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152-156 Brooklyn Road  
Brookfield, Victoria, 3338

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**Attention: Matthew Gulli** (Cotter Reid Architects)

Our Reference: 260107

**Re: Letter – Land Capability Review  
Stage 4-6 Toolern Vale Campus Expansion for Melton Christian College  
674-740 Coburns Road, Toolern Vale**

Dear Matthew,

McClellands Consulting Engineers (MCE) have been engaged to review the performance and capacity of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system at the Melton Christian College Toolern Vale campus, located at the above address. The purpose of the review is to assess whether the currently operating system has existing capacity to treat and manage wastewater on-site with respect to the proposed Stage 4-6 expansion and forecast increases in student and staff attendance at the school over the coming years.

As part of the assessment, MCE have been provided the following documentation to review:

- Melton Christian College Toolern Vale Masterplan, 18/09/2025, Rev D, Cotter Reid Architects.
- Melton Christian College Toolern Vale Masterplan Supporting Document, October 2025, Rev A, Cotter Reid Architects.
- Land Capability Assessment 19L458LCAv3, 14/01/2020, Revised 03/02/2022, AGR Geosciences.
- Proposed Staging/Site/Neighbourhood Plan, TP-002, Revision TP3, 15/11/2021, Cotter Reid Architects, Endorsed by Melton City Council 10/12/2021
- Septic Site Plan As Constructed, drawn and annotated on TP-002, Revision TP3, 15/11/2021, Cotter Reid Architects. Septic Systems Australia
- Building Site Set-Out Plan (North), TP-005, Revision TP3, 15/11/2021, Cotter Reid Architects, Endorsed by Melton City Council 10/12/2021.
- Building Site Set-Out Plan (South), TP-006, Revision TP3, 15/11/2021, Cotter Reid Architects, Endorsed by Melton City Council 10/12/2021
- Installation Completion Report, REP-54030, 29/07/2022, Septic Systems Australia.
- Consultant's Advice Notice for MCC Toolern Vale Stage 3, 25169 CAN-01 Septic System Review, 29/05/2025, CPS Vargaconsult.
- Letter, 26/5/2025, Septic Systems Australia.
- Analysis of Septic Effluent ex 80917-10 report, N126183, 02/12/2025, EML (CHEM) Pty Ltd.





- General Service – AWTS report, REP-79086, 25/02/2026, Septic Systems Australia.

This report presents findings of the review, an assessment of the original disposal system design, an assessment of the existing treatment plant and disposal system capacity, and recommendations for servicing the proposed Stage 4-6 school expansions.

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### Original System Design

The original Land Capability Assessment (LCA) and concept design for wastewater disposal was undertaken by AGR Geosciences (AGR) in 2020 and revised in 2022. The LCA proposed an option for wastewater disposal to **2400m<sup>2</sup>** applied at a rate of **1.7mm/day** via pressure compensating sub-surface drip irrigation. The design was based on a total site occupancy of **200 people** (students and staff), covering the initial development and forecast growth up to Stage 3 of the development.

Irrigation area sizing was based on a water balance principle incorporating the following parameters:

- Mean monthly rainfall and pan evaporation data from **Melton Reservoir**
- A peak daily flow rate of **20L/person/day** in accordance with the recommended rates provided in EPA Code of Practice 891.4 (2016) for day pupils and staff in schools.
- Peak occupancy of **200 people**.
- A maximum daily wastewater flow of **4000L/day**.
- A design **seepage rate of 1.7mm/day** based on a measured saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat) of **0.016m/day** based on the principle that seepage equates to approximately 10-14% of Ksat.
- A **crop factor of 0.8** for evapotranspiration assuming installation of fescue turf grass.
- Assumed retained rainfall of **80%**.
- A design **application rate of 2.0mm/day** (or less) for a Category 6 Heavy Clay soil.

As a measure of risk mitigation, the LCA also recommended soil improvement using gypsum at the time of system installation to address dispersion, high sodicity and low permeability. AGR calculated a gypsum requirement of 4.6kg/m<sup>2</sup> of gypsum to suitably ameliorate soil chemistry and improve colloidal stability for better long term soil permeability and disposal system performance.

### Installed and Existing Treatment Plant and Disposal System

Hydraulic design and system installation was undertaken by Septic Systems Australia under the approved Melton City Council Permit to Install an Onsite Wastewater System, Permit No. W2022/0040. The installed treatment plant consisted of **2 x 5,000L** Taylex Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems (AWTS), each consisting of 2 concrete tanks, with a combined daily **hydraulic flow of 10,000L** and **BOD loadings of 4,662g/BOD/day**. The treatment system also contained a primary **10,000L BOD Reduction Tank** and a **10,000L Dosing Tank**.

The disposal field consists of **4 x 600m<sup>2</sup>** zones of sub-surface drip irrigation with Waste-Flow Drip-Line irrigation pipe installed **150mm below surface spaced 1m apart**. Each zone contains an air-valve at the highest point and a flush point at the lowest point, contained within a lilac valve box. The irrigation zones are dosed on an alternating schedule.

All sanitary and wastewater fixtures in the school complex drain sewerage and wastewater to a collection point on the north side of Building A where it is then pumped to the BOD tank for primary settling and BOD reduction. From the BOD tank wastewater moves into the dosing tank where it is transferred to each of the primary tanks of the Taylex AWTS separately. Wastewater passes



from the each of the primary tanks into secondary tanks before being pumped out to the irrigation zones. Each of the Taylex AWTS directly dose 2 irrigation zones on alternating schedules.

