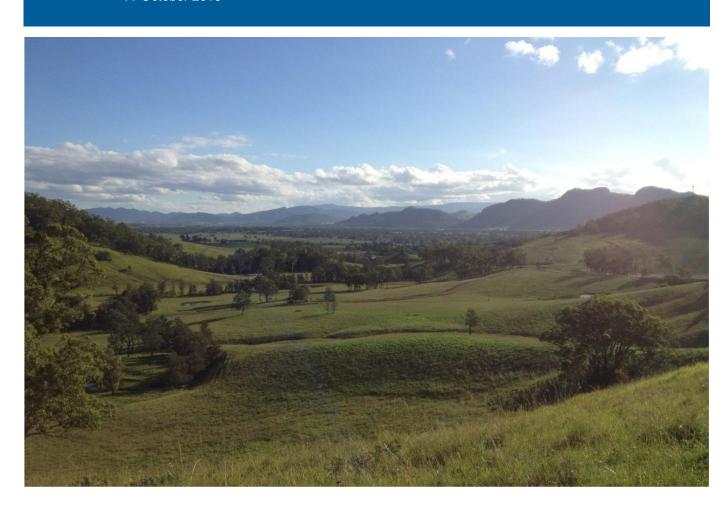
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## Glossary

**Alluvium** Unconsolidated sediments (clays, sands, gravels and other materials)

deposited by flowing water. Deposits can be made by streams on river beds,

floodplains, and alluvial fans.

Alluvial aquifer Permeable zones that store and produce groundwater from unconsolidated

alluvial sediments. Shallow alluvial aquifers are generally unconfined aquifers.

**Anthropogenic** Occurring because of, or influenced by, human activity.

Aquifer Rock or sediment in a formation, group of formations, or part of a formation

that is saturated and sufficiently permeable to transmit economic quantities of

water.

**Aquifer properties** The characteristics of an aquifer that determine its hydraulic behaviour and its

response to abstraction.

Aquifer, confined An aquifer that is overlain by low permeability strata. The hydraulic

conductivity of the confining bed is significantly lower than that of the aquifer.

Aguifer, semi-

An aquifer overlain by a low-permeability layer that permits water to slowly flow confined through it. During pumping, recharge to the aquifer can occur across the leaky

confining layer – also known as a leaky artesian or leaky confined aquifer.

Aquifer, unconfined Also known as a water table aquifer. An aquifer in which there are no confining

beds between the zone of saturation and the surface. The water table is the

upper boundary of an unconfined aquifer.

**Aquitard** A low permeability unit that can store groundwater and also transmit it slowly

from one formation to another. Aguitards retard but do not prevent the

movement of water to or from adjacent aquifers.

Artesian water Groundwater that is under pressure when tapped by a bore and is able to rise

> above the level at which it is first encountered. It may or may not flow at ground level. The pressure in such an aquifer commonly is called artesian pressure, and the formation containing artesian water is a confined aquifer.

**Australian Height** Datum (AHD)

The reference point (very close to mean sea level) for all elevation

measurements, and used for correlating depths of aquifers and water levels in

bores.

**Baseflow** The part of stream discharge that originates from groundwater seeping into the

Baseline sampling A period of regular water quality and water level measurements that are

carried out over a period long enough to determine the natural variability in

groundwater conditions.

**Bore** A structure drilled below the surface to obtain water from an aquifer or series

of aquifers.

Coal A sedimentary rock derived from the compaction and consolidation of

vegetation or swamp deposits to form a fossilised carbonaceous rock.

Coal seam A layer of coal within a sedimentary rock sequence.

Coal seam gas (CSG) Coal seam gas is a form of natural gas (predominantly methane) that is

extracted from coal seams.

The amount or mass of a substance present in a given volume or mass of Concentration

sample, usually expressed as microgram per litre (water sample) or

micrograms per kilogram (sediment sample).

Conceptual model A simplified and idealised representation (usually graphical) of the physical

> hydrogeologic setting and the hydrogeological understanding of the essential flow processes of the system. This includes the identification and description of the geologic and hydrologic framework, media type, hydraulic properties, sources and sinks, and important aquifer flow and surface-groundwater

interaction processes.

**Confining layer** Low permeability strata that may be saturated but will not allow water to move

through it under natural hydraulic gradients.

Datalogger A digital recording instrument that is inserted in monitoring and pumping bores

to record pressure measurements and water level variations.

**Discharge** The volume of water flowing in a stream or through an aquifer past a specific

point in a given period of time.

Discharge area An area in which there are upward or lateral components of flow in an aquifer.

Drawdown A lowering of the water table in an unconfined aquifer or the pressure surface

of a confined aquifer caused by pumping of groundwater from bores and wells.

**Electrical Conductivity** 

(EC)

A measure of a fluid's ability to conduct an electrical current and is an estimation of the total ions dissolved. It is often used as a measure of water

salinity.

**Fracture** Breakage in a rock or mineral along a direction or directions that are not

cleavage or fissility directions.

Fractured rock aquifer These occur in sedimentary, igneous and metamorphosed rocks which have

> been subjected to disturbance, deformation, or weathering, and which allow water to move through joints, bedding planes, fractures and faults. Although fractured rock aquifers are found over a wide area, they generally contain much less groundwater than alluvial and porous sedimentary rock aquifers.

Groundwater The water contained in interconnected pores or fractures located below the

water table in the saturated zone.

**Groundwater flow** The movement of water through openings in sediment and rock within the

zone of saturation.

**Groundwater system** A system that is hydrogeologically more similar than different in regard to

geological province, hydraulic characteristics and water quality, and may

consist of one or more geological formations.

**Hydraulic conductivity** The rate at which water of a specified density and kinematic viscosity can

move through a permeable medium (notionally equivalent to the permeability

of an aquifer to fresh water).

**Hydraulic gradient** The change in total hydraulic head with a change in distance in a given

direction.

**Hydraulic head** Is a specific measurement of water pressure above a datum. It is usually

measured as a water surface elevation, expressed in units of length. In an aquifer, it can be calculated from the depth to water in a monitoring bore. The hydraulic head can be used to determine a hydraulic gradient between two or

more points.

**Hydrogeology** The study of the interrelationships of geologic materials and processes with

water, especially groundwater.

**Hydrology** The study of the occurrence, distribution, and chemistry of all surface waters.

**Infiltration** The flow of water downward from the land surface into and through the upper

soil layers.

**Lithology** The study of rocks and their depositional or formational environment on a large

specimen or outcrop scale.

MicroSiemens per centimetre (µS/cm)

A measure of water salinity commonly referred to as EC (see also Electrical Conductivity). Most commonly measured in the field with calibrated field

meters.

**Monitoring bore** A non-pumping bore, is generally of small diameter that is used to measure

the elevation of the water table and/or water quality. Bores generally have a short well screen against a single aquifer through which water can enter.

**Permeability** The property or capacity of a porous rock, sediment, clay or soil to transmit a

fluid. It is a measure of the relative ease of fluid flow under unequal pressure. The hydraulic conductivity is the permeability of a material for water at the

prevailing temperature.

Permeable material Material that permits water to move through it at perceptible rates under the

hydraulic gradients normally present.

**Permian** The last period of the Palaeozoic era that finished approximately 230 million

years before present.

**Piezometer** See monitoring bore.

Potentiometric

surface

The potential level to which water will rise above the water level in an aquifer in a bore that penetrates a confined aquifer; if the potential level is higher than the land surface, the bore will overflow and is referred to as artesian (same as

piezometric surface).

**Precipitation** (1) in meteorology and hydrology, rain, snow and other forms of water falling

> from the sky (2) the formation of a suspension of an insoluble compound by mixing two solutions. Positive values of saturation index (SI) indicate supersaturation and the tendency of the water to precipitate that mineral.

Quaternary The most recent geological period extending from approximately 2.5 million

years ago to the present day.

Recharge The process which replenishes groundwater, usually by rainfall infiltrating from

the ground surface to the water table and by river water reaching the water

table or exposed aquifers. The addition of water to an aquifer.

Recharge area A geographic area that directly receives infiltrated water from surface and in

> which there are downward components of hydraulic head in the aquifer. Recharge generally moves downward from the water table into the deeper parts of an aquifer then moves laterally and vertically to recharge other parts of

the aquifer or deeper aquifer zones.

Recovery The difference between the observed water level during the recovery period

after cessation of pumping and the water level measured immediately before

pumping stopped.

RL Reduced level or height, usually in metres above or below an arbitrary or

standard datum.

Salinity The concentration of dissolved salts in water, usually expressed in EC units or

milligrams of total dissolved solids per litre (mg/L TDS).

*Fresh water quality* – water with a salinity <800 µS/cm. Salinity classification

Marginal water quality - water that is more saline than freshwater and

generally waters between 800 and 1,600 µS/cm.

Brackish quality – water that is more saline than freshwater and generally

waters between 1,600 and 4,800 µS/cm.

Slightly saline quality – water that is more saline than brackish water and

generally waters with a salinity between 4,800 and 10,000 µS/cm.

Moderately saline quality - water that is more saline than brackish water and

generally waters between 10,000 and 20,000 µS/cm.

Saline quality - water that is almost as saline as seawater and generally

waters with a salinity greater than 20,000 µS/cm.

**Seawater quality** – water that is generally around 55,000 µS/cm.

Saturated zone The zone in which the voids in the rock or soil are filled with water at a

pressure greater than atmospheric pressure. The water table is the top of the

saturated zone in an unconfined aquifer.

Screen A type of bore lining or casing of special construction, with apertures designed

to permit the flow of water into a bore while preventing the entry of aquifer or

filter pack material.

Sandstone Sandstone is a sedimentary rock composed mainly of sand-sized minerals or

rock grains (predominantly quartz).

Sedimentary rock aquifer

These occur in consolidated sediments such as porous sandstones and conglomerates, in which water is stored in the intergranular pores, and limestone, in which water is stored in solution cavities and joints. These aquifers are generally located in sedimentary basins that are continuous over large areas and may be tens or hundreds of metres thick. In terms of quantity, they contain the largest volumes of groundwater.

Shale A laminated sedimentary rock in which the constituent particles are

predominantly of clay size.

**Siltstone** A fine-grained rock of sedimentary origin composed mainly of silt-sized

particles (0.004 to 0.06 mm).

Specific storage Relating to the volume of water that is released from an aquifer following a unit

change in the hydraulic head. Specific storage normally relates to confined

aquifers.

Specific yield The ratio of the volume of water a rock or soil will yield by gravity drainage to

the volume of the rock or soil. Specific yield generally relates to unconfined

aquifers. Gravity drainage may take many months to occur.

Standing water level

(SWL)

The height to which groundwater rises in a bore after it is drilled and completed, and after a period of pumping when levels return to natural

atmospheric or confined pressure levels.

**Stratigraphy** The depositional order of sedimentary rocks in layers.

Surface watergroundwater interaction

This occurs in two ways: (1) streams gain water from groundwater through the streambed when the elevation of the water table adjacent to the streambed is greater than the water level in the stream; and (2) streams lose water to groundwater through streambeds when the elevation of the water table is

lower than the water level in the stream.

**Tertiary** Geologic time at the beginning of the Cainozoic era, 65 to 2.5 million years

ago, after the Cretaceous and before the Quaternary.

**Total Dissolved Solids** 

(TDS)

A measure of the salinity of water, usually expressed in milligrams per litre

(mg/L). See also EC.

Tuff is a type of volcanic rock consisting of consolidated explosive ash ejected Tuff

from vents during a volcanic eruption.

**Unsaturated zone** That part of an aquifer between the land surface and water table. It includes

the root zone, intermediate zone and capillary fringe.

Water bearing zone Geological strata that are saturated with groundwater but not of sufficient

permeability to be called an aquifer.

Water quality Term used to describe the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of

water, usually in respect to its suitability for a particular purpose.

Water quality data Chemical, biological, and physical measurements or observations of the

> characteristics of surface and ground waters, atmospheric deposition, potable water, treated effluents, and waste water and of the immediate environment in

which the water exists.

Water table The top of an unconfined aquifer. It is at atmospheric pressure and indicates

the level below which soil and rock are saturated with water.

Well Pertaining to a gas exploration well or gas production well.

