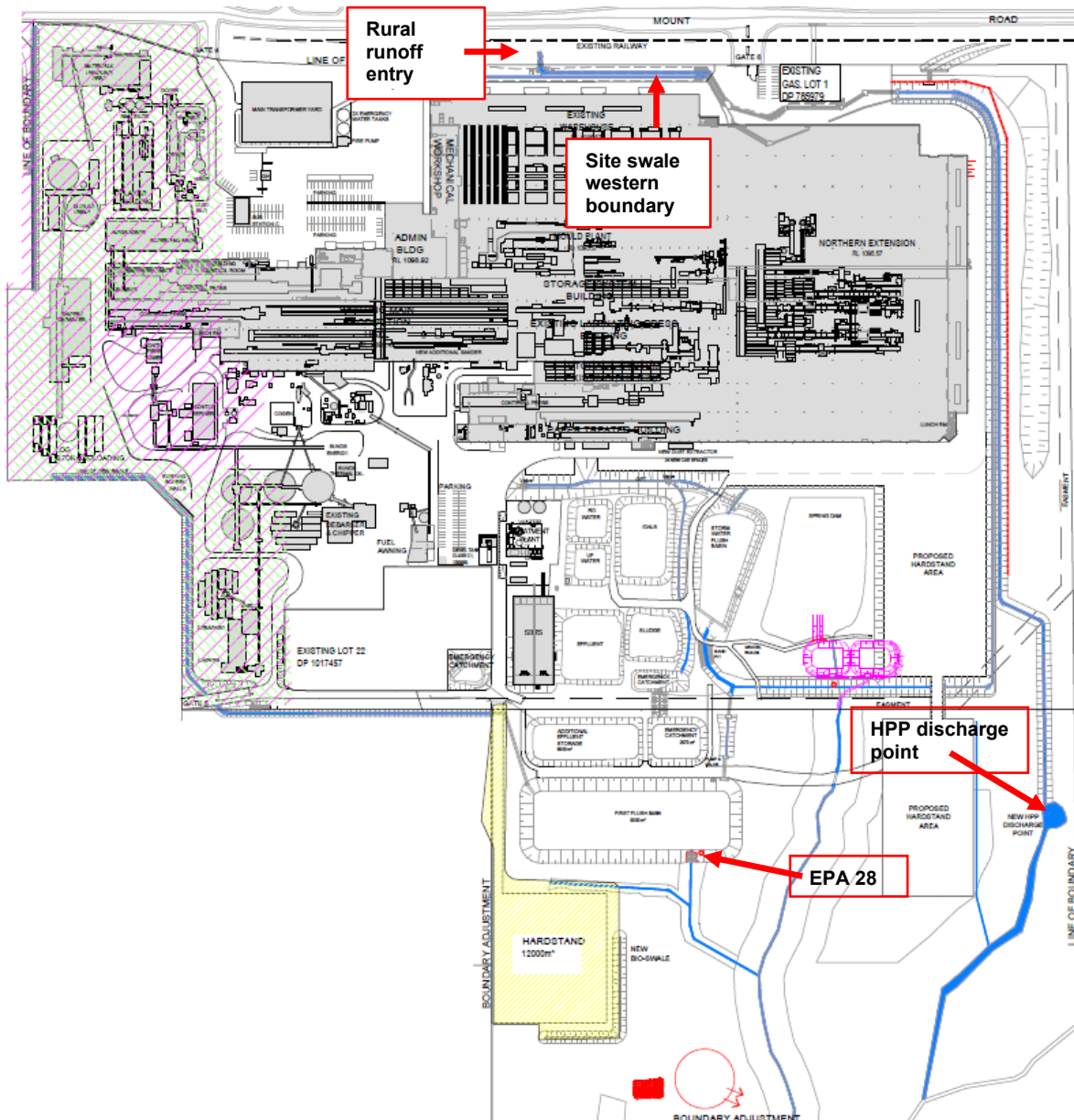
Across EPA Points 4–32, all monitoring results for the 2025/26 reporting period were within EPL 3035 concentration limits and complied with the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2022*. Year-on-year trends indicate continued effective operation of air pollution control equipment and stable environmental performance.

4.4 Surface Water

The existing surface water management system (Figure 6) captures and manages runoff from the Development and adjoining properties within the Oberon Timber Complex on the western side of Lowes Mount Road. The system operates as follows:

- Runoff from StructaFlor and AKD (formerly Highland Pine Products (HPP)) Sawmill 2 flows across Lowes Mount Road and enters the site via the swale located along the western boundary.
- Runoff from rural parcels along Lowes Mount Road is also directed into the site from the western boundary. This water is conveyed via a dedicated *clean-water swale*, which runs parallel to the site swale along the northern boundary before discharging at an independent HPP discharge point to a tributary of Kings Stockyard Creek.
- Roof and surface runoff from the western side of the Development is directed into the boundary swale and conveyed to the first flush basin.
- Runoff from the eastern and open areas of the site, which may contain fine fibrous wood material, is directed first through a gross pollutant trap (GPT) and then into the stormwater flush basin.
- Overflow from the stormwater flush basin is directed into the first flush basin.
- Captured water within the basins is harvested by the site water treatment plant and reused within the production process.
- Stormwater harvesting averaged 24m³/day during the reporting period, with the highest single-day volume recorded at 148 m³.
- Runoff from construction areas is managed in accordance with the Erosion and Sediment Control Plans contained within the CEMP for SSD 7016. Water from these areas is directed into the site swale and subsequently to the stormwater basin.
- Water discharges occur from EPL discharge Point 28 and the HPP discharge point to a tributary of Kings Stockyard Creek, as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6 Surface water management system - SSD 7016



In accordance with EPL 3035, water quality monitoring at EPA Identification Point 28 is undertaken weekly during discharge events to ensure compliance with licence concentration limits.