MCE visited the Toolern Vale Campus on Monday 16/03/2026 to inspect the installed treatment and disposal system. All system components described and shown in the "As Constructed" schematics were observed on-site as depicted and were observed to be in working order. At the time of the inspection irrigation zones 1 and 3 were in use and were observed to have a healthy green covering of grass. Zones 2 and 3 had a slightly patchier grass covering consisting mostly of brown dormant grass with patches of green. The observed grass covering the irrigation area was identified as a turf grass species Bermuda (couch) Grass or similar. All zones featured regular and sometimes extensive open desiccation cracks implying significant soil shrinkage during the preceding summer months and a deficit of water in the soil despite regular irrigation.

The installed system includes water flow metres on each of the distribution lines connecting the 4 irrigation zones to the outflow of the two secondary tanks to the AWTS. The flow meters measure all flow being pumped from the AWTS to the irrigation zones. Between 22/02/2024 and 28/02/2025, Melton Christian College staff collected wastewater flow data from all four flow meters in 34 separate readings over a 12-month period, mostly as weekly and fortnightly readings with two three weekly readings and a single reading taken two months from the previous.

During the monitored period the following data was collected:

#### Annualised Data

- Total annual wastewater flow from treatment plant to irrigation field **241,230L**
- Average annualised daily wastewater flow **661L**
- Total school occupants during the period (staff and students) **168 people**
- Average annualised daily wastewater flow per person **4.0L/person**

Daily flow rate data collected over the 12-month period demonstrates a significant difference in water usage habits and generated wastewater flow compared to the advised figure of 20L/person/day published by the EPA (2016).

The above data represents an average over the entire 12-month period. MCE analysed the flow data over 33 flow monitoring periods to produce average weekly flow data and calculated the average daily flow rate from the weekly data for comparison with the annualised data and look for weekly and daily variances or surge flows.

#### Average Weekly Data

- Total annual wastewater flow from treatment plant to irrigation field **241,230L**
- Average weekly wastewater flow **4,880L**
- Max. daily flow from weekly data **1322L**
- Min. daily flow from weekly data **128.6L**
- Average daily flow from weekly data **697.3L**
- Total school occupants during the period (staff and students) **168 people**
- Average daily wastewater flow per person **4.2L/person**

Breaking down the flow data into weekly averages indicates the average daily flow rate is more realistically closer to 700L/day. Average daily wastewater flow peaked at 1322L in November 2024, and average daily flow exceeded 1000L/day during five of the monitoring periods which accounts for approximately 16% of the year. These peak flow periods did not exceed the design daily flow rate or the flow capacity of the installed treatment plant.

Overall, the monitoring data appears to indicate an average daily wastewater flow per person of between 4.0-4.2L/person is representative of water usage habits throughout the year and is well below design flow and may be adopted as a more representative flow rate for further analysis of wastewater disposal.

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Proposed Stage 4-6 Expansions

During the next phase of expansion, the Toolern Vale campus is expected to grow with a forecast maximum occupancy as follows:

| Development                        | Students | Staff | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Stage 4 (establishment of Year 7)  | 416      | 75    | 491   |
| Stage 6 (establishment of Year 10) | 676      | 111   | 787   |

Revised Wastewater Disposal Land Application Assessment

Assessment of the required land application area to cater for stage 4 and stage 6 increases in school occupancy draws on the site and soil assessment completed by AGR with their Land Capability Assessment in 2022. This revised assessment uses a water balance method to assess the minimum area required for sub-surface drip irrigation based on the forecast increase in occupancy provided for both Stage 4 and Stage 6 expansions.

The following parameters have been used in the revised sizing using the water balance method:

- Mean monthly rainfall and pan evaporation SILO data derived for the Toolern Vale area.
- A peak daily flow rate of **4.2L/person/day** based on 12-month wastewater flow rate monitoring from installed meters between February 2024 and February 2025.
- Peak occupancy of **491 people** for Stage 4 expansion.
- Peak occupancy of **787 people** for Stage 6 expansion.
- A maximum daily wastewater flow of **2062L/day** for Stage 4 expansion.
- A maximum daily wastewater flow of **3305L/day** for Stage 6 expansion.
- A design seepage rate of **1.4mm/day** based on a measured saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat) of 0.016m/day based on the principle that seepage equates to approximately 10-14% of Ksat.
- A variable **crop factor of 0.8** for evapotranspiration for existing turf grass assumed Bermuda Grass (couch) or Kikuyu Grass.
- Assumed retained rainfall of **80%**.
- A design **application rate of 2.0mm/day** (or less) for a Category 6 Heavy Clay soil.

The results of revised water balance analysis are summarised in the following table:

| Development                        | Design Occupants | Design Flow | Minimum LAA <sup>1</sup> | Design Application Rate | Existing LAA <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stage 4 (establishment of Year 7)  | 491              | 2062L/d     | 1451m <sup>2</sup>       | 1.4mm/d                 | 2400m <sup>2</sup>        |
| Stage 6 (establishment of Year 10) | 787              | 3305L/d     | 2325m <sup>2</sup>       | 1.4mm/d                 |                           |

According to the revised water balance analysis, existing sub-surface drip irrigation disposal system exceeds the minimum area required to manage average daily wastewater disposal at both the Stage 4 and Stage 6 expansion points.