Wellbore A wellbore is the physical hole that makes up the well and can be cased, open

> or be a combination of both completions. In this report it generally refers to uncased gas exploration boreholes prior to a gas well being completed.

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### **Abbreviations**

#### List of units

m metres

m AHD metres Australian Height Datum

m bgl metres below ground level

mbtoc metres below top of casing

m/day metres per day

m<sup>3</sup>/day cubic metres per day

m/year metres per year

µS/cm microSiemens per centimetre

mg/L milligrams per litre

List of abbreviations

**AGL** AGL Upstream Investments Pty Ltd

BoM **Bureau of Meteorology** 

CSG Coal seam gas

EC **Electrical Conductivity** 

**GFDA** Gas Field Development Area

**GGP** Gloucester Gas project

**PEL** Petroleum Exploration Licence

PPL Petroleum Production Lease

## **Executive Summary**

AGL Upstream Infrastructure Investments Pty Ltd (AGL) is proposing to build the Gloucester Gas Project (GGP) which comprises several stages of development facilitating the extraction of coal seam gas (CSG) from the Gloucester Basin. Part 3A Approval and EPBC Approval has been granted for the Stage 1 Gas Field Development Area (GFDA).

A comprehensive surface water and groundwater monitoring network comprising nested monitoring bores and stream gauges was established during the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigations (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2012a). Subsequent and ongoing site investigations have continued to expand this network since January 2011. This annual monitoring report provides a review of the groundwater and surface water monitoring data for the period January 2011 to June 2013, representing 30 months of baseline data, but focussing on the last annual monitoring period (July 2012 to June 2013).

During last monitoring year there were high rainfall periods in January and February 2013, with February 2013 receiving 219 mm, resulting in significantly higher than average rainfall in those months and local flooding of rivers and creeks.

All stream gauges on the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek show sharp increases in water level in response to rainfall events, and relatively steep recession curves. This is characteristic of rapid runoff responses from a relatively small upstream catchment and limited riverbank storage and groundwater contributions. Stream levels and flow decrease over several weeks following each rainfall event to a relatively consistent base level that represents a small baseflow component in the Avon River.

Groundwater level trends in monitoring bores vary depending on the lithology and depth of the screened interval:

- Alluvium: Groundwater levels in monitoring bores screened within the alluvial aquifers show characteristic quick responses to rainfall events. This indicates rapid shallow aquifer recharge via direct rainfall infiltrations and/or enhanced infiltration during creek high flow and flood events. Groundwater fluctuations over the monitoring period range from ~0.5 m to ~3 m. Rainfall recharge is impeded in areas where the alluvium is clay-rich or where thick clay layers overlie the coarser grained alluvial deposits.
- Shallow rock: There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events in the shallow rock monitoring bores, with the exception of the WKMB site at Forbesdale. For all sites there is a delayed response to periods of higher than average rainfall, indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow rainfall recharge over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring locations.
- Interburden units: Monitoring bores screened within the interburden units do not show an overall increase or decrease over the monitoring period. There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events.
- Coal seams: Groundwater levels in monitoring bores that are screened within the coal seams show varied but typically small (<0.2 m) overall changes in groundwater level over the monitoring period. There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events, indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow rainfall recharge over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring locations.</p>

Surface water salinity is fresh and the pH is neutral. Generally the major ion chemistry of the surface water is dominated by sodium, chloride and bicarbonate. Dissolved metal analysis for surface water indicated that aluminium, copper, zinc concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values. Dissolved methane concentrations were detected at two of the surface water monitoring locations.

#### Groundwater quality monitoring suggests that:

- Alluvial aguifer water quality is fresh to slightly saline, has slightly acidic to neutral pH and reducing conditions exist. The major ion chemistry is sodium-chloride dominant, reflecting the high clay content of the alluvium and rainfall recharge. The alluvial groundwater has minor dissolved metals, and dissolved methane was detected at the alluvial monitoring bores.
- Groundwater in the shallow rock unit is marginal to slightly saline, has neutral to alkaline pH conditions and reducing conditions exist. The major ion chemistry is sodium-chloride-bicarbonate dominant. Groundwater in the shallow rock unit has low concentrations of dissolved metals and minor detections of naturally occurring TPH, benzene and toluene occurred at a few monitoring sites. Dissolved methane concentrations were detected in all shallow rock aguifer monitoring bores.
- Groundwater quality of the interburden is brackish with alkaline pH and reducing conditions. The major ion chemistry is sodium-chloride dominant. Groundwater in the interburden has low concentrations of dissolved metals. Ammonia, total phosphorus and reactive phosphorous concentrations were elevated and at some monitoring locations. Minor detections of naturally occurring phenols, TPH and toluene occurred at all monitoring bores. Methane concentrations were detected at higher concentrations than the alluvial or shallow rock groundwater.
- Groundwater salinity in the coal seams is typically brackish to slightly saline, with neutral to alkaline pH and mostly reducing conditions. The major ion chemistry is generally sodium-chloride dominant. Groundwater in the coal seams has low concentrations of most analysed dissolved metals, these concentrations are considered natural and not unusual for Permian coal seams. Ammonia, total phosphorus and reactive phosphorus concentrations were elevated at some monitoring locations. Toluene and TPH were detected at some monitoring locations. Methane concentrations were detected at higher concentrations than the alluvial or shallow rock groundwater.

It is recommended that monitoring should continue at all dedicated surface water and groundwater monitoring sites in accordance with the existing program

### Introduction

#### Gloucester Gas Project 1.1

AGL Upstream Infrastructure Investments Pty Ltd (AGL) is proposing to build the Gloucester Gas Project (GGP) which comprises several stages of development facilitating the extraction of coal seam gas (CSG) from the Gloucester Basin. Concept Plan and Project Approval (Part 3A Approval) for the Stage 1 Gas Field Development Area (GFDA) was granted on 22 February 2011 under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979) (EP&A Act). In addition the project received approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999) (EPBC Act) (EPBC Approval) on 11 February 2013.

AGL also holds Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 285, under the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991, covering the whole of the Gloucester Basin, approximately 100 km north of Newcastle, NSW. AGL has also applied for a Petroleum Production Lease (PPL) for the Stage 1 area subject of the planning approvals. The Stage 1 GFDA in relation to the PEL boundary is shown in Figure 1.1.

The GGP will involve the dewatering of deep groundwater and the extraction of gas from multiple coal seams within the Gloucester Coal Measures. Target coal seam depths will vary from site to site but are expected to range between 200 and 1,000 metres below ground level (mbgl). The current GGP includes the construction, operation and decommissioning of not more than 110 coal seam gas wells and associated infrastructure, including gas and water gathering lines, within the Stage 1 GFDA.

#### 1.2 Importance of groundwater and surface water monitoring

Groundwater and surface water studies are required to confirm the baseline conditions (pre-development) and to determine the impact (if any) on water resources and local ecosystems as the GGP is constructed, commissioned and operated.

The monitoring network is focussed on the main water resources of the alluvium and shallow rock (<150 m) hydrogeological units, and surface water in the Avon River within the Stage 1 GFDA. The continuous monitoring of groundwater and surface water levels is part of the ongoing site investigations and compliance monitoring program.

The field based groundwater studies commenced with a comprehensive groundwater investigation, the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigations, which was completed in 2012 (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2012a). The investigation established a dedicated water monitoring network, and enabled the collection of baseline water level, water quality and hydraulic conductivity data for each of the hydrogeological units represented across the different groundwater and surface water systems. The Hydrogeological Conceptual Model for the Gloucester Basin (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2013a) provides further detail on the characterisation of the groundwater and surface water systems across the basin.

#### 1.3 **Objectives**

The objectives of the continuing groundwater and surface water monitoring program are to:

- provide information on lateral and vertical groundwater flow in the area by assessing regional and seasonal trends in groundwater levels and quality
- provide information on surface water systems in the area by assessing regional and seasonal trends in surface water levels and quality
- help the community understand what impacts, if any, there might be on local water supplies and groundwater as a result of gas exploration.

#### 1.4 Report structure

This annual status report provides the second annual review of the monitoring network detailing groundwater and surface water level and quality trends for the period January 2011 to June 2013, and specifically for the last monitoring period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. The monitoring network is generally located within the Gloucester Basin and the northern catchment area which is predominantly the Avon River catchment.

The structure of the report is as follows:

- Chapter 2: provides an overview of the geological and hydrological setting of the Gloucester Basin.
- **Chapter 3:** provides an overview of the monitoring network.
- Chapter 4: discusses the surface water monitoring results for the monitoring period.
- Chapter 5: discusses the groundwater monitoring results for the monitoring period
- Chapter 6: presents the conclusions and recommendations for future monitoring.
- **Chapter 7:** outlines limitations relating to analysis and reporting of data.
- Chapter 8: comprises the references used in this report.

Stage 1 GFDA boundary

L \_ PEL 285 boundary

AGL owned properties

Mining Lease Boundary

Towns

Major roadsNSW State Forest

GRL exploration area boundary National Park, Nature Reserve or State Conservation Area

Rivers and streams

Figure 1.1

Regional Location

## Physical setting

#### Topography and drainage 2.1

The Gloucester Basin is a narrow, north-south trending, elongated basin approximately 40 km long and 10 km wide, extending from Gloucester in the north to Stroud in the south. A major surface water divide, just north of Wards River, separates the Basin into two major catchment areas.

The Gloucester Basin is located high in the Manning River and Karuah River coastal catchments. The area occupied by the Permian Coal Measures (about 217 km<sup>2</sup>) is small in comparison to the size of these catchments.

In the southern catchment area, surface water flow is generally to the south, and is part of the Karuah River catchment. In the northern catchment area, surface water flow is generally to the north, and is part of the Manning River catchment. Figure 2.1 illustrates the surface water catchments, and the surface water divide between the Wards River catchment (part of the Karuah River catchment) and the Avon River catchment (part of the Manning River catchment).

The Gloucester Basin is topographically enclosed to the west by the Gloucester and Barrington Tops, and to the east by the Mograni Range.

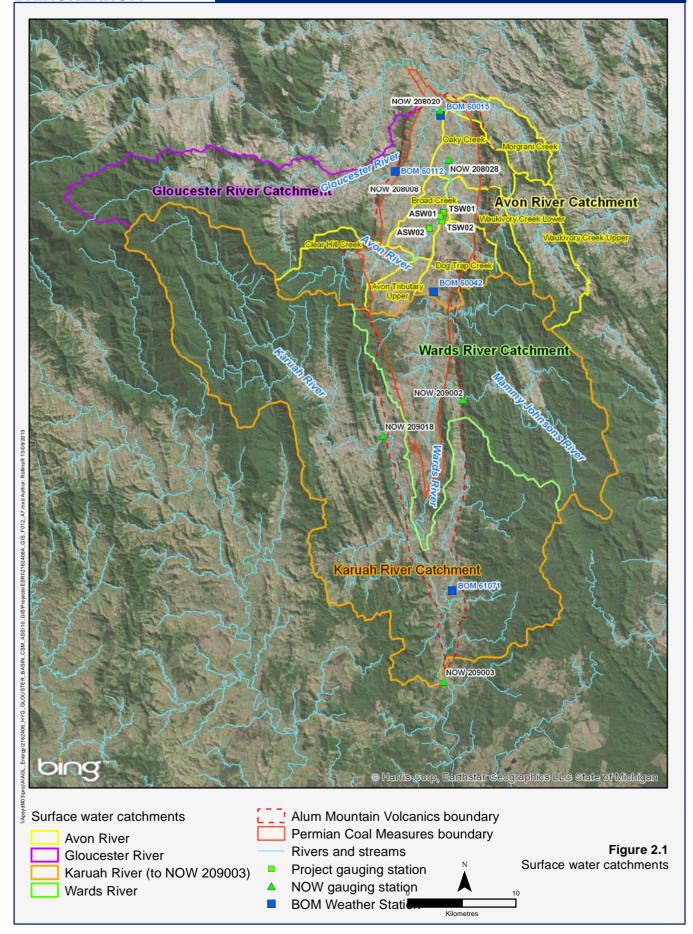
#### 2.2 Rainfall and evapotranspiration

There are four Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) weather stations within the Gloucester Basin (Figure 2.1), and an additional AGL weather station on the Tiedman property (Figure 1.1). Average rainfall and the period of monitoring for the BoM stations are presented in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 BoM stations in the Gloucester Basin (BoM 2013a)

BoM station number	Location name	Monitoring period	Long term average annual rainfall (mm)*
60015	Gloucester Post Office	1888 to present	982.4
60112	Gloucester Hiawatha	1976 to present	1023.2
60042	Craven (Longview)	1961 to present	1061.6
61071	Stroud Post Office	1889 to present	1145.8

Long term average annual rainfall (mm) over the monitoring period.