In addition, surface water samples were collected at the HPP discharge point (EPA Licence 887, AKD) on a monthly basis until 1 January 2026, when sampling responsibilities formally returned to AKD. Monitoring at both locations was undertaken to ensure compliance with the respective licence conditions during the transition period.

The concentration limits applicable to discharges from EPA Point 28 and the HPP discharge point are provided in Tables 31 and 32.

Table 31 EPA Identification Point 28 Water pollution limits

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
Aldrin	µg/L		0.3
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L		20
Colour	Hazen	80	160
Dieldrin	µg/L		0.3
Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	mg/L		0.5
Nitrogen (Total)	mg/L		10
Oil and Grease	mg/L		10
pH	pH		6.5-8.5
Phosphorus (Total)	mg/L		0.3
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L		50

Table 32 EPA 887 Identification Point 1 (HPP Swale) Water pollution limits

Pollutant	Units of Measure	Frequency	100 percentile concentration limit
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L	Monthly during discharge	20
Filterable Iron	mg/L	Monthly during discharge	
Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	mg/L	Monthly during discharge	
Nitrate + nitrite (oxidised nitrogen)		Monthly during discharge	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	Monthly during discharge	10
pH	pH	Monthly during discharge	6.5-8.5
Total Iron		Monthly during discharge	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Monthly during discharge	30
Turbidity	nephelometric turbidity	Monthly during discharge	

Stormwater samples were collected by trained Porta personnel and analysed by NATA-accredited laboratories. All sampling and analysis were undertaken in accordance with:

- EPL 3035 requirements
- EPA Licence 887 (AKD) requirements (until 1 January 2026)
- The Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Water Pollutants in NSW
- Relevant NSW EPA guidelines

Full analytical results for the 2025/26 reporting period are provided in Appendix B – Surface Water Monitoring Data.

Table 33 Annual Average Water Quality Monitoring Results EPA Point 28

Pollutant	Units of Measure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aldrin	µg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.010*
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	<2	4	3*
Colour	Hazen	35	30	42.5*
Dieldrin	µg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.010*
Methylene Blue Active Substances	mg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1*
Nitrogen (Total)	mg/L	1	5.7	8.55*
Oil and Grease	mg/L	<5	5.5	7*
pH	pH	8.08	7.6	7.83*
Phosphorus (Total)	mg/L	0.02	0.1	0.13*
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	<5	21.5	69*

**Two samples were analysed from Point 28 during the reporting period. Both samples were collected during periods of nil discharge as a precautionary measure due to forecast heavy rainfall or extended intervals between sampling events.*

Stormwater harvesting for water treatment supplementation and dust control allowed basin levels to be effectively managed throughout the reporting period. This ensured capacity to receive incoming rainfall and surface flows, reducing the likelihood of uncontrolled discharge.

Annual average results for 2025/26 remained generally below EPL 3035 concentration limits, with the exception of Total Suspended Solids, which increased relative to previous years but did not impact site operations as discharge did not occur. The elevated annual average reflects precautionary sampling during nil-discharge conditions rather than representative discharge water quality.

Table 34 Annual Average Water Quality Monitoring Results HPP Swale Discharge Point

Pollutant	Units of Measure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aldrin	µg/L	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	1.8	4.1	3.1
Filterable Iron	mg/L	0.51	0.42	0.35
Total Iron	mg/L	1.92	2.02	1.97
Colour	Hazen	23.1	59.4	-
Dieldrin	µg/L	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Methylene Blue Active Substances	mg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

Nitrogen (Total)	mg/L	0.8	5.5	1.4
Oil and Grease	mg/L	6.1	<5	<5
pH	pH	7.6	7.3	7.5
Phosphorus (Total)	mg/L	0.1	0.1	-
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	8.0	12.9	12.8
Turbidity	mg/L	13.8	13.2	21.8

The HPP discharge point was not a formally recognised EPA licence discharge location during the reporting period; however, it was monitored in the same manner as an EPL discharge point due to the convergence of flows approximately 200 m downstream of both discharge locations. Monthly samples were collected during discharge by the Environmental Manager and analysed by a NATA-accredited laboratory. Eight sampling events were completed during 2025/26.

Stormwater passing through the AKD site travels approximately 1.7 km through a combination of open swales, pipelines, natural channels, and engineered erosion and sediment controls. This combination of natural and artificial filtration results in low contaminant concentrations, as reflected in Table 34.

All results remained generally consistent with previous years, and all sampling results were provided to AKD following each event. Responsibility for monitoring the HPP discharge point formally returned to AKD on 1 January 2026.

4.4.1 EPL 3035 Identification Point 28

There were no exceedances of water quality discharge limits at EPL Identification Point 28 during the reporting period. All monitored parameters complied with the concentration limits specified in EPL 3035.

4.5 Groundwater

In accordance with EPL 3035, the Development monitors groundwater quality at four on-site bores. The locations of these bores are listed in Table 35 and shown in Figure 7.