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<sup>1</sup> Land Application Area for sub-surface irrigation





## Revised Wastewater Treatment Capacity Assessment

Using a revised design daily flow rate of **4.2L/person**, the daily BOD loading is adjusted to approximately **4g BOD/person/day**.

Based on the forecast occupancy increases in the Stage 4 and Stage 6 expansions respectively, the following table summarises the minimum capacity requirements for the treatment plant:

| Development                        | Design Occupants | Design Hydraulic Flow | Minimum BOD <sup>2</sup> | Existing BOD Capacity |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Stage 4 (establishment of Year 7)  | 491              | 2062L/d               | 1964 g BOD/d             | 4662 g BOD/d          |
| Stage 6 (establishment of Year 10) | 787              | 3305L/d               | 3148 g BOD/d             |                       |

The existing treatment plant set up includes a **10,000L septic tank** for BOD reduction and primary settlement. Septic tanks are used for primary settlement of solids and accumulate sludge over time requiring periodic removal. Most tanks require a minimum volume of at least 1/3 the tank capacity for daily hydraulic flow to operate effectively. The BOD reduction tank has a capacity to store up to **6,000L of sludge** before requiring pump out which means the tank has a minimum capacity for up to **4,000L of hydraulic flow** per day.

As previously discussed, the actual flow rate data collected between February 2024 and February 2025 has been analysed by MCE to provide average daily flow rates based on weekly averages, specific to each of the 33 monitoring periods. Using these average daily flow rates, variations in overall daily flow can be modelled throughout the year using the forecast occupancy figures. Considering the **Stage 4** expansion, the **maximum** average daily flow rate is predicted to be around **3,900L**, whereas after the **Stage 6** expansion, the **maximum** average daily flow rate is predicted to be around **6,200L**. Modelling data estimates that following the **Stage 6** expansion, average daily flow rates are predicted to **exceed 4,000L/day** around **16%** of the year.

**BOD loading** roughly equates to daily wastewater flow according to BOD estimates and proportions for day students and staff in schools provided in the Guideline for onsite wastewater management (EPA, 2024). BOD loading is not expected to exceed the capacity of the existing treatment plant during the Stage 4 expansion but **may exceed the treatment capacity** 16% of the year following the **Stage 6** expansion.

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### Conclusions

- The existing **wastewater treatment and disposal system** is suitably sized to accommodate the proposed **Stage 4** expansion and associated forecast increase in school occupancy.
- The existing **wastewater disposal system** is suitably sized to accommodate the proposed **Stage 6** expansion and associated forecast increase in school occupancy.
- The existing **treatment plant** has a capacity to treat up to 10,000L and 4,662 g/BOD per day. The treatment plants hydraulic flow capacity is not expected to be exceeded by the proposed **Stage 6** expansion and associated forecast increase in school occupancy. Following the **Stage 6** expansion, the capacity of the treatment plant to process BOD loading may be stretched or even exceeded up to 16% of the year.
- The existing **10,000L BOD reduction tank** has capacity to accommodate average and peak **daily flow** following the **Stage 4** expansion and associated forecast increase in school occupancy providing sludge accumulation does not exceed 2/3 of the tank volume (6,000L).

<sup>2</sup> Biological Oxygen Demand



- Daily **hydraulic flow** through the existing **10,000L BOD reduction tank** is expected to exceed the minimum capacity of the tank following the **Stage 6** expansion around 20% of the year once sludge accumulation has reached 2/3 the volume of the tank volume (6,000L).

## Recommendations for Future Wastewater Management

- MCE recommend there is no need to alter or expand the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system at the Toolern Vale campus to accommodate the proposed Stage 4 expansion and forecast increase in occupancy.
- MCE recommend there is no need to alter or expand the existing wastewater disposal system at the Toolern Vale campus to accommodate the proposed Stage 6 expansion however the treatment plant may need upgrading to accommodate increases in BOD loadings.
- MCE recommend installing a second 10,000L BOD reduction tank to accommodate increased BOD loadings prior to the Stage 6 development and expansion. An additional 10,000L BOD (septic) tank will increase BOD reduction prior to wastewater entering the AWTS, increase the daily hydraulic flow capacity, increase the wastewater holding capacity of the system to manage high volume surge flows and minimise sludge pump out frequency with increased sludge accumulation capacity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Senior Engineering Geologist, Dave Horwood on 03 5333 3030.

Yours sincerely,

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**APPENDIX A WATER AND NUTRIENT BALANCE**

Refer attached

**APPENDIX B ANALYSED WEEKLY WASTEWATER FLOW DATA**

Refer attached

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**Project:** Stage 4-6 School Expansion  
 674-740 Coburns Road  
 Toolern Vale  
**Client:** Melton Christian College  
**Subject:** Land Application Area Sizing Using Water Balance & Storage Calculations: **Stage 4**

**Project No.:** 260107  
**Comp:** LCA  
**Date:** 2.04.26  
**Attendee:** DJH  
**Review:** PMO'N

## INPUT DATA

|                                   |                          |       |                |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Design Wastewater Flow            | Q                        | 2,062 | L/day          | Refer report             |
| Design Seepage Rate               | DSR                      | 1.7   | mm/day         | Refer report             |
| Trial Land Application Area       | LAA                      | 2400  | m <sup>2</sup> |                          |
| Crop Factor                       | C                        | 0.8   | unitless       | Refer report             |
| Rainfall Runoff Factor            | RF                       | 0.8   | unitless       | Refer report             |
| Effective Void Ratio              | N                        | 0.3   | unitless       |                          |
| Minimum Freeboard Topsoil Layer   | F                        | 150   | mm             |                          |
| Mean Monthly Pan Evaporation Data | Lat, Long: -37.60 144.60 |       |                | Extracted from SILO Data |
| Mean Monthly Rainfall Data        | Lat, Long: -37.60 144.60 |       |                | Extracted from SILO Data |