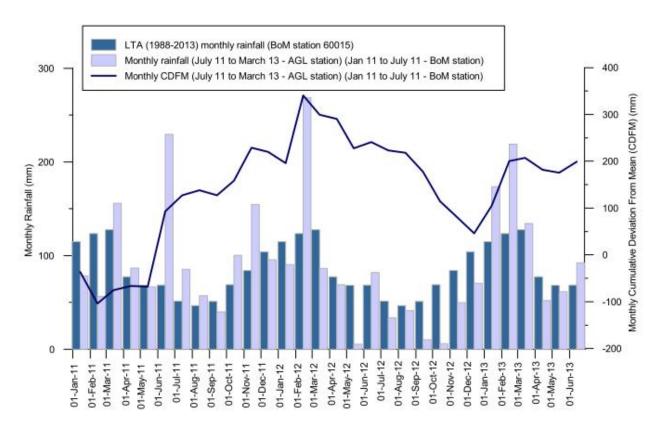


Figure 2.2 Monitoring period monthly rainfall, and cumulative deviation from the monthly mean rainfall (CDFM) at the AGL Gloucester station (AGL, 2013a)

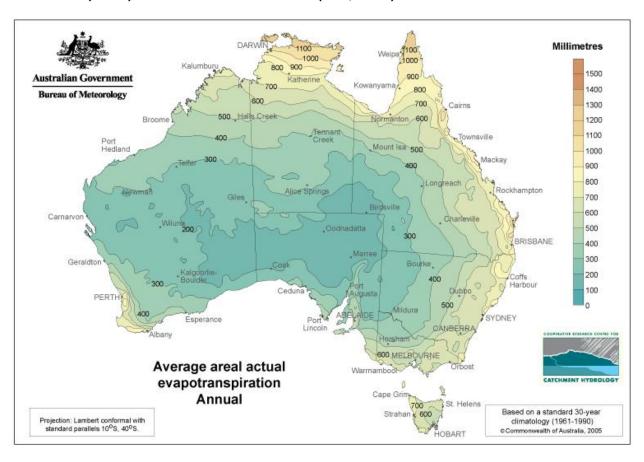


Figure 2.3 Average, areal, actual evapotranspiration (BoM, 2013b)

Monitoring data for the monitoring period January 2011 to June 2013 are presented in Figure 2.2. The AGL weather station commenced monitoring in June 2011, data prior to that was obtained from Gloucester Post Office (BoM Station 60015). From February 2011 to February 2012 actual rainfall was greater than average rainfall, as confirmed by the upward sloping cumulative deviation trend. In contrast, the period between February 2012 and December 2012 shows a downward sloping cumulative deviation curve, indicating that actual rainfall was lower than the average rainfall. From December 2012 to June 2013, actual rainfall was again higher than average rainfall.

Historically, the period between July and September records the lowest monthly rainfall, while the period between January and March typically has the highest monthly rainfall. During the entire monitoring period there were three notable high rainfall periods in June 2011 (229 mm), February 2012 (268 mm) and February 2013 (219 mm).

Evapotranspiration (ET) is the collective term encompassing the transfer of water, as water vapour, to the atmosphere from both vegetated and clear land surfaces (BoM 2013b). Evapotranspiration rates are affected by climate and the availability of water and vegetation.

The average, annual evapotranspiration for the whole Gloucester Basin is approximately 750 mm; this was obtained from the average, areal, actual evapotranspiration maps created by the BoM from data collected between 1961 and 1990 (Figure 2.3) (BoM 2013b).

#### Geological setting 2.3

The Gloucester Basin represents a complex geological system formed by the interplay of extensional tectonic faulting and high rates of sedimentation. The Basin stratigraphy comprises a thick succession of Permian sedimentary rocks representing deposition in both terrestrial and marine environments during a complex period of subsidence, uplift and relative sea level change (marine transgression and regression).

The Basin is a synclinal intermontane structure formed in part of the New England Fold Belt between a major Permian plate margin and the Sydney-Gunnedah Basin (Lennox, 2009). The north – south trending synclinal nature of the Gloucester Basin resulted from the collision between the East Australian and Pacific Plates.

Following a period of extension during the Early Permian the Gloucester Basin has undergone periods of normal and reverse faulting, with large scale tilting associated with late stage compressional movements towards the end of the Permian (Hughes 1984). Reverse faults dominate present day structure. A comparison with the contemporary horizontal stress field map (Hillis et al 1998) indicates the Basin is likely to be under compression in an east-west orientation.

The stratigraphy dips steeply (up to 90°) on the flanks of the Basin, dipping towards the north-south trending synclinal basin axis and flattening toward the centre of the Basin. Early Permian and Carboniferous hard resistive volcanics form the ridgelines of the Basin: the Mograni Range to the east; and the Gloucester and Barrington Tops to the west.

Overlying the Permian stratigraphy is a thin sequence of surficial Quaternary sediments. The Quaternary sediments are non-uniform in thickness, and comprise unconsolidated alluvial sediments (sand, gravel, silt and clay) along the drainage channels and colluvial deposits across the rest of the plain sourced from the surrounding outcropping Permian deposits.

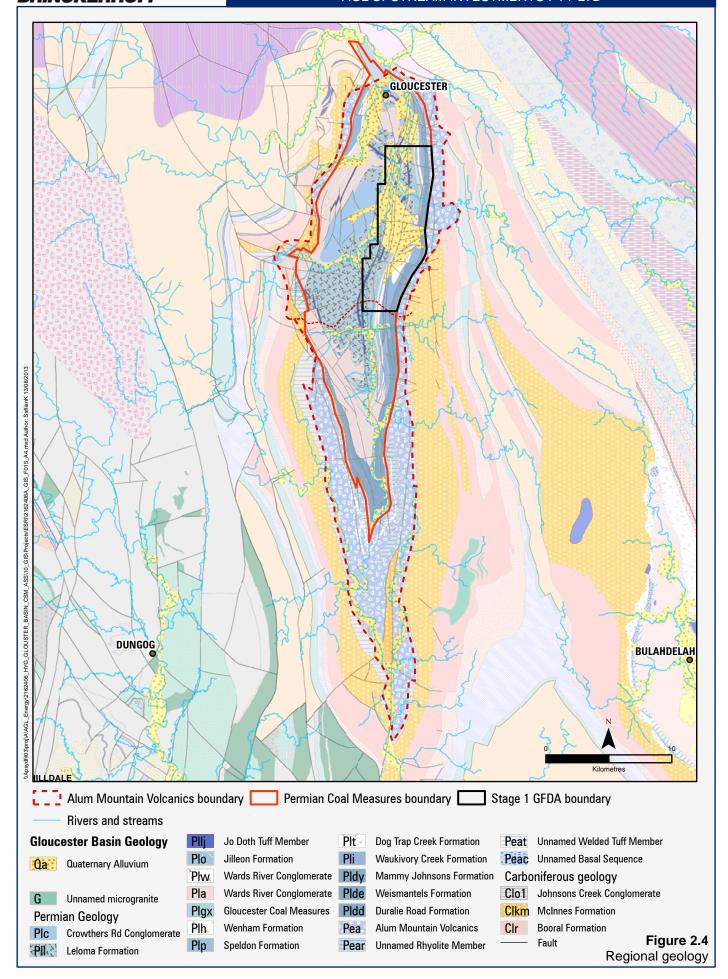
The Gloucester Basin is divided into three major Permian stratigraphic units each representing a distinct depositional setting: the Gloucester Coal Measures, the Dewrang Group, and the Alum Mountain Volcanics. The generalised stratigraphy of the basin is summarised in Table 2.2. A geological map of the basin is shown in Figure 2.4. The CSG development in the Stage 1 GFDA is targeting the intermediate and deep coal seams in the Gloucester Coal Measures generally below depths of 200 m to around 1000 m.

Table 2.2 Stratigraphy of the Gloucester Basin

Period	Group	Sub-group	Formation	Approx. thickness (m)	Coal seam	Depositional Environment	Tectonic Events
			Crowthers Road Conglomerate	350			
					Linden		
			Leloma	585	JD		
			Leioma	303	Bindaboo		
					Deards		
	Gloucester Coal Measures	Craven			Cloverdale	Marine regression, progradation of alluvial fans	Uplift to west of Gloucester Basin
			Jilleon	175	Roseville		ans Gloucester Basin
	eası				Tereel/Fairbairns		
	Ž		Wards River Conglomerate	Variable			
nian	Coa		Wenham	23.9	Bowens Road		
ern	ter		vveillaili	23.9	Bowens Road Lower		
Upper Permian	Speldon Forma	ation					
Прр	nole		Dog Trap Creek	126	Glenview	Marine transgression but also some progradation of alluvial fans in the west related to uplift	Extension (normal fault development) and regional subsidence. Uplift to west of Basin
		Avon		326	Avon		
					Triple		
			Waukivory Creek		Rombo		
			waukivory Creek		Glen Road		
					Valley View		
					Parkers Road		
	bu	Mammy Johnson	ons	300	Mammy Johnsons	Marine transgression,	Extension (normal fault
	Dewrang	Weismantel		20	Weismantel	regression and further	development) and
	De	Duralie Road		250		marine transgression	regional subsidence
					Clareval		
Lower Permia	Alum Mountain Volcanics		Basal		Arc-related rift	Rift?	

<sup>(1)</sup> Modified from AECOM (2009) and SRK (2005).

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#### Hydrogeological units 2.4

Four broad hydrogeological units have been identified within the Gloucester Basin (Table 2.3). The permeability and groundwater flow characteristics of rocks within the Gloucester Basin are controlled by several factors including lithology, depth and the degree of fracturing and faulting. In this sense hydrogeological units and flow systems do not always correspond with defined geological boundaries.

Table 2.3 Four hydrogeological units

Unit	Aquifer type	Formation name	General lithology	Hydraulic characteristics
Alluvium	Semi-confined, clay capped, porous, granular	Quaternary alluvium	Clay/mixed gravels	Heterogeneous, highly variable permeability associated with varying lithology
Shallow Rock (<150m)	Semi-confined, fractured rock	Upper Permian Coal Measures, Alum Mountain Volcanics	Interbedded sandstone/siltstone with bedding plane fractures	Heterogeneous, high and low permeability domains associated with fault zones and fracturing
Interburden	Confined, fractured rock	Upper Permian Coal Measures	Interbedded indurated sandstone/siltstone and claystone	Low permeability associated with sparse fractures, permeability decreases with depth
Coal Seams	Confined, fractured rock	Upper Permian Coal Measures	Coal/shale	Low permeability associated with cleating and fractures in coal seams, permeability decreases with depth

The four hydrogeological units are summarised as follows:

- 1. Alluvial deposits adjacent to major creeks and rivers comprising unconsolidated sand, gravel and clay. The deposits are typically 12–15 m thick. These systems are heterogeneous but generally permeable with rapid recharge, through-flow and discharge associated with interactions with streams, and to a lesser extent with the underlying less permeable shallow rock. Hydraulic conductivity measurements range from 0.3 to 300 metres per day (m/d), averaging around 10 m/d.
- Shallow rock comprising variably weathered and fractured Permian rocks extending to approximately 150 m below the surface, across all sub-cropping Permian units. The shallow rock zone is highly heterogeneous with relatively impermeable domains separated by more permeable domains, but on the whole it is more permeable that the deeper coal measures. The domains of higher permeability domains are due to a higher density of fracturing associated with an irregular weathering profile and the nearsurface expression of faulting. The known aquifer zones occur within 75 m of surface. Groundwater flow within this zone is more strongly controlled by weathering and fracturing than the attitude of geological strata. Hydraulic conductivity of the shallow rock ranges from 10 m/d to 1x10<sup>-6</sup> m/d at a depth of 150 m, but is typically in the order of  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-4}$  m/d.
- Deep Coal Measures interburden. Sandstone and siltstone units that form interburden to coal seams are indurated and typically of very low permeability, forming aquitards and confining layers. Permeability of interburden decreases with depth such that, at the maximum depth of CSG production is likely to be in the order of 10<sup>-5</sup> to 10<sup>-7</sup> m/d, or less.
- Coal seams. Coal seams tend to be slightly more permeable than interburden and commonly form weak water bearing zones. Permeability and storage are provided by small fractures and cleats in the coal. As with interburden, drill-stem tests clearly show that the permeability of coal seams generally decreases with depth. At the maximum depth of CSG production, the permeability of coal seams is very low (10<sup>-4</sup>–10<sup>-6</sup> m/d), but may be an order of magnitude higher than the interburden.