Table 35 Location of Groundwater Monitoring Bores

EPA Identification No.	Location Description
14	North western boundary of site
15	East of stormwater treatment pond
16	East of Woodchem
24	Adjacent northern swale

Groundwater samples were collected by an appropriately qualified third-party specialist and analysed by NATA-accredited laboratories in accordance with:

- Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (APHA, AWWA, WEF), and
- The Water & Wastewater Examination Manual (V. Dean Adams)

Monitoring equipment was maintained and calibrated in accordance with manufacturer specifications by qualified specialists.

Figure 7 Groundwater Monitoring Locations



Groundwater monitoring was undertaken at four bores (EPA Points 14, 15, 16 and 24) during the reporting period. Results for 2025/26 are compared with the previous three years in Tables 36–39. EPL 3035 does not specify concentration limits for groundwater; therefore, results are assessed based on trends, stability, and potential influences from site activities or external factors.

Table 36 Groundwater Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 14 (GW05)*

Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Frequency	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Yearly	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.05
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Yearly	16	<10	<10	<10
Electrical Conductivity	µS/cm	Yearly	266	332	328	299
Dieldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Formaldehyde	mg/L	Yearly	0.40	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
pH	pH Units	Yearly	7.3	7.0	7.4	7.3
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Yearly	201	176	203	157
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	Yearly	3	<1	2	2
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	µg/L	Yearly	<50	<50	<50	<50
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Yearly	21	16	11	54
Water Height	m	Yearly	0.92	1.62	1.12	0.3

EPA Point 14 showed generally consistent results compared with the previous two years.

- Electrical Conductivity decreased
- Total Dissolved Solids decreased
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons remained below the reporting threshold.

The increase in Total Suspended Solids (TSS) is not considered significant given the absence of groundwater limits and the shallow water height recorded during sampling.

Table 37 Groundwater Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 15 (GW02)

Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Frequency	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Yearly	4.14	2.62	0.72	0.6
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Yearly	296	<10	77	91
Electrical Conductivity	µS/cm	Yearly	1527	1919	1115.7	895
Dieldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Formaldehyde	mg/L	Yearly	0.60	<0.1	<0.1	0.2
pH	pH Units	Yearly	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Yearly	985	1350	734	575.5
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	Yearly	101	79	20.3	38.5
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	µg/L	Yearly	2290.00	1780	740	699.5
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Yearly	55	30	18.7	49
Water Height	m	Yearly	4.80	3.45	3.37	1.6

EPA Point 15 showed continued improvement in several parameters:

- Ammonia as N decreased significantly over four years
- Electrical Conductivity and Total Dissolved Solids continued to decline.
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons decreased compared with earlier years but remained elevated relative to other bores.

These trends suggest gradual stabilisation of groundwater quality at this location.

Table 38 Groundwater Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 16 (GW01)

Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Yearly	0.08	0.0	2.8
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Yearly	37	<10	313
Electrical Conductivity	µS/cm	Yearly	283	394.5	922.5
Dieldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Formaldehyde	mg/L	Yearly	<0.1	0.02	0.4
pH	pH Units	Yearly	6.4	6.1	6.4
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Yearly	132	233	759
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	Yearly	6	5	27
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	µg/L	Yearly	<50	<50	849
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Yearly	152	66.5	9466.5
Water Height	m	Yearly	2.20	2.69	4.29

EPA Point 16 recorded elevated results across most analytes during 2025/26. This is attributed to ground disturbance associated with earthworks at the Woodchem facility, located adjacent to the bore.

- TSS increased significantly
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons increased
- Chemical Oxygen Demand, Electrical Conductivity, and Total Dissolved Solids also increased.

Only one of the two sampling events (March 2026) recorded elevated results, indicating a short-term disturbance rather than a sustained trend.

No incidents were reported during adjacent earthworks.

Table 39 Groundwater Monitoring Results EPA Identification Point 24 (GW03)

Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Frequency	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Yearly	0.02	0.2	0.0
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Yearly	<10	25	36
Electrical Conductivity	µS/cm	Yearly	45	386.7	454.5
Dieldrin	µg/L	Yearly	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Formaldehyde	mg/L	Yearly	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
pH	pH Units	Yearly	6.8	6.7	6.6
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Yearly	280	509.3	363
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	Yearly	4	6.7	3
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	µg/L	Yearly	<50	190	<50
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Yearly	11	12	30.5
Water Height	m	Yearly	2.30	5.55	6.7

EPA Point 24 results were generally consistent with previous reporting periods.

- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons returned to <50 µg/L following an unexpected elevation in 2024/25.
- Electrical Conductivity increased slightly but remained within typical ranges for this bore.
- Total Dissolved Solids decreased compared with 2024/25.

Overall, groundwater quality at Point 24 remains stable.

4.6 Noise

In accordance with EPL 3035 and the site's Noise Management Plans, the Development monitors noise emissions from the facility to ensure compliance with operational noise limits. Noise from the premises must not exceed the limits specified in Table 40. In accordance with SSD 7016, all construction activities associated with the Development must also comply with these limits.