Standard Comp No.: CSLCA1  
 Version: 1.01  
 All Formulae Standard: Yes

| Parameter                                  | Symbol | Formula   | Units          | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul    | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Total  |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Days in month                              | D      |           | days           | 31    | 28    | 31    | 30    | 31    | 30    | 31     | 31    | 30    | 31    | 30    | 31    | 365    |
| Evaporation                                | E      |           | mm/month       | 116.4 | 142.1 | 177.5 | 196.7 | 162.1 | 132.3 | 1274.7 |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Rainfall                                   | R      |           | mm/month       | 48.1  | 47.8  | 46.2  | 44.6  | 52.7  | 55.3  | 61.7   | 55.8  | 45.7  | 42.4  | 41.8  | 42.4  | 578.9  |
| Crop Factor                                | C      |           | unitless       | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80   | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  | 0.80  |        |
| <b>OUTPUTS</b>                             |        |           |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Evapotranspiration                         | ET     | E x C     | mm/month       | 65.2  | 113.7 | 142.0 | 157.4 | 129.7 | 105.8 | 1020   |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Seepage                                    | S      | DSR x D   | mm/month       | 52.7  | 47.6  | 52.7  | 51.0  | 52.7  | 51.0  | 620.5  |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Total Outputs                              |        | ET+S      | mm/month       | 117.9 | 161.3 | 194.7 | 208.4 | 182.4 | 156.8 | 1640.3 |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <b>INPUTS</b>                              |        |           |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Retained Rainfall                          | RR     | R x RF    | mm/month       | 38.5  | 34.2  | 37.0  | 35.7  | 41.7  | 44.2  | 49.4   | 44.6  | 36.6  | 33.9  | 33.4  | 33.9  | 463.1  |
| Applied Effluent                           | W      | QxD       | L/month        | 63922 | 57736 | 63922 | 61860 | 63922 | 61860 | 752630 |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Total Inputs                               |        | RR+W      | mm/month       | 102.4 | 92.0  | 100.9 | 97.5  | 105.6 | 106.1 | 113.3  | 108.6 | 98.4  | 97.8  | 95.3  | 97.8  | 1215.8 |
| <b>DISPOSAL RATE</b>                       |        |           |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Disposal Rate                              | DR     | (ET+S)-RR | mm/month       | 79.4  | 54.6  | 44.1  | 47.7  | 57.0  | 71.7  | 96.5   | 121.7 | 156.4 | 176.1 | 147.2 | 124.6 |        |
| <b>LAND AREA REQUIRED FOR ZERO STORAGE</b> |        |           |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
|                                            |        |           | m <sup>2</sup> | 805   | 1058  | 1451  | 1296  | 1121  | 863   | 663    | 525   | 395   | 363   | 420   | 513   |        |

**MINIMUM AREA REQUIRED FOR ZERO STORAGE:**

1451 m<sup>2</sup>

**ADOPTED LAND APPLICATION AREA:**

2400 m<sup>2</sup>

**DESIGN APPLICATION RATE:**

0.9 mm/day

## STORAGE CALCULATION

|                                          |    |       |          |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
|------------------------------------------|----|-------|----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Application Rate                         | AR | Q/L   | mm/month | 26.6   | 24.1   | 26.6  | 25.8  | 26.6   | 25.8   | 26.6   | 26.6   | 25.8   | 26.6   | 25.8   | 26.6   |  |
| Storage For The Month                    | ST | AR-DR | mm/month | -52.8  | -30.5  | -17.4 | -21.9 | -30.4  | -45.9  | -69.8  | -95.1  | -130.7 | -149.5 | -121.5 | -98.0  |  |
| Increase In Depth Of Stored Effluent     | ΔH | ST/N  | mm/month | -176.0 | -101.7 | -58.1 | -73.2 | -101.3 | -153.2 | -232.8 | -317.0 | -435.6 | -498.4 | -404.9 | -326.6 |  |
| Storage Remaining From Previous Month    |    |       | mm/month | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |  |
| Cumulative Storage At End Of Month       | CS |       | mm       | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |  |
| Cumulative Storage From Previous Year    | CS |       | mm       | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |  |
| Maximum Storage Depth for Nominated Area | MS |       | mm       | 0      |        |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |

## DESIGN DIMENSIONS SUMMARY

|                                      |     |      |                |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|----------------|
| Land Application Area                | LAA | 2400 | m <sup>2</sup> |
| Maximum Storage Height               | MS  | 0    | mm             |
| Minimum Freeboard Topsoil Layer      | F   | 150  | mm             |
| Min Depth Of Land Application System | Z   |      | mm             |

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| <b>Client:</b> Melton Christian College                                                          | <b>Comp:</b> LCA           |
| <b>Subject:</b> Land Application Area Sizing Using Nitrogen Balance Calculations: <b>Stage 4</b> | <b>Date:</b> 2.04.26       |
|                                                                                                  | <b>Attendee:</b> DJH       |
|                                                                                                  | <b>Review:</b> PMO'N       |