The Alum Mountain Volcanics underlie the Permian Coal Measures, and form the impermeable base of the Gloucester Basin. The Alum Mountain Volcanics outcrop in the eastern and western boundaries of the basin, forming the elevated topography of the Gloucester and Barrington Tops to the west, and the Mograni Range to the east.

## Monitoring network and methodology

A groundwater and surface water monitoring network for the Stage 1 GFDA was established as part of the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigations (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2012a). Additional monitoring has been installed as part of the Hydrogeological Investigation of a strike-slip fault in the Northern Gloucester Basin (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2013b). There are now more than 40 dedicated water monitoring locations and more than 24 months of baseline monitoring (water levels and water quality) across the project area. Several high rainfall periods and one extended dry period have occurred to provide a data set that is representative of seasonal variability.

A review of the monitoring network detailing groundwater and surface water level and water quality trends for the period January 2011 to June 2013, and specifically for the monitoring period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, is presented in Chapters 4 and 5.

#### 3.1 Monitoring network

#### 3.1.1 Surface water

There are four AGL stream gauges constructed in the Stage 1 GFDA; three on the Avon River and one on Dog Trap Creek (Figure 3.1 and Table 3.1).

Table 3.1 AGL stream gauges in the Stage 1 GFDA

Stream gauge	Easting (MGA, m)	Northing (MGA, m)	Property location	Stream location
TSW01	401994	6449417	Tiedman	Avon River
TSW02	401922	6448741	Tiedman	Dog Trap Creek
ASW01	401711	6449092	Atkins	Avon River
ASW02	400698	6447963	Atkins	Avon River

#### 3.1.2 Groundwater

Three types of groundwater monitoring bores have been constructed in the Stage 1 GFDA (Figure 3.1 and Table 3.2):

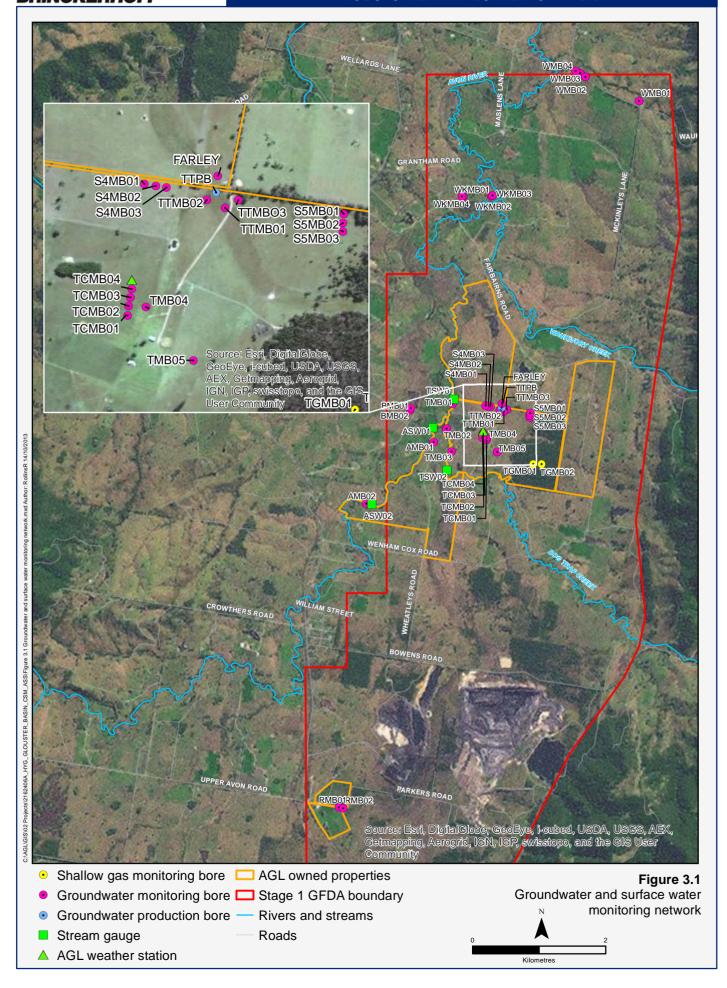
- 1. Bores targeting the shallow alluvial sediments of the Avon River and its floodplain.
- 2. Bores targeting the shallow bedrock.
- 3. Bores targeting the Gloucester Coal Measures, including the interburden and coal seams.

Table 3.2 AGL groundwater monitoring bores in the Stage 1 GFDA

Monitoring bore	Property location	Total depth (mbgl)	Screened interval (mbgl)	Lithology	Formation	Hydrogeolog- ical unit
S4MB01	Tiedman	66	58–64	Sandstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
S4MB02	Tiedman	97	89–95	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
S4MB03	Tiedman	170	162–168	Coal	Jilleon Formation – Cloverdale Coal Seam	Coal
S5MB01	Tiedman	60	52–58	Sandstone/ siltstone	Jilleon Formation	Shallow rock
S5MB02	Tiedman	114	110–102	Siltstone	Jilleon Formation	Shallow rock
S5MB03	Tiedman	166	158–164	Coal/shale	Jilleon Formation – Roseville Coal Seam	Coal
TMB01	Tiedman	12	7–10	Clay	Avon River Alluvium	Alluvial
TMB02	Tiedman	15.5	9–12	Mixed gravels	Avon River Alluvium	Alluvial
TMB03	Tiedman	12.5	5–11	Mixed gravels and sand	Avon River Alluvium	Alluvial
TCMB01	Tiedman	90	87–93	Sandstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
TCMB02	Tiedman	183	175–181	Sandstone	Leloma Formation	Interburden
TCMB03	Tiedman	268	260–266	Coal and sandstone	Jilleon Formation – Cloverdale Coal Seam	Coal
TCMB04 (core hole)	Tiedman	334.7	327.3–333.3	Coal	Jilleon Formation – Roseville Coal Seam	Coal
AMB01	Atkins – Avondale	12.6	8–10	Mixed gravels	Avon River Alluvium	Alluvial
AMB02	Atkins – Avondale	11.5	6.5–11	Mixed gravels	Avon River Alluvium	Alluvial
BMB01	Bignell	30	15–29	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
BMB02	Bignell	138	124–136	Sandstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
WMB01	GRL – Waukivory	8.5	5–8	Mixed gravel/ sand	Alluvium	Alluvial
WMB02	GRL – Waukivory	23	15–21	Sandstone	Wenhams Formation	Shallow rock
WMB03	GRL – Waukivory	36	32–34	Coal	Wenhams Formation  – Bowens Road Coal Seam	Shallow rock
WMB04	GRL – Waukivory	80.5	67–79	Sandstone	Wenhams Formation	Shallow rock
RMB01	Rombo	51	42–48	Sandstone	Leloma Formation (upper)	Shallow rock

Monitoring bore	Property location	Total depth (mbgl)	Screened interval (mbgl)	Lithology	Formation	Hydrogeolog- ical unit
RMB02	Rombo	93	85–91	Sandstone	Leloma Formation (upper)	Shallow rock
WKMB01	GRL – Forbesdale	54	47–53	Sandstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
WKMB02	GRL – Forbesdale	61	51–60	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
WKMB03	GRL – Forbesdale	210	200–209	Sandstone	Leloma Formation	Interburden
WKMB04	GRL – Forbesdale	360	335–347	Coal and sandstone	Jilleon Formation – Roseville Coal Seam	Coal
Farley #	Pontilands	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TTPB	Tiedman	90	76–88	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
TTMB01	Tiedman	90	76–88	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
TTMB02	Tiedman	90	76–88	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Shallow rock
TTMB03	Tiedman	198	186–199	Sandstone/ siltstone	Leloma Formation	Interburden

Water levels only are monitored at this site. No trends are discussed in this report (although the hydrograph trace is provided in the Appendix) as there are few details known about the construction of this old water bore.



### 3.2 Monitoring program

Groundwater level monitoring commenced in January 2011 and surface water level monitoring commenced in March 2011. The majority of the monitoring network has been in place since January 2011 as part of the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigations, as described in Parsons Brinckerhoff (2012a). The baseline water quality monitoring program includes two comprehensive sampling events, the first taking place between 4 April and 11 May 2011, and the second between 17 June and 3 July 2013.

All groundwater monitoring bores were sampled for water quality in June/July 2013, except TCMB03 and WKMB04. WKMB04 is currently capped and suspended awaiting a work-over program to reinstate it. TCMB03 is currently obstructed and can only be monitored for water levels. The datalogger at WKMB03 failed, but manual water level readings are available. The datalogger at TSW01 also failed between September 2012 and June 2013. Monitoring network details are provided in Figure 3.2.



Figure 3.2 Summary of current water level monitoring locations and data collection periods

#### 3.3 Water level monitoring

#### 3.3.1 Surface water levels

Dataloggers are installed at the stream gauges to monitor water levels and salinity every 15 minutes. Water level and salinity (electrical conductivity) measurements are verified by manual gauge board readings and electrical conductivity (EC) monitoring. The duration of monitoring for each of the stream gauges is shown in Figure 3.2.

#### 3.3.2 Groundwater levels

Dataloggers are installed in each of the groundwater monitoring bores to monitor groundwater levels every 6 hours. To calibrate the level recorded by the dataloggers, manual groundwater level measurements are recorded every three (3) months using an electronic dip meter. The duration of monitoring for each of the groundwater bores is shown in Figure 3.2.

A barometric datalogger installed above the water table at S5MB01 records changes in atmospheric pressure. Data from this logger are used to correct for the effects of changing barometric pressure and barometric efficiency on groundwater levels.

Measured water levels in bores can be influenced by atmospheric pressure fluctuations in two main ways: Firstly, automated dataloggers measure absolute pressure including the atmospheric pressure that acts on the water column in the bore. Logger data are therefore corrected for this effect (manual water measurements do not need this correction). Secondly, in confined or semi-confined aquifers, changes in atmospheric pressure can cause water in the bore to be forced into (during a pressure increase), or drawn from (pressure decrease) elastic aquifer storage, thereby affecting the measured water level. Groundwater level data presented in this report have also been corrected to remove these responses so that any anthropogenic groundwater influences (such as pumping) can be more easily identified.

Atmospheric pressure fluctuates over daily to weekly periods as weather systems pass over the site. In general, the mean atmospheric pressure is slightly higher, and the amplitude of pressure fluctuation (between high and low pressure systems) larger in the winter than in the summer months. The amplitude of pressure fluctuation can be 20 mbar in the summer months and up to 30 mbar during the winter months. Given that 1 mbar is equivalent to 1.02 cm of water depth, atmospheric pressure fluctuations can result in observed bore level fluctuations of up to 20 to 30 cm, depending on the barometric efficiency of the bore. As noted above, this effect has been removed from the monitoring data presented here.

#### Water quality monitoring 3.4

#### 3.4.1 Methodology

Surface water samples for water quality analysis were taken from the river bank using a telescopic sampler. Samples were collected from the deepest part of the channel in order to be representative of water quality conditions at the time of sampling.

Three methods were used to obtain groundwater quality samples from the monitoring bores. Methods were selected based on the permeability of the screened formation of each bore determined from the hydraulic testing. Higher yielding monitoring bores were purged and sampled using a submersible pump. Lower yielding bores were sampled using a low flow pump.