Table 40 Noise Limits dB(A)

Location	Day L _{Aeq} (15 minute)	Evening L _{Aeq} (15 minute)	Night L _{Aeq} (15 minute)
All sensitive receivers	55	50	45
Note: <u>Day</u> – The period from 7:00am to 6:00pm on Monday to Saturday, and 8:00am to 6:00pm on Sundays and Public Holidays <u>Evening</u> – The period from 6:00pm to 10:00pm <u>Night</u> – The period from 10:00pm to 7:00am on Monday to Saturday, and 10:00pm to 8:00am on Sundays and Public Holidays L_{Aeq} means the equivalent continuous noise level – the level of noise equivalent the energy-average of noise levels occurring over a measurement period.			

These noise limits apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:

- Wind speeds greater than 3 meters/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

Data recorded by the site meteorological station identified as EPA Identification Point 26 is used to determine meteorological conditions. Temperature inversion conditions (stability category) are to be determined by the sigma-thetas method referred to in Fact Sheet D in the *Noise policy for Industry* EPA 2017.

4.6.1 Operational Noise

EPL 3035 requires that operational noise monitoring be undertaken at least once annually, covering day, evening and night-time periods as defined in Table 40. Monitoring must be conducted in accordance with:

- AS 2659.1–1998 (Guide to the use of sound measuring equipment – portable sound level meters), and
- The compliance procedures outlined in the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017).

During the 2025/26 reporting period, EMM Consulting (formerly Global Acoustics) was engaged to undertake attended noise monitoring and prepare the Annual Noise Monitoring Report for operational noise generated by the Development.

Attended monitoring was conducted at four sensitive receiver locations (shown in Figure 8) on 12 May 2025. Results of the monitoring event are presented in Table 41.

Figure 8 Porta's noise monitoring locations



NA = Not Applicable means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in Development.

NM = Not Measurable means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low levels but could not be quantified.

IA = Inaudible means there was no noise from the source of interest audible at the monitoring location.

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from Borg's weather station in Oberon;

2. In accordance with EPL and PA, the noise criteria are to apply under all meteorological conditions except the following:

- Wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or
- Stability class F temperature inversion conditions, and wind speeds greater than 2 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or
- Stability class G temperature inversion conditions.

3. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;

4. Estimated or measured LAeq, 15 minute attributed to Borg;

5. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criteria (if applicable); and

6. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in development consent and so criterion is not applicable

4.6.2 Construction Noise

Porta's Construction Noise Management Plan (CNMP) requires attended noise monitoring once per quarter. Quarterly construction noise monitoring is not a requirement of EPL 3035; however, it is a commitment under the CNMP and therefore a requirement of SSD 7016 Condition C3.

Attended monitoring locations are shown in Figure 8. Where exceedances are identified, additional mitigation measures are implemented and follow-up monitoring is undertaken within one week to confirm the effectiveness of corrective actions.

EMM Consulting conducted all construction noise monitoring for the 2025/26 reporting period. Tables 41 to 43 present the quarterly monitoring results. Reference notes are provided below Table 44.

Table 41 Annual Environmental/operational noise monitoring Quarter 2

Location	Start Date and time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies ² 3	Borg LAeq 15 min dB ⁴	Exceedance 5,6
NM1	12/5/2025 13:57	2.1	C	55	Yes	50	Nil
NM2	12/5/2025 14:21	1.4	C	55	No	49	N/A
NM3	12/5/2025 13:12	0.7	B	55	Yes	26	Nil
NM4	12/5/2025 13:35	1.1	B	55	Yes	36	Nil
NM1	12/5/2025 19:25	0.8	D	50	Yes	43	Nil
NM2	12/5/2025 19:03	<0.5	D	50	Yes	47	Nil
NM3	12/5/2025 20:13	<0.5	D	50	No	26	N/A
NM4	12/5/2025 19:47	1.5	D	50	No	31	N/A
NM1	12/5/2025 22:45	0.8	D	45	Yes	46	1
NM1 ²	12/5/2025 22:00	<0.5	E	45	Yes	45	Nil
NM2	12/5/2025 23:07	0.6	D	45	Yes	45	Nil
NM3	12/5/2025 22:00	<0.5	D	45	Yes	26	Nil
NM4	12/5/2025 22:23	1.0	D	45	Yes	30	Nil

² Indicates follow up monitoring within one week of exceedance.

1. Noise emissions limits are applicable if weather conditions were within parameters specified in section 3.3.

2. Red indicates exceedance of relevant limit.

N/A indicates limits were not applicable due to weather conditions.

The attended noise monitoring conducted by EMM recorded an exceedance of the limits identified in Table 41 for the nighttime period of 1 decibel. Follow up monitoring was undertaken within one week and all results were compliant with the relevant limits. All measurements were undertaken as per the *Noise policy for Industry EPA 2017*.

Table 42 Construction Noise Quarter 3

Location	Start Date and time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies ² 3	Borg LAeq 15 min dB ⁴	Exceedance 5,6
NM1	1/09/2025 12:51	2.6	A	55	No	46	Nil
NM2	1/09/2025 13:13	3.4	A	55	No	IA	Nil
NM3	1/09/2025 12:07	2.6	A	55	No	38	Nil
NM4	1/09/2025 12:29	3.2	A	55	No	41	Nil

Table 43 Construction Noise Quarter 4

Location	Start Date and time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies ¹	Borg LAeq(15 min) ²	Exceedance _e 3,4
NM1	21/10/2025 10:08	<0.5	A	55	Yes	43	Nil
NM2	21/10/2025 09:25	1.3	A	55	Yes	IA	Nil
NM3	21/10/2025 08:54	0.6	A	55	Yes	40	Nil
NM4	21/10/2025 09:47	0.8	A	55	No	34	N/A

One exceedance event of 1dB occurred on 12.5.2025 Q2 (Table No 41) however a retest within one week recorded no exceedance. No exceedances of EPL3035 noise limits were recorded during the remaining monitoring events.