### INPUT DATA<sup>1</sup>

| Wastewater Loading                                |       |         | Nutrient Crop Uptake |     |          |                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-----|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Hydraulic Load                                    | 2,062 | L/day   | Crop N Uptake        | 220 | kg/ha/yr | which equals 60.27 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day |
| Effluent N Concentration                          | 30    | mg/L    |                      |     |          |                                           |
| % N Lost to Soil Processes (Geary & Gardner 1996) | 0.2   | Decimal |                      |     |          |                                           |
| Total N Loss to Soil                              | 12372 | mg/day  |                      |     |          |                                           |
| Remaining N Load after soil loss                  | 49488 | mg/day  |                      |     |          |                                           |

### NITROGEN BALANCE BASED ON ANNUAL CROP UPTAKE RATES

| Minimum Area required with zero buffer |     |                | Determination of Buffer Zone Size for a Nominated Land Application Area (LAA) |        |                |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Nitrogen                               | 821 | m <sup>2</sup> | Nominated LAA Size                                                            | 2400   | m <sup>2</sup> |
|                                        |     |                | Predicted N Export from LAA                                                   | -34.74 | kg/year        |
|                                        |     |                | Minimum Buffer Required for excess nutrient                                   | 0      | m <sup>2</sup> |

**SUMMARY - LAND APPLICATION AREA REQUIRED BASED ON NITROGEN BALANCE** 821 m<sup>2</sup>

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Model sensitivity to input parameters will affect the accuracy of the result obtained. Where possible site specific data should be used. Otherwise data should be obtained from a reliable source such as:

- EPA Guidelines for Effluent Irrigation
- Appropriate Peer Reviewed Papers
- Environment and Health Protection Guidelines: Onsite Sewage Management for Single Households
- USEPA Onsite Systems Manual

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| Design Wastewater Flow            | Q                        | 3,305 | L/day          | Refer report             | Standard Comp No.:     | CSLCA1 |
| Design Seepage Rate               | DSR                      | 1.7   | mm/day         | Refer report             | Version:               | 1.01   |
| Trial Land Application Area       | LAA                      | 2400  | m <sup>2</sup> |                          | All Formulae Standard: | Yes    |
| Crop Factor                       | C                        | 0.8   | unitless       | Refer report             |                        |        |
| Rainfall Runoff Factor            | RF                       | 0.8   | unitless       | Refer report             |                        |        |
| Effective Void Ratio              | N                        | 0.3   | unitless       |                          |                        |        |
| Minimum Freeboard Topsoil Layer   | F                        | 150   | mm             |                          |                        |        |
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|--------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
| Days in month                              | D      |           | days           | 31     | 28    | 31     | 30    | 31     | 30    | 31     | 31     | 30    | 31     | 30    | 31     | 365     |
| Evaporation                                | E      |           | mm/month       | 116.4  | 142.1 | 177.5  | 196.7 | 162.1  | 132.3 | 1274.7 |        |       |        |       |        |         |
| Rainfall                                   | R      |           | mm/month       | 48.1   | 42.8  | 46.2   | 44.6  | 52.7   | 55.3  | 61.7   | 55.8   | 45.7  | 42.4   | 41.8  | 42.4   | 578.9   |
| Crop Factor                                | C      |           | unitless       | 0.80   | 0.80  | 0.80   | 0.80  | 0.80   | 0.80  | 0.80   | 0.80   | 0.80  | 0.80   | 0.80  | 0.80   |         |
| <b>OUTPUTS</b>                             |        |           |                |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |       |        |       |        |         |
| Evapotranspiration                         | ET     | E x C     | mm/month       | 65.2   | 41.2  | 28.3   | 32.4  | 49.0   | 65.0  | 93.1   | 113.7  | 142.0 | 157.4  | 129.7 | 105.8  | 1020    |
| Seepage                                    | S      | DSR x D   | mm/month       | 52.7   | 47.6  | 52.7   | 51.0  | 52.7   | 51.0  | 52.7   | 52.7   | 51.0  | 52.7   | 51.0  | 52.7   | 620.5   |
| Total Outputs                              |        | ET+S      | mm/month       | 117.9  | 88.8  | 81.0   | 83.4  | 101.7  | 116.0 | 145.8  | 166.4  | 193.0 | 210.1  | 180.7 | 158.5  | 1640.3  |
| <b>INPUTS</b>                              |        |           |                |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |       |        |       |        |         |
| Retained Rainfall                          | RR     | R x RF    | mm/month       | 38.5   | 34.2  | 37.0   | 35.7  | 41.7   | 44.2  | 49.4   | 44.6   | 36.6  | 33.9   | 33.4  | 33.9   | 463.1   |
| Applied Effluent                           | W      | QxD       | L/month        | 102455 | 92640 | 102455 | 99150 | 102455 | 99150 | 102455 | 102455 | 99150 | 102455 | 99150 | 102455 | 1206325 |
| Total Inputs                               |        | RR+W      | mm/month       | 140.9  | 126.8 | 139.4  | 139.4 | 144.1  | 143.4 | 151.8  | 147.1  | 135.7 | 136.4  | 132.6 | 136.4  | 1669.4  |
| <b>DISPOSAL RATE</b>                       |        |           |                |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |       |        |       |        |         |
| Disposal Rate                              | DR     | (ET+S)-RR | mm/month       | 79.4   | 54.6  | 44.1   | 47.7  | 57.0   | 71.7  | 96.5   | 121.7  | 156.4 | 176.1  | 147.2 | 124.6  |         |
| <b>LAND AREA REQUIRED FOR ZERO STORAGE</b> |        |           |                |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |       |        |       |        |         |
|                                            |        |           | m <sup>2</sup> | 1290   | 1696  | 2325   | 2078  | 1797   | 1382  | 1062   | 842    | 634   | 582    | 673   | 822    |         |