#### In summary:

- submersible pumps were used in monitoring bores: AMB01, AMB02, TMB01, TMB02, TMB03, BMB01, WMB01 and WMB02
- a micro-purge™ low flow sampling pump was used in monitoring bores: S4MB02, S5MB02, BMB02, TCMB01, TCMB03, WKMB01, WKMB02, WKMB03, TTPB and TTMB03
- discrete depth double-valve bailer was used in monitoring bores: S4MB01, S4MB03, S5MB01, S5MB03, TCMB02, TCMB04, WMB03, WMB04, RMB01, RMB02, WKMB01, WKMB02, WKMB03, TTMB01 and TTMB02.

Submersible pumps and disposable bailers were used to purge a minimum of three well volumes from the first group of monitoring bores prior to sampling to allow a representative groundwater sample to be collected. If purged until dry the bore was allowed to recharge before the remaining water was removed. Water quality parameters were measured during and following purging to monitor water quality changes and to indicate representative groundwater suitable for sampling and analysis.

For lower yielding bores and selected deeper bores with high purge volumes, a micro-purge™ low flow sampling system or double-valve bailer was deployed. The micro-purge™ system allows groundwater to be drawn into the pump intake directly from the screened portion of the aquifer, eliminating the need to purge relatively large volumes of groundwater from these bores. Water quality parameters were monitored during the micro-purge™ pumping to ensure that a representative groundwater sample was collected.

The following physical water quality parameters were measured in the field using a calibrated YSI water quality meter:

- Electrical conductivity (EC) µS/cm.
- Temperature °C.
- Dissolved oxygen (DO) % saturation and mg/L.
- Oxidation reduction potential (ORP) mV.
- pH pH units.
- Total dissolved solids (TDS) mg/L.

Surface water and groundwater samples collected in the field were analysed for a broad chemical suite designed specifically to assess the chemical characteristics of the different surface water and groundwater systems at each of the monitoring sites.

Water quality samples were collected in the sample bottles provided by the laboratory, with the appropriate preservation when required. Table 3.4 details the sample bottles used. Samples undergoing dissolved metal analysis were filtered through 0.45 µm filters in the field prior to collection. Samples were sent to the following laboratories under appropriate chain-of-custody protocols to the Australian Laboratory Service (ALS) Environmental Pty Ltd, Smithfield, Sydney, a. NATA certified laboratory.

Additional water samples are collected for the freshwater and produced water holding dams on the Tiedman property (and the nearby seepage monitoring bores). This water quality data is reported in the irrigation trial monitoring reports (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2013c and 2013d) rather than this annual monitoring report.

#### 3.4.2 Assessment criteria

All results have been compared against the ANZECC (2000) guidelines for freshwater ecosystems (southeast Australia - lowland rivers) because the rivers are the ultimate receiving waters for both surface water runoff and groundwater discharge. However, these water guidelines are often naturally exceeded in catchments with rocks deposited in marine environments, hence they are only guidelines and not strict criteria that should be used to evaluate individual water quality results. This is the case for the Avon River catchment which contains shallow marine and estuarine sedimentary rocks and is a known saline catchment.

Table 3.3 **Analytical suite** 

Category	Parameters			
	EC	Redox potential		
Field parameters	Temperature	pH		
	Dissolved oxygen			
0	EC	Total dissolved solids (TDS)		
General parameters	Total suspended solids			
	Calcium	Chloride		
Maining	Magnesium	Bicarbonate		
Major ions	Sodium	Sulphate		
	Potassium	Dissolved silica		
	Aluminium	Manganese		
	Arsenic	Molybdenum		
	Barium	Mercury		
	Boron	Nickel		
Metals and minor/trace	Beryllium	Lead		
elements	Bromine	Selenium		
	Cadmium	Strontium		
	Cobalt	Uranium		
	Copper	Vanadium		
	Iron	Zinc		
	Total nitrogen	Nitrate		
Nutrients	Ammonia	Nitrite		
	Phosphorus (reactive)	Total organic carbon (TOC)		
Hydrocarbons	Phenol compounds	Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)/total recoverable hydrocarbons (TRH)		
	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)	Benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylenes (BTEX)		
Dissolved gases	Methane			

Table 3.4 Sample bottles

Category	Sample bottle
Major cations/anions	1 x 1 L plastic, unpreserved
Dissolved metals	1 x 60 mL plastic, preserved
Nutrients	1 x 125 mL plastic, preserved
TOC	1 x 40 mL amber glass, preserved
PhenoIs/PAH/TPH (C <sub>10</sub> —C <sub>36</sub> )	1 x 500 mL amber glass, unpreserved
TPH (C <sub>6</sub> –C <sub>9</sub> )/BTEX	2 x 40 ml amber glass, preserved
Methane	2 x 40 ml amber glass, preserved

## Surface water monitoring

### 4.1 Surface water levels

All AGL stream gauges on the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek show sharp increases in water level in response to rainfall events, in particular the high rainfall events in June 2011, February 2012 and February 2013 (Figure 4.1). The hydrographs also show relatively steep recession curves. This is characteristic of rapid runoff responses from a relatively small upstream catchment and limited riverbank storage and groundwater contributions. Stream levels and flow decrease over several weeks following each rainfall event to a relatively consistent base level that represents a small baseflow component in the Avon River.

During monitoring, a period of anomalously low rainfall occurred in the months leading up to summer (September and October 2012). This resulted in a period of 'no flow' or very low flow, when the river was characterised by multiple disconnected pools from September 2012 to January 2013 (Figure 4.1). The high rainfall events in January and February 2013 resulted in a rapid return to flow in the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek and corresponding sharp increase in water levels. It is apparent that periodic and relatively frequent high rainfall events are required to recharge the alluvial groundwater system and sustain baseflow recessions over the following months. This suggests that the alluvial system is of limited storage and is rapidly depleted in the absence of rainfall recharge and replenished in response to rainfall events.

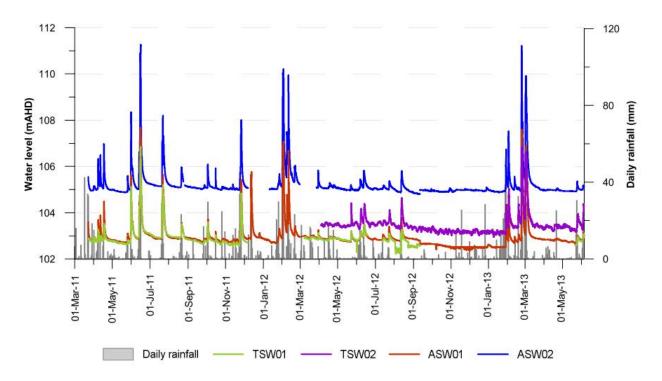
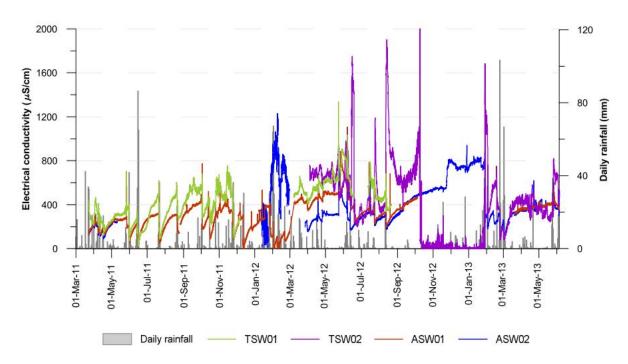


Figure 4.1 Avon River and Dog Trap Creek stream level data and rainfall

#### Surface water EC monitoring 4.2



EC measurements and rainfall in the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek

Surface water salinity is inversely correlated with rainfall and flow (Figure 4.2). In general, surface water salinity measured as electrical conductivity (EC) sharply decreases after rainfall events as relatively fresh runoff is routed into streams. However an initial spike (sudden transient increase) in EC is often seen in the initial runoff phase as readily dissolvable salts are flushed from the ground surface and shallow soils of the catchment area. After the initial salinity spike and subsequent reduction in EC levels, the EC then gradually increases as flow decreases during periods of recession and groundwater discharge starts to become a more dominant component of flow. Evaporative concentration of salts may also be taking place in residual and connected pools.

During monitoring, a period of anomalously low rainfall occurred in the months leading up to summer in 2013, which resulted in a period of 'no flow' or very low flow, when the river was characterised by multiple disconnected pools from September 2012 to January 2013. EC measurements from this period are therefore not considered to be representative of the salinity of flowing water in the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek. The EC logger at TSW01 failed between September 2012 and June 2013, and the EC logger at ASW01 failed between September 2012 and March 2013.

Table 4.1 shows the range and average of the salinity data (from the EC loggers) at each of the surface water monitoring sites during the 2012/13 monitoring period. Surface water salinity increases downstream along the Avon River, with the lowest average salinities observed at ASW02 on the Avon River. The salinity of water from Dog Trap Creek is generally higher. The highest average salinities are observed at TSW01, the furthest downstream site on the Avon River (and downstream of the confluence with Dog Trap Creek).

Maximum, minimum and average EC for surface water monitoring locations for the Table 4.1 monitoring period (July 2012 to June 2013)

Location	River/creek	Minimum EC (μS/cm)	Maximum EC (μS/cm)	Average EC (µS/cm)
ASW01	Avon River	98	880	385
AWS02	Avon River	88	889	312
TWS01	Avon River	59	885	413
TWS02	Dog Trap Creek	80	1,900	408

#### 4.3 Surface water quality

Water quality results for the surface water quality event are summarised and compared to the ANZECC (2000) guidelines for freshwater ecosystems (south-east Australia – lowland rivers) in Table 4 2. The ANZECC (2000) guidelines do not necessarily represent the expected water quality in naturally saline catchments such as the Avon River catchment. Section 7.4.4.1 of the ANZECC guidelines recommends that site specific guideline values are derived from local reference data, based on a minimum of two years of monitoring data at the reference site to establish a valid threshold taken at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile.

All results for the June/July 2013 sampling event are presented in Appendix B. Laboratory reports are included in Appendix C. Sampling occurred during a relatively dry month, although rainfall was slightly above average in June 2013.

Surface water quality summary for June/July 2013 monitoring event Table 4.2

Parameters	Units	ANZECC (2000) guidelines <sup>a</sup>	Surface water range	Surface water average <sup>c</sup>		
Water quality parameters						
Field EC	μS/cm	125–2,200 <sup>b</sup>	418–660	583		
Field pH	pH units	6.5-8.0 <sup>b</sup>	6.95–7.42	7.17		
Redox	mV	_	-75.5 to -97.8	-89.5		
Major ions						
Calcium	mg/L	_	14–16	15		
Magnesium	mg/L	-	9–16	12.5		
Sodium	mg/L	-	49–86	74.5		
Potassium	mg/L	_	3–5	3.75		
Chloride	mg/L	_	84–145	126		
Sulphate	mg/L	-	10–55	30.75		
Total alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	_	22–64	46		
Metals						
Aluminium	mg/L	0.055 (pH>6.5)	0.04 <b>–1.57</b>	0.51		
Arsenic	mg/L	0.013 (AsV), 0.024 (AsIII)	<0.001	<0.001		

Parameters	Units	ANZECC (2000) guidelines <sup>a</sup>	Surface water range	Surface water average <sup>c</sup>
Barium	mg/L	_	0.087-0.261	0.147
Beryllium	mg/L	ID	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0002	<0.0001	<0.0001
Copper	mg/L	0.0014	<0.001 <b>–0.006</b>	0.002
Lead	mg/L	0.0034	<0.002-0.001	0.0007
Manganese	mg/L	1.9	0.037-0.07	0.057
Molybdenum	mg/L	ID	<0.001	<0.001
Nickel	mg/L	0.011	<0.001–0.01	0.003
Selenium	mg/L	0.011 (total)	<0.01	<0.01
Strontium	mg/L	_	0.28-0.573	0.378
Uranium	mg/L	ID	<0.001	<0.001
Vanadium	mg/L	ID	<0.01	<0.01
Zinc	mg/L	0.008	0.046-0.177	0.113
Iron	mg/L	ID	<0.05	<0.05
Bromine	mg/L	ID	0.2-0.3	0.275
Nutrients				
Nitrite as N	mg/L	0.02 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01	<0.01
Nitrate as N	mg/L	0.7	<0.01-0.1	0.04
Ammonia as N	mg/L	0.02 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01	<0.01
Total Phosphorous as P	mg/L	0.05 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01-0.03	0.015
Reactive Phosphorous as P	mg/L	0.02 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01	<0.01
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	_	4–6	5.25
Hydrocarbons				
Phenolic compounds	μg/l	_	<1.0	<1.0
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	μg/l	-	<1.0	<1.0
Monocyclic aromatic hydroc	arbons			
Benzene	μg/l	950	<1	<1
Toluene	μg/l	ID	<2	<2
Ethyl Benzene	μg/l	ID	<2	<2
m&p-Xylenes	μg/l	ID	<2	<2
o-Xylenes	μg/l	350	<2	<2
Total petroleum hydrocarbo	ns			
C <sub>6</sub> –C <sub>9</sub>	μg/l	_	<20	<20

Parameters	Units	ANZECC (2000) guidelines <sup>a</sup>	Surface water range	Surface water average <sup>c</sup>
C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>14</sub>	μg/l	_	<50	<50
C <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>29</sub>	μg/l	_	<100	<100
C <sub>29</sub> –C <sub>36</sub>	μg/l	_	<50	<50
Dissolved gases				
Methane	μg/l	_	14–15	14.5

ANZECC (2000) guidelines for the protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems: 95% protection levels (trigger values).