5 Community Relations

5.1 Environmental Complaints

Three community complaints were received during the 2025/26 reporting period. Each complaint was investigated by the Environmental Manager and relevant team leaders. Investigations included:

- Review of plant operational data
- Review of noise monitoring results
- On-site and off-site visual inspections
- Discussions with Area Managers and Supervisors
- Verification of compliance with SSD 7016 and EPL 3035 operating conditions

A summary of each complaint and the associated investigation outcomes is provided below.

Noise Complaint – General Humming Noise 15/4/2026

A resident reported a loud humming noise but was unsure of its origin.

- Investigations were undertaken around the Oberon township and the Oberon Timber Complex.
- Multiple inspections were conducted during the day and afternoon.
- No abnormal noise was detected.
- The facility was operating under annual maintenance shutdown, with minimal plant running.

No evidence was found linking the reported noise to the Development.

Dust Complaint – Dust/Debris on Vehicle 5/2/2026

A resident reported ongoing dust or fibrous debris settling on their car.

- Porta met the EPA at the resident's property to inspect the reported material.
- Neither the EPA nor Porta could confirm that the material originated from the Development.
- No other vehicles, houses, or structures in surrounding streets exhibited similar material.
- Plant operating conditions were normal, and no exceedances of EPL 3035 emission limits were recorded.

The source of the material could not be attributed to the Development.

Noise Complaint – Exhaust Noise from Shredders/Chippers 20/09/2023

A resident reported excessive noise believed to be associated with exhaust systems on shredders/chippers at the eastern side of the factory.

- Investigations were conducted both on-site and off-site, including a visit to the residence.
- The resident agreed to the installation of an unattended noise logger, which remained in place for several weeks.
- Multiple site visits were undertaken to collect evidence.
- Modifications were made to the shredder exhaust systems.
- The resident confirmed that noise levels had reduced to an acceptable level.
- All third-party noise monitoring at the adjacent sensitive receiver remained compliant with EPL 3035 limits.

For each complaint received, Porta provided a timely response to the complainant. Although compliance noise monitoring demonstrated adherence to EPL 3035 limits, Porta will continue to undertake ad hoc attended and unattended noise monitoring to ensure that no unreasonable noise nuisance is experienced by local residents.

5.2 Community Liaison

5.2.1 Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Porta participated in the joint Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the Oberon Timber Complex, with meetings held on 11 June 2025, 24 September 2025, and 15 April 2026. The CCC provides a formal mechanism for community engagement as required under SSD 7016, enabling discussion of environmental performance, operational updates, and community concerns.

Across the reporting period:

- No significant environmental issues were raised by CCC members.
- Noise, dust and odour concerns discussed at meetings were investigated and found to be compliant with EPL 3035 limits.
- Porta provided updates on environmental management initiatives, including dust suppression improvements, recycling programs, internal road upgrades, and stormwater reuse.
- Council representatives provided updates on local waste management initiatives relevant to the community.
- Neighbouring businesses (AKD and Woodchem) reported no major environmental concerns.

The CCC continues to function effectively as a forum for two-way communication between Porta, neighbouring industries, council, and the community, consistent with SSD 7016 requirements.

5.2.2 Opportunities for Information Exchange

Porta maintains several avenues for recording enquiries and complaints relating to construction and operational activities at the Development:

- A 24-hour free-call community liaison line: 1800 802 795
- A postal address for written correspondence: Porta Products, Private Mail Bag 1, Oberon NSW 2787
- An email address for electronic enquiries: oberon_site@borgs.com.au

These contact details are displayed on signage at the entrance to the Development in a location clearly visible to the public. The information is also distributed to the local community through public communications, including the Porta website, local advertisements, letterbox notifications, and project fact sheets.

6 Environmental Incidents & Non-compliances

Environmental incidents are managed through Porta Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) and are logged in DataStation, Porta's incident management system. Each incident report details the issue, the corrective and preventative actions taken, and the responsibilities and timing for completion of the actions. The report also includes any additional comments relevant to the incident and the completion date of corrective actions.

6.1 Incidents

A pollution incident that requires notification is defined in section 147 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as:

- (a) Harm to the environment is material if:
 - i. It involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or the ecosystems that is not trivial, or
 - ii. If results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
- (b) Loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.

During this reporting period, there was one reportable environmental pollution incident at the Development.

6.2 Non-conformances

Particleboard Fire – 30 July 2025

A self-report was made to the EPA Pollution Hotline following a fire adjacent to the northern side of the SUNDS Energy Plant.

A review of process trends over the preceding 24 hours identified no abnormal operational activity. Furnace pressures, temperatures, fan speeds, and fuel loads were all within expected ranges. No mechanical failure was identified.

The fire was attributed to an electrical fault within a cabinet servicing the hydraulic pack. The cabinet contained low-voltage cabling.