**MINIMUM AREA REQUIRED FOR ZERO STORAGE:**

**2325** m<sup>2</sup>

**ADOPTED LAND APPLICATION AREA:**

**2400** m<sup>2</sup>

**DESIGN APPLICATION RATE:**

**1.4** mm/day

## STORAGE CALCULATION

|                                          |    |       |          |        |       |      |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
|------------------------------------------|----|-------|----------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Application Rate                         | AR | Q/L   | mm/month | 42.7   | 38.6  | 42.7 | 41.3  | 42.7  | 41.3   | 42.7   | 42.7   | 41.3   | 42.7   | 41.3   | 42.7   |  |
| Storage For The Month                    | ST | AR-DR | mm/month | -36.7  | -16.0 | -1.4 | -6.4  | -14.3 | -30.4  | -53.8  | -79.1  | -115.1 | -133.5 | -105.9 | -81.9  |  |
| Increase In Depth Of Stored Effluent     | ΔH | ST/N  | mm/month | -122.4 | -53.3 | -4.6 | -21.4 | -47.8 | -101.4 | -179.2 | -263.5 | -383.8 | -444.8 | -353.1 | -273.1 |  |
| Storage Remaining From Previous Month    |    |       | mm/month | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |  |
| Cumulative Storage At End Of Month       | CS |       | mm       | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |  |
| Cumulative Storage From Previous Year    | CS |       | mm       | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |  |
| Maximum Storage Depth for Nominated Area | MS |       | mm       | 0      |       |      |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |

## DESIGN DIMENSIONS SUMMARY

|                                      |     |      |                |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|----------------|
| Land Application Area                | LAA | 2400 | m <sup>2</sup> |
| Maximum Storage Height               | MS  | 0    | mm             |
| Minimum Freeboard Topsoil Layer      | F   | 150  | mm             |
| Min Depth Of Land Application System | Z   |      | mm             |

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## COMPUTATION SHEET



|                                                                                                  |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Project:</b> Stage 4-6 School Expansion<br>674-740 Coburns Road<br>Toolern Vale               | <b>Project No.:</b> 260107 |
| <b>Client:</b> Melton Christian College                                                          | <b>Comp:</b> LCA           |
| <b>Subject:</b> Land Application Area Sizing Using Nitrogen Balance Calculations: <b>Stage 6</b> | <b>Date:</b> 2.04.26       |
|                                                                                                  | <b>Attendee:</b> DJH       |
|                                                                                                  | <b>Review:</b> PMO'N       |

### INPUT DATA<sup>1</sup>

| Wastewater Loading                                |       |         | Nutrient Crop Uptake |     |          |                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-----|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Hydraulic Load                                    | 3,305 | L/day   | Crop N Uptake        | 220 | kg/ha/yr | which equals 60.27 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day |
| Effluent N Concentration                          | 30    | mg/L    |                      |     |          |                                           |
| % N Lost to Soil Processes (Geary & Gardner 1996) | 0.2   | Decimal |                      |     |          |                                           |
| Total N Loss to Soil                              | 19830 | mg/day  |                      |     |          |                                           |
| Remaining N Load after soil loss                  | 79320 | mg/day  |                      |     |          |                                           |

### NITROGEN BALANCE BASED ON ANNUAL CROP UPTAKE RATES

| Minimum Area required with zero buffer |      |                | Determination of Buffer Zone Size for a Nominated Land Application Area (LAA) |        |                |
|----------------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Nitrogen                               | 1316 | m <sup>2</sup> | Nominated LAA Size                                                            | 2400   | m <sup>2</sup> |
|                                        |      |                | Predicted N Export from LAA                                                   | -23.85 | kg/year        |
|                                        |      |                | Minimum Buffer Required for excess nutrient                                   | 0      | m <sup>2</sup> |

**SUMMARY - LAND APPLICATION AREA REQUIRED BASED ON NITROGEN BALANCE** 1316 m<sup>2</sup>

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Model sensitivity to input parameters will affect the accuracy of the result obtained. Where possible site specific data should be used. Otherwise data should be obtained from a reliable source such as:

- EPA Guidelines for Effluent Irrigation
- Appropriate Peer Reviewed Papers
- Environment and Health Protection Guidelines: Onsite Sewage Management for Single Households
- USEPA Onsite Systems Manual