BOLD indicates a value outside of the ANZECC (2000) guideline range.

ID indicates insufficient data for trigger value to be established

#### 4.3.1 Field parameters

Surface water salinity is fresh (<800 µS/cm). Electrical conductivity (EC) values are within the ANZECC (2000) guideline values for lowland rivers in south-east Australia (125-2,200 µS/cm).

The pH at each of the surface water locations is neutral and is within the ANZECC (2000) guideline value. The pH is consistent with the previous monitoring event in which the pH was slightly acidic at ASW01 and ASW01 and slightly alkaline at TSW01.

Redox values range from -75.5 to -97.8 mV, indicating reducing conditions.

Table 4.3 summarises the major ion chemistry of the surface water locations for the 2011 and 2013 monitoring events. Generally the major ion chemistry of the surface water is dominated by sodium, chloride and bicarbonate (ASW01 and ASW02 only). The major ion chemistry at TSW01 differs from the previous monitoring event.

A piper diagram is a graphical representation of the chemistry of a water sample and can be used to graphically show the relative concentrations of major ions (Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Na<sup>2+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>). Major ion chemistry for all surface water samples is shown on the piper diagram in Figure 4.3.

Table 4.3 Major ion chemistry of surface water locations

Location	Major ion chemistry – 2011	Major ion chemistry – 2013
ASW01	Na-CI-HCO <sub>3</sub>	Na-Cl-HCO <sub>3</sub>
AWS02	Na-CI-HCO <sub>3</sub>	Na-Cl-HCO <sub>3</sub>
TWS01	Na-Mg-Cl- HCO₃	Na-Cl
TWS02	N/A	Na-Mg-Cl-SO <sub>4</sub>

Notes:

N/A - no data available

ANZECC (2000) guidelines for the protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems: trigger values for lowland rivers in south-east

To calculate the average, values below detection limit are included in the calculation as half the LOR.

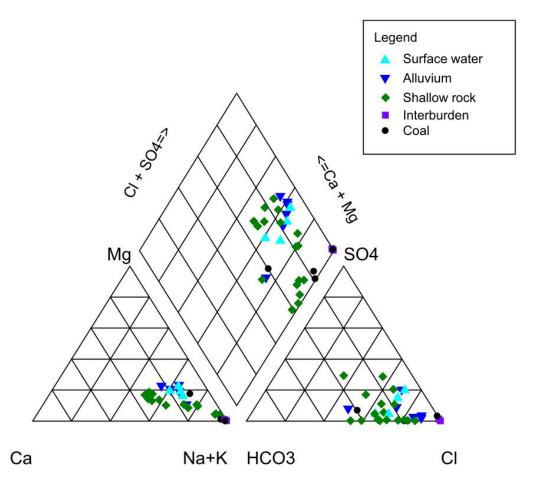


Figure 4.3 Piper diagram showing major ion composition of groundwater and surface water for June/July 2013 monitoring event

#### 4.3.2 Dissolved metals

The major findings of dissolved metal analysis for surface water are as follows:

- Aluminium concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at three of the surface water monitoring locations. The highest concentration detected was 1.57 mg/L (AWS02). This is consistent with the previous monitoring event (2011).
- Copper concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at AWS02 (0.006 mg/L). This is consistent with the previous monitoring event.
- Zinc concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value for all monitoring locations. The highest concentration recorded was 0.177 mg/L (AWS02). This is consistent with the previous monitoring event.
- Dissolved metal concentrations, including barium, manganese, nickel, strontium, iron, bromide, were detected at all monitoring locations, but below the ANZECC (2000) guideline values. This is consistent with the previous monitoring period.
- Arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, molybdenum, selenium, uranium and vanadium concentrations were all below the laboratory limit of reporting (LOR).

#### 4.3.3 **Nutrients**

Nitrate concentrations were slightly elevated at the surface water monitoring locations, but are below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value. Total phosphorus was slightly elevated at AWS01 and TSW01, although below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value. Total organic carbon was detected at each of the surface water monitoring locations. Nitrite as N, ammonia as N and reactive phosphorus were all below the laboratory LOR. Overall nutrient concentrations decreased from the previous monitoring event (2011), in which the ANZECC (2000) guideline values for ammonia, total and reactive phosphorus were exceeded.

#### 4.3.4 **Hydrocarbons**

Phenolic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, petroleum hydrocarbons and BTEX were not detected (i.e. are less than the LOR) at any of the surface water monitoring locations.

#### 4.3.5 Dissolved gases

Dissolved methane concentrations were detected at two of the surface water monitoring locations (AWS01 and AWS02), with an average concentration of 14.5 µg/l.

# Groundwater monitoring

#### Groundwater levels 5.1

#### 5.1.1 Overview

A summary of the groundwater monitoring bores in each hydrogeological unit is presented in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 Summary of groundwater monitoring bores

Hydrogeological unit	No. of bores	Monitoring bores	Hydraulic characteristics
Alluvium	6	TMB01, TMB02, TMB03, AMB01, AMB02, WMB01	Heterogeneous, highly variable permeability associated with varying lithology
Shallow rock	17	S4MB01, S4MB02, S5MB01, S5MB02, TCMB01, BMB01, BMB02, WMB02, WMB03, WMB04, RMB01, RMB02, WKMB01, WKMB02, TTPB, TTMB01, TTMB02	Heterogeneous, high and low permeability domains associated with fault zones and fracturing
Interburden	2	TCMB02, TTMB03, WKMB03	Low permeability associated with sparse fractures, permeability decreases with depth
Coal	5	S4MB03, S5MB03, TCMB03 <sup>a</sup> , TCMB04, WKMB04 <sup>b</sup>	Low permeability associated with cleating and fractures in coal seams, permeability decrease with depth

a TCMB03 is currently obstructed and unable to be sampled for water quality.

#### 5.1.2 Groundwater – surface water interaction

When comparing stream gauge data with adjacent groundwater level data, it is observed that the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek are gaining systems in the central Stage 1 GFDA under most climatic conditions (Figure 5.1). Groundwater levels are typically higher than adjacent stream levels (by between one and two metres), indicating that the streams are discharge features for shallow groundwater. It is only during relatively short periods of high stream water levels, associated with rainfall events and floods, that shallow alluvial groundwater is recharged from the streams.

b WKMB04 is currently capped and suspended awaiting a work-over program to reinstate it.

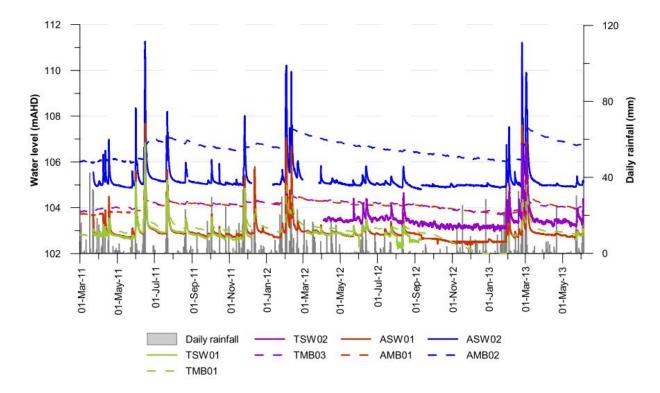


Figure 5.1 Surface water hydrographs for the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek (solid lines) and groundwater levels in the adjacent alluvium (dashed lines)

#### 5.1.3 Temporal trends

Groundwater level trends in monitoring bores vary depending on the lithology and depth of the screened interval. No groundwater level responses to private bore abstraction or flow testing programs were observed during the monitoring period, with the exception of planned test pumping and slug testing of the AGL monitoring bores. Drawdown and recovery responses observed in the groundwater hydrographs in December 2011 correspond to sampling events carried out as part of the Hydrogeological Investigation of a strike-slip fault in the northern Gloucester Basin (Parsons Brinckerhoff 2013b).

#### 5.1.3.1 Alluvium

Groundwater levels in monitoring bores screened within the alluvial aquifers show characteristic guick responses to rainfall events (Figure 5.2). This indicates rapid shallow aquifer recharge via direct rainfall infiltrations and/or enhanced infiltration during creek high flow and flood events. Groundwater fluctuations over the monitoring period range from ~0.5 m to ~3 m.

The groundwater level hydrographs can be divided into two main response types:

- 1. Rapid recharge response followed by a relatively steep groundwater recession curve (TMB01, TMB02, WMB01). These monitoring bores show rapid response to most rainfall events followed by a return to near-previous levels over a period of one to two months (i.e. a short term increase in storage). These responses imply a relatively direct recharge from rainfall and/or flooding and relatively high permeability of the alluvium.
- A threshold response followed by a longer recession curve (TMB03, AMB01, AMB02). These monitoring bores show rapid recharge responses to the larger rainfall events, but slower responses to smaller rainfall events. In addition, the recession curves are flatter such that the groundwater level may take several months to recover to pre-existing levels and typically does not fully recover before the next major recharge event (i.e. longer term increase in storage). These responses imply rapid recharge during surface runoff and flooding events, but less significant recharge by rainfall alone. The shallow

recession curves imply lower permeability of the alluvium at these locations. This is supported by lithological records at these locations which indicate clay-rich alluvium, or thick clay layers overlying coarser grained alluvial deposits.

All alluvial monitoring bores show a decrease in groundwater levels from September 2012 to January 2013, corresponding to the lower than average rainfall over this period. This decrease is approximately 0.5 m in all bores except TMB01, which shows a greater decrease of 1.5 m. Groundwater levels in all alluvial monitoring bores show a sharp increase in groundwater levels in response to the high rainfall events in January and February 2013, ranging from ~1 m to ~3 m.

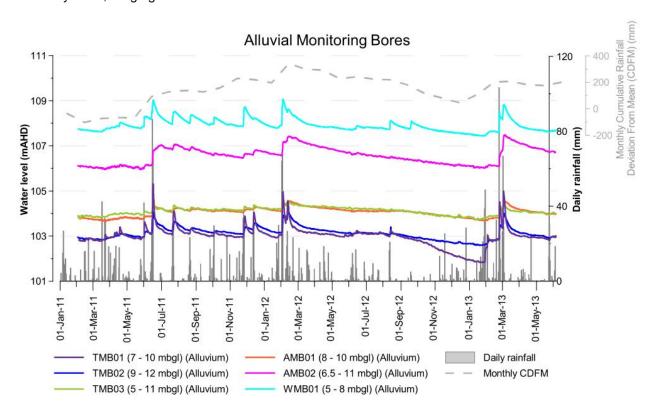


Figure 5.2 Groundwater levels and rainfall in the alluvial monitoring bores

#### 5.1.3.2 Shallow rock

Monitoring bores screened within the shallow rock are present at all of the nested monitoring sites. There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events in the shallow rock monitoring bores, with the exception of the WKMB site. There is a delayed response to periods of higher than average rainfall, indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow rainfall recharge over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring locations.