The incident was confined to a small area, with no impact to neighbouring businesses, residents, or watercourses. Some plant equipment sustained damage; however:

- No staff were evacuated
- No injuries occurred
- The fire was extinguished using onsite hydrant systems
- No extinguishers or foam were deployed
- No community complaints were received

Noise Monitoring Exceedance

During attended noise monitoring by EMM, a 1 dB exceedance of the night-time limit was recorded (Table 41). Follow-up monitoring within one week confirmed full compliance. All measurements were undertaken in accordance with the Noise Policy for Industry (EPA 2017).

Dust Lift-off Event – 28 April 2026

The EPA observed several dust lift-off events originating from activities at the Premises, with dust moving beyond the boundary and affecting nearby businesses on Endeavour and Bounty Street. The events were primarily associated with truck movements.

Porta already had several dust mitigation measures in place, including:

- Operation of a water cart
- Pre-wetting of unprocessed material
- Conducting grinding activities within the shelter of the UWR pile, considering wind direction
- Regular street sweeping

- Shredding directly into trucks where practicable

Following the EPA inspection, Porta implemented immediate corrective actions, including:

- Reducing stockpile heights
- Deploying a second water cart
- Installing new concrete roadways adjacent to Woodchem and between UWR, Woodchem and Gate 5

Porta responded to all EPA requests and continues to apply practicable measures to minimise dust emissions, consistent with EPL Conditions O3.1, O3.3, O3.5 and O3.6.

7 Activities Proposed for the next Annual Review Period

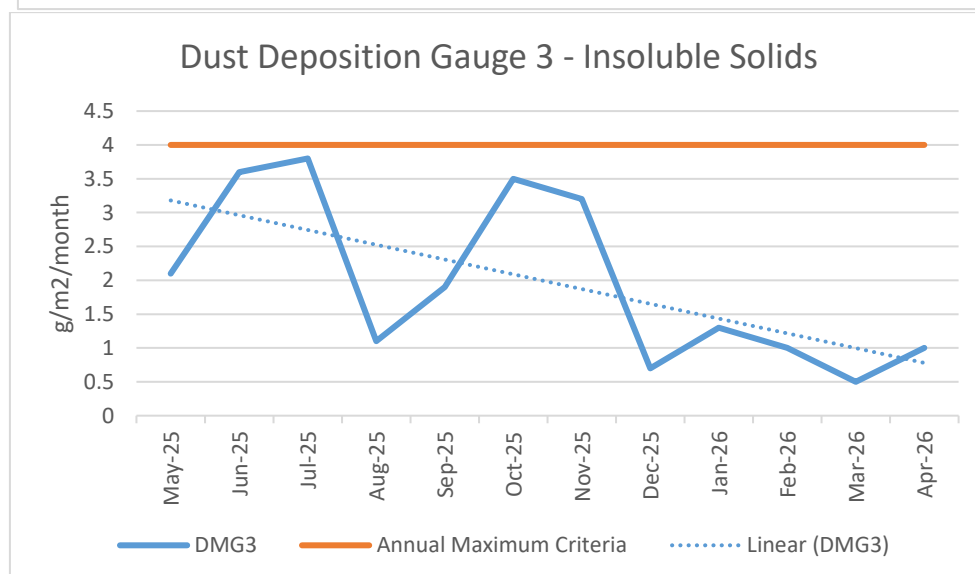
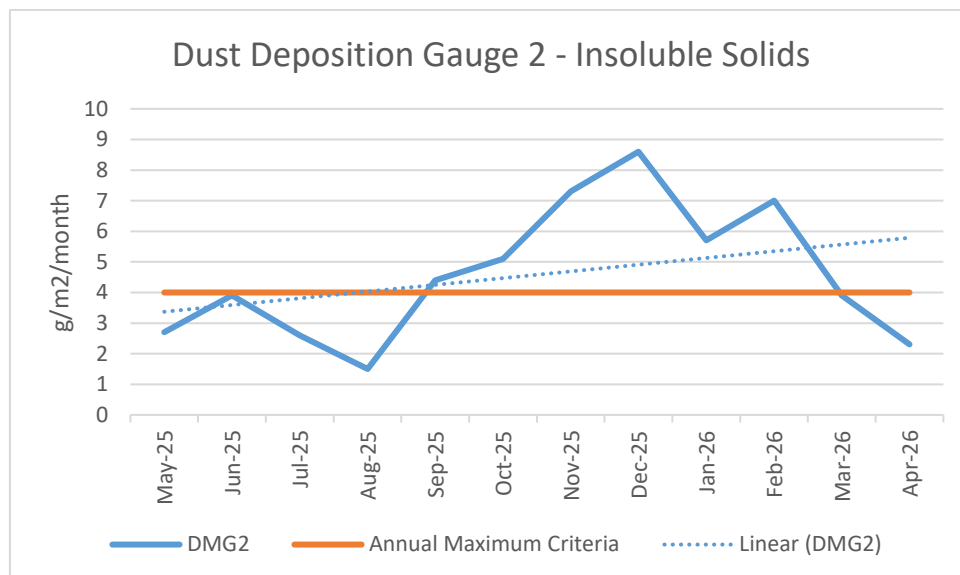
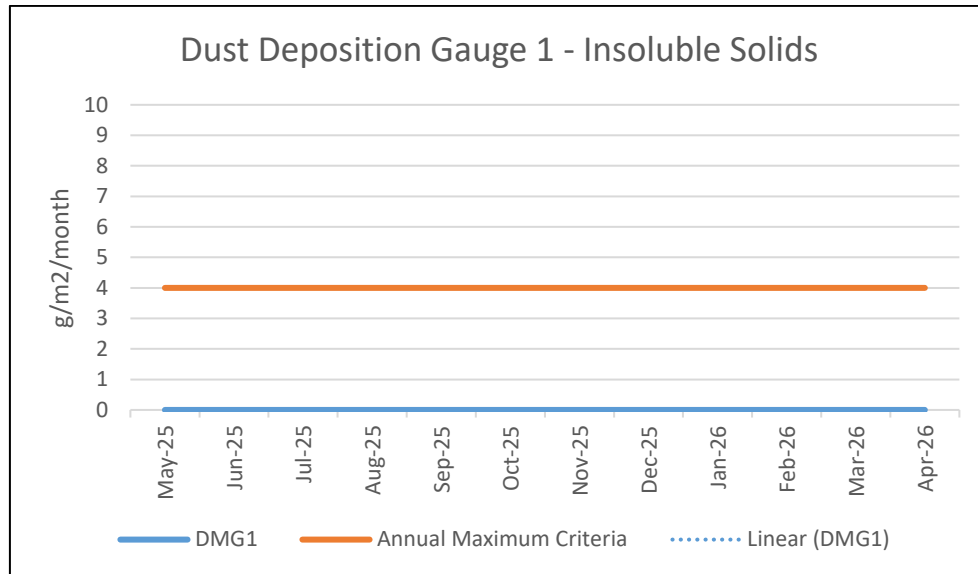
Porta will undertake the activities listed in Table 46 during the 2026/27 reporting period to support ongoing environmental performance and compliance.