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Analysed Weekly Wastewater Flow Data

|                   |                                 |                                    |         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                           |                          |                       |                      |                           |                         | Average<br>Stage 4      | Average<br>Stage 6 |    |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----|
|                   | Days in<br>monitoring<br>period | Percent of<br>monitoring<br>period |         | Flow over<br>period | Flow over<br>period | Flow over<br>period | Flow over<br>period | Flow over<br>period | Flow over<br>period | Ave.<br>weekly<br>flow m3 | Ave.<br>weekly<br>flow L | Ave. daily<br>flow m3 | Ave. daily<br>flow L | Ave. daily<br>flow/person | forcast daily<br>flow L | forcast daily<br>flow L | Percent of<br>year |    |
| Date              | period                          | period                             | Meter 1 | Meter 2             | Meter 3             | Meter 4             | Meter 5             | Meter 6             | Meter 7             | Meter 8                   | Meter 9                  | Meter 10              | Meter 11             | Meter 12                  | Meter 13                | Meter 14                |                    |    |
| 22/02/2024        |                                 |                                    | 125.9   | 194.43              | 77.76               | 203.19              |                     |                     |                     |                           |                          |                       |                      |                           |                         |                         |                    |    |
| 29/02/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 126.36  | 0.46                | 197.87              | 3.44                | 82.1                | 4.34                | 203.19              | 0                         | 8.24                     | 8240.00               | 1.18                 | 1177.14                   | 7.0                     | 3440.3                  | 5514.4             | 2  |
| 7/03/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 126.44  | 0.08                | 199.78              | 1.91                | 85.29               | 3.19                | 203.19              | 0                         | 5.18                     | 5180.00               | 0.74                 | 740.00                    | 4.4                     | 2162.7                  | 3466.5             |    |
| 28/03/2024        | 21                              | 6                                  | 127.01  | 0.57                | 207.78              | 8                   | 91.39               | 6.1                 | 203.26              | 0.07                      | 4.91                     | 4913.33               | 0.70                 | 701.90                    | 4.2                     | 2051.4                  | 3288.1             |    |
| 18/04/2024        | 21                              | 6                                  | 128.28  | 1.27                | 216.06              | 8.28                | 100.87              | 9.48                | 203.33              | 0.07                      | 6.37                     | 6366.67               | 0.91                 | 909.52                    | 5.4                     | 2658.2                  | 4260.7             | 6  |
| 24/04/2024        | 6                               | 2                                  | 128.28  | 0                   | 218.44              | 2.38                | 101.66              | 0.79                | 203.33              | 0                         | 3.70                     | 3698.33               | 0.53                 | 528.33                    | 3.1                     | 1544.1                  | 2475.0             |    |
| 6/05/2024         | 12                              | 3                                  | 128.38  | 0.1                 | 222.49              | 4.05                | 106.16              | 4.5                 | 203.33              | 0                         | 5.05                     | 5045.83               | 0.72                 | 720.83                    | 4.3                     | 2106.7                  | 3376.8             |    |
| 20/05/2024        | 14                              | 4                                  | 129.34  | 0.96                | 226.85              | 4.36                | 111.97              | 5.81                | 203.33              | 0                         | 5.57                     | 5565.00               | 0.80                 | 795.00                    | 4.7                     | 2323.5                  | 3724.2             |    |
| 27/05/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 129.35  | 0.01                | 229.45              | 2.6                 | 112.55              | 0.58                | 205.17              | 1.84                      | 5.03                     | 5030.00               | 0.72                 | 718.57                    | 4.3                     | 2100.1                  | 3366.2             |    |
| 3/06/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 129.59  | 0.24                | 232.08              | 2.63                | 112.55              | 0                   | 207.8               | 2.63                      | 5.50                     | 5500.00               | 0.79                 | 785.71                    | 4.7                     | 2296.3                  | 3680.7             |    |
| 11/06/2024        | 8                               | 2                                  | 129.6   | 0.01                | 234.95              | 2.87                | 112.55              | 0                   | 211.05              | 3.25                      | 5.36                     | 5363.75               | 0.77                 | 766.25                    | 4.6                     | 2239.5                  | 3589.5             |    |
| 24/06/2024        | 13                              | 3                                  | 129.78  | 0.18                | 238.43              | 3.48                | 112.55              | 0                   | 213.91              | 2.86                      | 3.51                     | 3510.77               | 0.50                 | 501.54                    | 3.0                     | 1465.8                  | 2349.5             |    |
| 1/07/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 129.78  | 0                   | 240.07              | 1.64                | 112.55              | 0                   | 215.77              | 1.86                      | 3.50                     | 3500.00               | 0.50                 | 500.00                    | 3.0                     | 1461.3                  | 2342.3             |    |
| 15/07/2024        | 14                              | 4                                  | 129.91  | 0.13                | 242.79              | 2.72                | 112.55              | 0                   | 218.47              | 2.7                       | 2.77                     | 2775.00               | 0.40                 | 396.43                    | 2.4                     | 1158.6                  | 1857.1             |    |
| 22/07/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 130.11  | 0.2                 | 244.43              | 1.64                | 112.55              | 0                   | 219.47              | 1                         | 2.84                     | 2840.00               | 0.41                 | 405.71                    | 2.4                     | 1185.7                  | 1900.6             |    |
| 29/07/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 130.31  | 0.2                 | 246.78              | 2.35                | 112.55              | 0                   | 221.09              | 1.09                      | 1.09                     | 1090.00               | 0.58                 | 578.57                    | 3.4                     | 1690.9                  | 2710.3             |    |
| 5/08/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 130.44  | 0.13                | 249.73              | 2.95                | 112.55              | 0                   | 223.7               | 1.73                      | 1.81                     | 1810.00               | 0.69                 | 687.14                    | 4.1                     | 2008.3                  | 3218.9             |    |
| 12/08/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 130.53  | 0.09                | 251.9               | 2.17                | 112.55              | 0                   | 225.04              | 2.34                      | 2.34                     | 2340.00               | 0.66                 | 657.14                    | 3.9                     | 1920.6                  | 3078.4             |    |