The shallow rock hydrographs at the S4MB (Figure 5.3), TCMB (Figure 5.4), TTMB (Figure 5.5) and WMB (Figure 5.6) sites show a gradual increase in groundwater levels between ~0.2 m and ~0.5 m over the period February 2011 to September 2012, reflecting a delayed recharge response to the period of higher than average rainfall from the start of monitoring until February 2012. There is a gradual decrease in groundwater levels between ~0.2 m and ~0.5 m over the period September 2012 to January 2013, reflecting a delayed response to the period of lower than average rainfall from February 2012 to December 2012. At the S4MB, TCMB, TTMB and WMB sites, groundwater levels do not show a significant response to the high rainfall events in January and February 2013. From January 2013 to June 2013 groundwater levels remain fairly constant, with fluctuations of less than ~0.2 m.

At the BMB (Figure 5.7) and RMB (Figure 5.8) sites groundwater levels reflect the monthly cumulative deviation from mean rainfall plot, with groundwater levels changing in response to cumulative rainfall with a delay of approximately one month. Groundwater levels increase by ~0.4 m from February 2013 to March 2013 in response to the high rainfall events in January and February 2013. From April 2013 to June 2013 groundwater levels remain constant at the BMB site, and decrease at the RMB site.

S5MB01 (Figure 5.9) shows a very a slow recovery to the sampling events in March 2011 and June 2012, and therefore does not provide useful information on baseline groundwater trends. The slow recovery from purging suggests that the shallow rock in this area has very low permeability. Shallow rock monitoring bore S5MB02 shows a gradual increase of ~0.2 m from March 2011 to June 2013, with no overall response to the cumulative rainfall trends. This also suggests very low permeability in the shallow rock at this location.

Monitoring bores in the shallow rock at the WKMB site (Figure 5.10) show an increase in groundwater levels of ~0.5 m to ~2.5 m in response to the high rainfall events in January and February 2013. The reasons for the apparent larger recharge responses at this location are uncertain at this time.

#### Interburden units 5.1.3.3

The interburden monitoring bores TCMB02 (Figure 5.4) and TTMB03 (Figure 5.5) do not show an overall increase or decrease in groundwater levels over the monitoring period. There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events. TCMB02 and TTMB03 show a gradual increase of ~0.1 m in response to high rainfall events in January and February 2013, indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow rainfall infiltration over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring bores.

The datalogger in interburden monitoring bore WKMB03 failed, but manual readings are available (Figure 5.10). Groundwater levels increased by ~0.5 m from September 2012 to June 2013.

#### 5.1.3.4 Coal seams

Monitoring bores in the coal seams at the TCMB (Figure 5.4) and S5MB (Figure 5.9) sites show a gradual increase in groundwater levels of ~0.2 m to ~0.7 m between January 2011 and June 2013. This increase may reflect a longer-term period of higher than average rainfall (from 2006 to 2012), indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow recharge over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring bores.

Groundwater levels in the coal seam monitoring bore S4MB03 show a similar response to the shallow rock monitoring bores at this nested S4MB site. Groundwater levels increase overall from February 2011 to September 2012 in a delayed response to higher than average rainfall, and the high rainfall event in February 2012. Groundwater levels then decrease ~0.5 m from September 2012 to January 2013 in response to the period of lower than average rainfall. This decrease is greater than at the shallow rock monitoring bores S4MB01 and S4MB02 at this site, and starts approximately one month after the end of flow testing of the nearby Stratford 4 well that was part of the Hydrogeological Investigation of a strike-slip fault in the northern Gloucester Basin (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2013b). Groundwater levels at S4MB03 increase by ~0.2 m in response to the large rainfall events of January and February 2013, and then remain constant to June 2013.

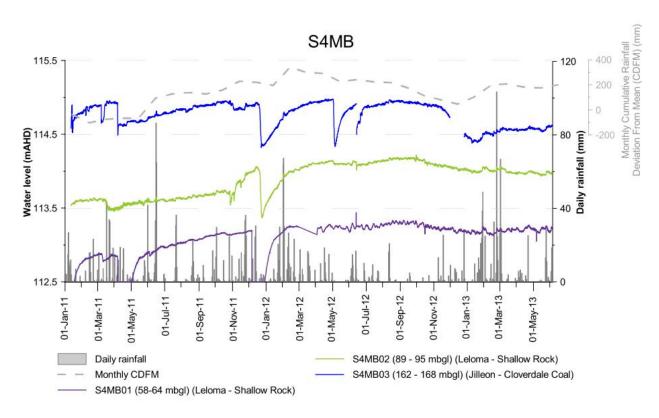


Figure 5.3 Groundwater levels and rainfall at the S4MB site

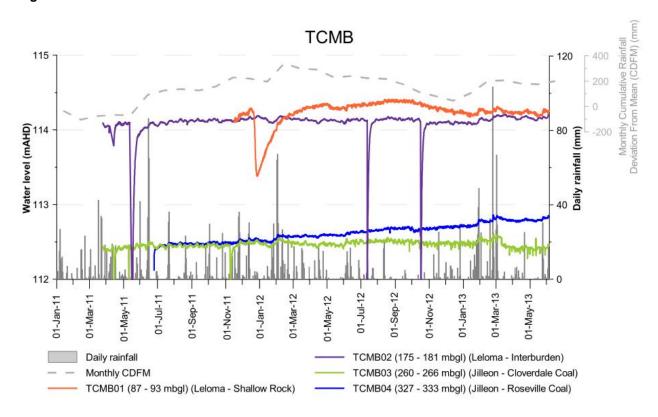


Figure 5.4 Groundwater levels and rainfall at the TCMB site

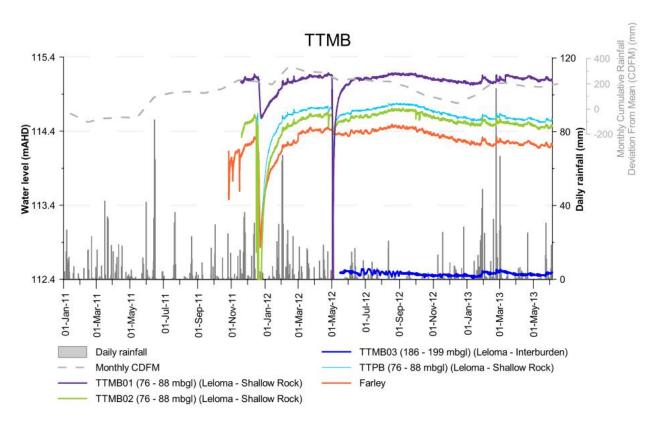
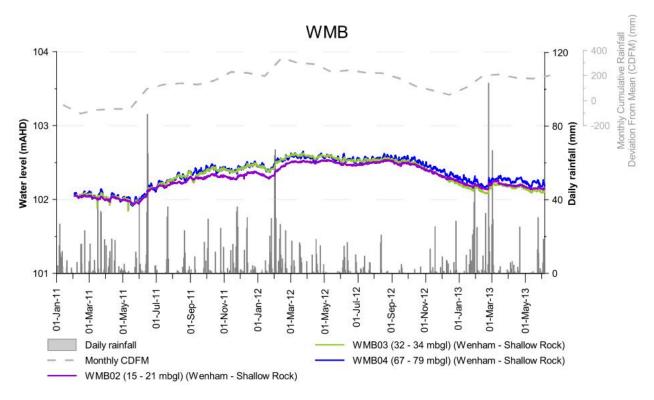


Figure 5.5 Groundwater levels and rainfall at the TTMB site



Groundwater levels and rainfall at the WMB site

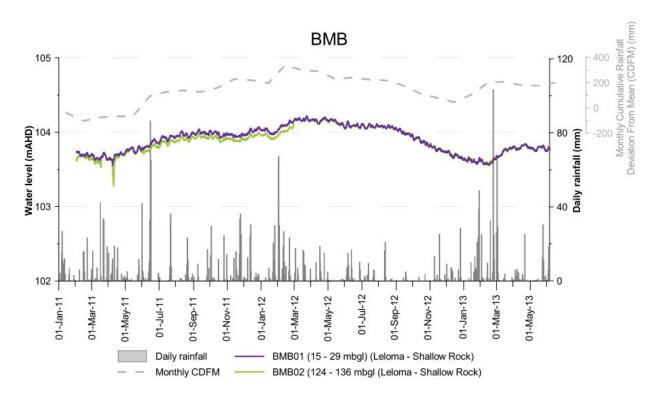


Figure 5.7 Groundwater levels and rainfall at the BMB site

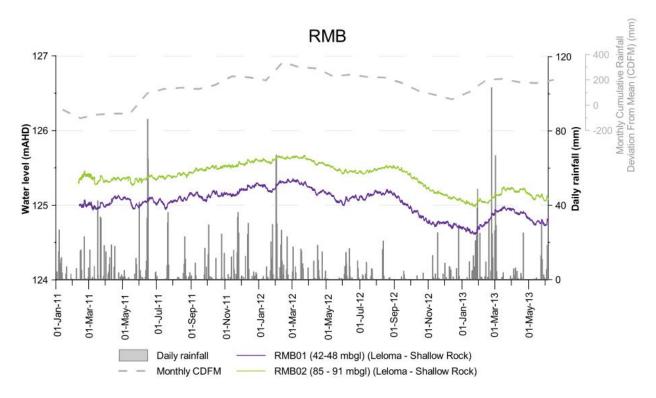
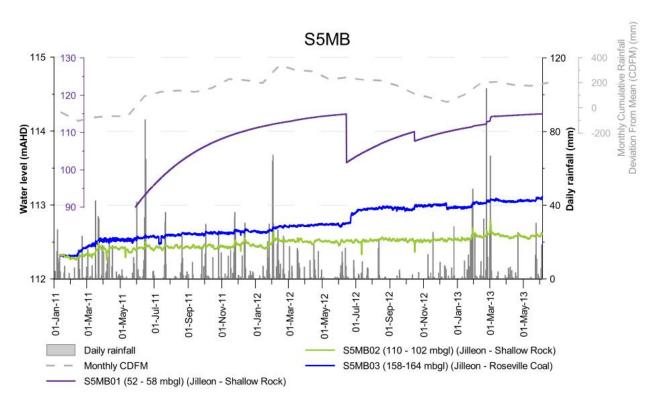


Figure 5.8 Groundwater levels and rainfall at the RMB site



Groundwater levels and rainfall at the S5MB site Figure 5.9

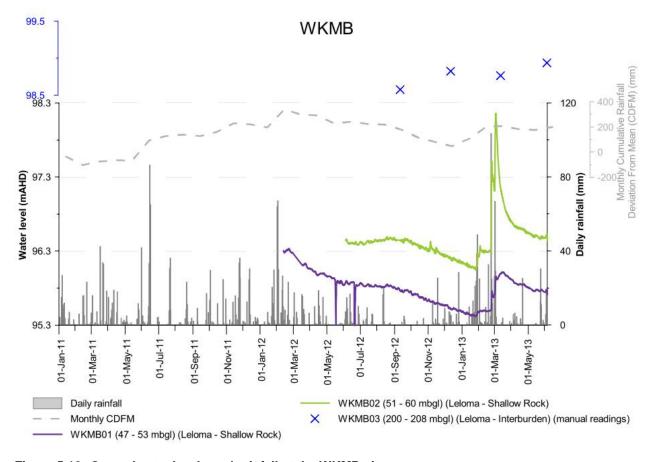


Figure 5.10 Groundwater levels and rainfall at the WKMB site

#### 5.1.4 Vertical gradients

Significant vertical gradients were noted at six of the eight nested bore installations.

Downward hydraulic gradients were noted at the TCMB and TTMB nested bore sites. At the TCMB site there is a downward head gradient of ~ 1.5 m between the shallow rock and the deeper coal seams. At the TTMB site there is a downward head gradient of ~2 m to ~ 2.5 m between the shallow rock and the deeper coal seams. Downward gradients are characteristic of recharge zones and imply potential for slow downward seepage of groundwater between units.