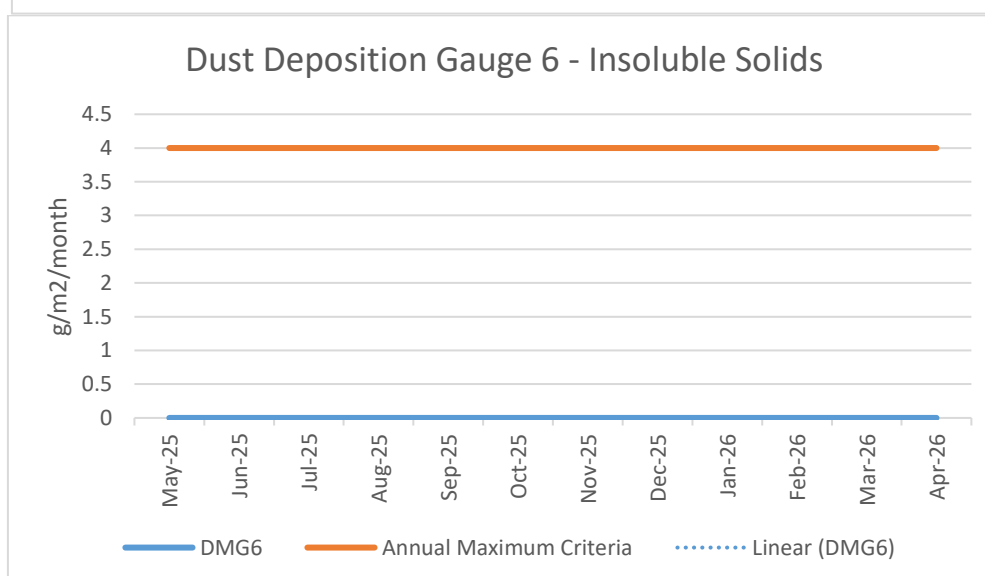
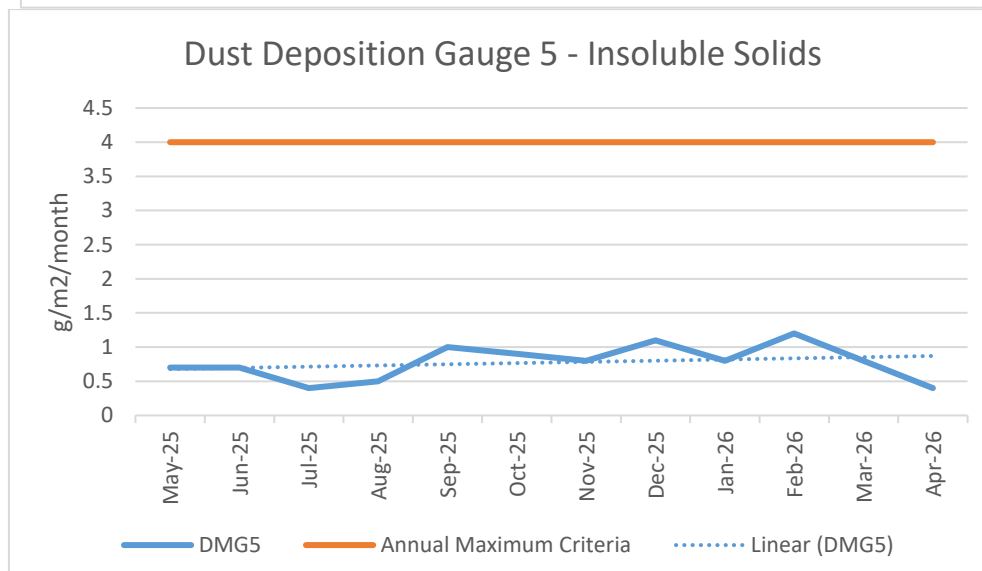
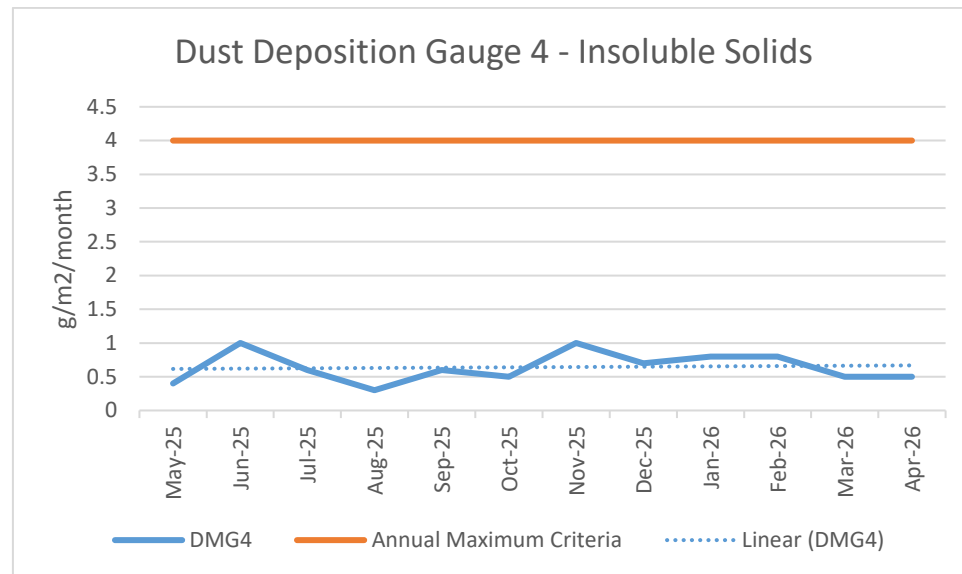
Table 46 Proposed Activities for 2026/27 Reporting Period