| 19/08/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 130.53  | 0                   | 254.57              | 2.67                | 112.55              | 0                   | 227.75              | 2.71                      | 5.38                     | 5380.00               | 0.77                 | 768.57                    | 4.6                     | 2246.2                  | 3600.4             |    |
| 26/08/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 130.79  | 0.26                | 258.5               | 3.93                | 112.55              | 0                   | 230.84              | 3.09                      | 7.28                     | 7280.00               | 1.04                 | 1040.00                   | 6.2                     | 3039.5                  | 4871.9             | 2  |
| 2/09/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.16  | 0.37                | 261.55              | 3.05                | 112.55              | 0                   | 232.2               | 2.98                      | 6.88                     | 6880.00               | 0.83                 | 828.57                    | 4.9                     | 2421.6                  | 3881.5             |    |
| 9/09/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.25  | 0.09                | 264.17              | 2.62                | 112.55              | 0                   | 235.1               | 1.99                      | 1.99                     | 1990.00               | 0.64                 | 641.43                    | 3.8                     | 1874.7                  | 3004.8             |    |
| 16/09/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.45  | 0.2                 | 266.82              | 2.65                | 112.55              | 0                   | 236.64              | 1.64                      | 4.49                     | 4490.00               | 0.64                 | 641.43                    | 3.8                     | 1874.7                  | 3004.8             |    |
| 30/09/2024        | 14                              | 4                                  | 131.55  | 0.1                 | 269.06              | 2.24                | 112.55              | 0                   | 238.89              | 2.25                      | 2.30                     | 2295.00               | 0.33                 | 327.86                    | 2.0                     | 958.2                   | 1535.9             |    |
| 7/10/2024         | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.55  | 0                   | 269.61              | 0.55                | 112.55              | 0                   | 239.24              | 0.35                      | 0.90                     | 900.00                | 0.13                 | 128.57                    | 0.8                     | 375.8                   | 602.3              |    |
| 14/10/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.81  | 0.26                | 271.96              | 2.35                | 112.55              | 0                   | 241.09              | 1.85                      | 4.46                     | 4460.00               | 0.64                 | 637.14                    | 3.8                     | 1862.1                  | 2984.7             |    |
| 21/10/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.9   | 0.09                | 275.37              | 3.41                | 112.55              | 0                   | 243.45              | 2.36                      | 5.86                     | 5860.00               | 0.84                 | 837.14                    | 5.0                     | 2446.6                  | 3921.6             |    |
| 28/10/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 131.99  | 0.09                | 278.15              | 2.78                | 112.55              | 0                   | 245.39              | 1.94                      | 4.81                     | 4810.00               | 0.69                 | 687.14                    | 4.1                     | 2008.3                  | 3218.9             |    |
| 6/11/2024         | 9                               | 2                                  | 131.99  | 0                   | 280.55              | 2.4                 | 112.55              | 0                   | 247.44              | 2.05                      | 3.46                     | 3461.11               | 0.49                 | 494.44                    | 2.9                     | 1445.1                  | 2316.2             |    |
| 11/11/2024        | 5                               | 1                                  | 132.09  | 0.1                 | 284.31              | 3.76                | 112.55              | 0                   | 250.19              | 2.75                      | 9.25                     | 9254.00               | 1.32                 | 1322.00                   | 7.9                     | 3863.7                  | 6192.9             | 1  |
| 18/11/2024        | 7                               | 2                                  | 132.36  | 0.27                | 287.09              | 2.78                | 112.55              | 0                   | 253.15              | 2.96                      | 6.01                     | 6010.00               | 0.86                 | 858.57                    | 5.1                     | 2509.3                  | 4022.0             | 2  |
| 26/11/2024        | 8                               | 2                                  | 132.47  | 0.11                | 290.4               | 3.31                | 112.55              | 0                   | 255.71              | 2.56                      | 5.23                     | 5232.50               | 0.75                 | 747.50                    | 4.4                     | 2184.7                  | 3501.7             |    |
| 9/12/2024         | 13                              | 3                                  | 133.29  | 0.82                | 296.4               | 6                   | 112.55              | 0                   | 261.97              | 6.26                      | 7.04                     | 7043.08               | 1.01                 | 1006.15                   | 6.0                     | 2940.6                  | 4713.4             | 3  |
| 28/02/2025        | 81                              | 22                                 | 136.45  | 3.16                | 314.8               | 18.4                | 112.61              | 0.06                | 278.65              | 16.68                     | 3.31                     | 3309.88               | 0.47                 | 472.84                    | 2.8                     | 1381.9                  | 2215.0             |    |
| 372               |                                 | 100                                | 10.55   | 10.55               | 120.37              | 120.37              | 34.85               | 34.85               | 75.46               | 75.46                     | 4.88                     | 4880.73               | 0.70                 | 697.25                    | 4.15                    | 3863.7                  | 6192.9             | 16 |
| Total             |                                 | %                                  | Total   | Total               | Total               | Total               | Total               | Total               | Total               | Total                     | Average                  | Average               | Average              | Average                   | Average                 | Max                     | Max                | %  |
| 2024 Occupants    |                                 |                                    | 168     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                           |                          |                       |                      |                           |                         |                         |                    |    |
| Stage 4 Occupants |                                 |                                    | 491     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                           |                          |                       |                      |                           |                         |                         |                    |    |
| Stage 6 Occupants |                                 |                                    | 787     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                           |                          |                       |                      |                           |                         |                         |                    |    |

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