Ongoing implementation of Environmental Management Plans for the existing development and the project
Completion of verification studies required for SSD 7016, including modifications
Commencement of the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) under DPIE requirements (four-year cycle)
Completion of Conti 4 commissioning, including associated verification reports and licence variation
Completion of works approved under Modification 4 and commencement of works under Modification 5
Continued erosion and sediment control inspections and rectification works to manage stormwater discharge quality
Commencement of particleboard material storage and handling expansion works to increase recycling initiatives and reduce waste to landfill

APPENDICIES

Appendix A – Depositional Dust Monitoring Data





Appendix B – Surface Water Monitoring Data

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SURFACE WATER MONITORING HPP SWALE								
DATE	pH	TSS	Turbidity	Total N	Oil & Grease	BOD	MBAS	EPA/DPIE Notified
EPL Upper Limit	8.5	30	N/A	10	10	20	0.5	
UNITS	pH Units	mg/L		mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	
27/05/2025	7.2	57	99.1	0.8	<5	8	<0.1	
30/06/2025	7.6	9	15.4	0.6	<5	5	<0.1	
30/07/2025	7.42	11	29.6	1.5	<5	<2	<0.1	
26/08/2025	7.48	5	8.3	1.3	<5	<2	<0.1	
24/09/2025	7.52	<5	3.8	1.2	<5	3	<0.1	
29/10/2025	7.76	<5	6.2	1.8	<5	2	<0.1	
19/11/2025	7.66	<5	5.1	1.5	<5	2	<0.1	
16/12/2025	7.17	8	6.7	2.4	<5	3	<0.2	
Min	7.17	5	3.8	0.6	0	2	0	
Average	7.5	18.0	21.8	1.4	#DIV/0!	3.8	#DIV/0!	
Max	7.8	57.0	99.1	2.4	0.0	8.0	0.0	
Exceedance								
Total samples required	8							
Total no. samples collected	8							



Appendix C – Community Complaints



Complaint No	Category	Date Received	Property	Detail	Follow Up Actions
143	Dust/Fibre	5.2.26	Tasman Street, Oberon NSW	Dust/Debris on car	Ongoing complaint from resident. Met with EPA at the resident's house. Neither EPA or Porta Environmental and Safety Manager could confirm whether material was directly as a result of Porta facility. No other vehicles, houses or structures had any fibrous material on them in the surrounding streets. Plant operating conditions all as normal and no exceedances of EPA Licensed emissions guidelines.
148	Noise	30/12/25	O'Connell Road, Oberon NSW	Resident reported a loud humming noise but wasn't sure where it was coming from.	Investigated around town and the Oberon Timber Complex for potential sources of noise followed by a review of the site operating conditions. No indication of loud noise was able to be identified on the multiple inspections during the day and afternoon. Minimal plant in production as the site was in an annual maintenance shutdown period.
149	Noise	15/4/26	Hazlegrove Road, Oberon NSW	Excessive noise coming from the back of the factory (East) and is believed to be coming from the exhaust related issues from shredder/chippers.	Conducted investigations both on and off site, visit residence to further investigate and discuss monitoring options. Resident was very compliant and allowed a return with the noise logger. logger was set up and left for several weeks to collect data. several visits were made and evidence collected. modifications were made to the exhaust of the shredders and resident was happy that the noise had subsided to an appropriate level. All third-party noise monitoring at the adjacent location was compliant within licence conditions.