Upward hydraulic gradients were noted at the S4MB, S5MB, RMB, and WKMB nested bore sites. At the S4MB site there is an upward head gradient of ~ 1 m to ~ 2 m from the deeper coal seam to the shallow rock. At the S5MB site there is an upward head gradient of ~ 0.5 m from the deeper coal seam at S5MB03 to the shallow rock at S5MB02. The shallow rock monitoring bore at S5MB01 shows a slow response to purging and recovery and therefore is not representative of baseline groundwater trends. At the RMB site there is an upward head gradient of ~ 0.5 m from the deeper to the shallower monitoring bore in the shallow rock. At the WKMB site there is an upward head gradient of ~ 2.5 m to ~ 3 m from the interburden to the shallow rock. Upward head gradients are characteristic of discharge zones and imply potential for slow upward seepage of groundwater between units.

No significant vertical head gradients were noted at the BMB and WMB nested bore sites.

In all cases it is noted that despite the vertical hydraulic gradients, due to the very low permeability of the interburden units, vertical seepage it likely to be limited and slow. Lateral flow within each of the geological units is concluded to be the primary groundwater flow mechanism when there are no stresses on the shallow or deep groundwater systems.

#### 5.2 Groundwater quality

Water quality results for the sampling event are summarised and compared to the ANZECC (2000) guidelines for freshwater ecosystems (south-east Australia – lowland rivers) in Table 5.2. The ANZECC (2000) guidelines do not represent the expected water quality in the naturally saline groundwater systems that underlie the catchment. Section 7.4.4.1 of the ANZECC guidelines recommends that site specific quideline values are derived from local reference data, based on a minimum of two years of monitoring data at the reference site to establish a valid threshold taken at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile.

All results for the June/July 2013 sampling event are presented in Appendix B. Laboratory reports are included in Appendix C. Sampling occurred during a relatively dry month, although rainfall was slightly above average in June 2013.

Table 5.2 Groundwater quality summary for June/July 2013 monitoring event

Parameters	Units	ANZECC (2000) guidelines <sup>a</sup>	Alluvial aquifer range (average)	Shallow rock range (average)	Interburden range (average)	Coal seams range (average)
Water quality p	oaramete	ers				
Field EC	μS/cm	125–2,200 <sup>b</sup>	396–8,130 (3,801)	1,060–9,780 (4,371)	3,060–3,200 (3,127)	3,360–5,340 (4,373)
Field pH	pH units	6.5-8.0 <sup>b</sup>	6.39–7.36 (6.93)	7.13–9.3 (8.00)	10.3–10.6 (10.47)	7.55–11.5 (9.10)
Field redox	mV	_	-190.3 to -78.6 (-127.4)	-313.0 to -16.8 (-176.5)	-87.5 to -52.1 (-63.93)	-37.5 to 62.2 (7.57)
Major ions						
Calcium	mg/L	_	12–206 (120)	2–312 (127)	<1-4 (2.17)	5–110 (43.7)
Magnesium	mg/L	-	5–223 (95)	6–108 (48)	0.5–3 (1.33)	<1–116 (30)
Sodium	mg/L	_	66–1,170 (540)	246–1,710 (739)	672–740 (697)	699–895 (770)
Potassium	mg/L	_	1–5 (3)	3–66 (11)	3–51 (20.7)	3–81 (31)
Chloride	mg/L	_	65–2,370 (1,018)	105–2,780 (956)	421–720 (557)	636–952 (815)
Sulphate	mg/L	-	14–226 (103)	4–688 (160)	<1–12 (4)	<1–164 (64)
Total alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	_	78–492 (233)	124–1,020 (489)	341–931 (631)	247–987 (641)
Metals						
Aluminium	mg/L	0.055 (pH>6.5)	<0.01–0.03 (0.0092)	<0.01–0.36 (0.06)	0.03-0.38 (0.16)	<0.01–2.9 (0.98)
Arsenic	mg/L	0.013 (AsV), 0.024 (AsIII)	<0.02-0.003 (0.0015)	<0.001–0.003 (0.001)	<0.001–0.003 (0.0018)	<0.001–0.014 (0.005)
Barium	mg/L	_	0.055–0.725 (0.314)	0.039–9.84 (2.19)	0.33–0.998 (0.61)	0.143–1.76 (0.704)
Beryllium	mg/L	ID	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0002	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001–0.0002 (0.0001)
Copper	mg/L	0.0014	<0.001	<0.001–0.021 (0.003)	<0.001–0.005 (0.0025)	<0.001–0.002 (0.0015)
Lead	mg/L	0.0034	<0.001	<0.001–0.002 (0.001)	<0.001–0.036 (0.0125)	<0.001–0.005 (0.002)
Manganese	mg/L	1.9	0.15–3.24 (1.21)	0.008–0.401 (0.11)	0.002–0.014 (0.007)	0.003–0.143 (0.052)
Molybdenum	mg/L	ID	<0.001-0.001	<0.001-0.006	0.002-0.006	<0.001-0.005

Parameters	Units	ANZECC (2000) guidelines <sup>a</sup>	Alluvial aquifer range (average)	Shallow rock range (average)	Interburden range (average)	Coal seams range (average)
			(0.0006)	(0.001)	(0.004)	(0.002)
Nickel	mg/L	0.011	<0.001–0.01 (0.002)	0.001-0.015 (0.005)	0.003-0.012 (0.001)	0.001–0.011 (0.005)
Selenium	mg/L	0.011 (total)	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Strontium	mg/L	_	0.246–6.19 (2.88)	0.35–31.08 (6.87)	0.445–2.44 (1.18)	0.672–5.61 (2.77)
Uranium	mg/L	ID	<0.001–0.013 (0.003)	<0.001–0.005 (0.003)	<0.001	<0.001
Vanadium	mg/L	ID	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Zinc	mg/L	0.008	0.009-0.038 (0.017)	0.007-0.277 (0.091)	0.023–23 (8.41)	0.061–3.07 (1.16)
Iron	mg/L	ID	0.18–6.91 (3.15)	0.05–4.13 (1.21)	0.1–0.59 (0.28)	0.07–0.27 (0.16)
Bromine	mg/L	ID	0.2-4.6 (2.1)	0.3–7.7 (2.4)	0.9–1 (0.95)	0.9–2.2 (1.5)
Nutrients						
Nitrite as N	mg/L	0.02 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01–0.01 (0.006)	<0.01
Nitrate as N	mg/L	0.7	<0.01	<0.01–0.38 (0.05)	<0.01–0.01 (0.006)	<0.01–0.02 (0.01)
Ammonia as N	mg/L	0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.02-0.36 (0.18)	0.42–3.72 (1.39)	8.14–20.3 (12.73)	1.02–3.03 (1.70)
Total Phosphorous as P	mg/L	0.05 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01–0.06 (0.027)	0.01-0.32 (0.13)	0.07-0.11 (0.087)	0.02-0.13 (0.067)
Reactive Phosphorous as P	mg/L	0.02 <sup>b</sup>	<0.01–0.02 (0.008)	<0.01–0.25 (0.06)	<0.01–0.03 (0.018)	<0.01–0.05 (0.02)
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	_	1–4 (2)	2–110 (17)	14–124 (67)	2–39 (15)
Hydrocarbons						
Phenolic compounds	μg/l	_	<1.0–6.7 (1.5)	<1.0–3.8 (0.6)	3.5–13.2 (7.1)	<1.0
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	μg/l	-	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Monocyclic are	omatic h	ydrocarbons				
Benzene	μg/l	950	<1	<1–2 (0.6)	<1	<1
Toluene	μg/l	ID	<2–4 (1.5)	<2–56 (5.0)	1–10 (4.7)	1–4 (2.0)
Ethyl Benzene	μg/l	ID	<2	<2	<2	<2
m&p-Xylenes	μg/l	ID	<2	<2	<2	<2
o-Xylenes	μg/l	350	<2	<2	<2	<2

Parameters	Units	ANZECC (2000) guidelines <sup>a</sup>	Alluvial aquifer range (average)	Shallow rock range (average)	Interburden range (average)	Coal seams range (average)
Total petroleur	n hydro	carbons				
C <sub>6</sub> –C <sub>9</sub>	μg/l	_	<20	<20-80 (14)	<20–100 (40)	<20
C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>14</sub>	μg/l	_	<50	<50-100 (29)	60–140 (97)	<50
C <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>29</sub>	µg/l	-	<100	<100–1,090 (105)	320–1,740 (837)	0.5–140 (47)
C <sub>29</sub> –C <sub>36</sub>	μg/l	_	<50	<50	<50–610 (298)	<50
Dissolved gases						
Methane	μg/l	_	13–92 (64)	<10–20,200 (5369)	9,030–31,100 (19,410)	274–30,500 (12,774)

ANZECC (2000) guidelines for the protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems: 95% protection levels (trigger values).

BOLD indicates a value outside of the ANZECC (2000) guideline range.

ID indicates insufficient data for trigger value to be established

#### 5.2.1 Alluvium

#### 5.2.1.1 Field parameters

Alluvial groundwater salinity ranges from fresh (<800 µS/cm) to slightly saline (<10,000 µS/cm). Electrical conductivity (EC) values are generally above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values. The average salinity has risen since the previous monitoring event. TMB01 has the highest recorded EC of the alluvial monitoring bores; and this is likely due to the screened lithology of clays at TMB01 (Parsons Brinckerhoff 2012a).

The pH conditions in alluvial monitoring bores range from slightly acidic to neutral, and are all within the ANZECC (2000) guideline values, which is consistent with the previous monitoring event.

Redox values range from -190.3 to -78.6 mV, indicating reducing conditions exist in the alluvium.

**Table 5.3** summarises the major ion chemistry of the alluvium for the 2011 and 2013 monitoring events. Generally major ion chemistry in the alluvial aquifers is dominated by sodium, magnesium and chloride for this monitoring event (2013) and an increase in magnesium dominance is observed since the last monitoring event (2011). The continued dominance of sodium and chloride reflects the high clay content of the alluvium within the vicinity of the Tiedman and Atkins sites, and rainfall recharge.

A piper diagram is a graphical representation of the chemistry of a water sample and can be used to graphically show the relative concentrations of major ions (Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Na<sup>2+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>). Major ion chemistry for all groundwater samples is shown on the piper diagram in Figure 4.3.

ANZECC (2000) guidelines for the protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems: trigger values for lowland rivers in south-east

c To calculate the average, values below detection limit are included in the calculation as half the LOR.

Table 5.3 Major ion chemistry in alluvial groundwater

Location	Major ion chemistry – 2011	Major ion chemistry – 2013
AMB01	Na-Ca-Mg- Cl	Na-Mg-Cl
AMB02	Na-HCO <sub>3</sub> -Cl	Na-Cl- HCO₃
TMB01	Na-Cl	Na-Mg-Cl
TMB02	Na-Cl	Na-Mg-Cl
TMB03	Na-Cl	Na-Cl
WMB01	Na-Ca-Cl	Na-Mg-Ca-Cl

#### 5.2.1.2 Dissolved metals

The major findings of dissolved metal analysis for alluvial monitoring bores are as follows:

- Zinc concentrations are above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value except for TMB01 which is below the LOR (<0.005 mg/L). This is consistent with the previous monitoring event (2011).
- Manganese concentrations were detected in all bores but are only above the ANZECC (2000) guideline (1.9 mg/L) at AMB01 (3.24 mg/L), which is consistent with the previous monitoring event.
- Barium, iron and strontium concentrations were detected at all alluvial monitoring bores. This is consistent with the previous monitoring event.
- Uranium concentrations were detected in TMB01 and TMB03, which is consistent with the previous monitoring event.

Concentrations of these metals are not unexpected, given the brackish salinities and clayey nature of the Avon River alluvium, and the variety of sedimentary rocks across the catchment. The concentrations are natural and (when elevated) are only slightly above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

#### 5.2.1.3 Nutrients

Ammonia, total phosphorus and reactive phosphorus concentrations are slightly elevated at the alluvial monitoring bores. Ammonia concentrations exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline at all the alluvial monitoring bores except at WMB01. Total phosphorus concentrations exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at TMB01 and TMB02. Reactive phosphorus concentrations are below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at all of the alluvial monitoring bores. Total organic carbon concentrations are low in all alluvial monitoring bores. These results are generally consistent with the previous monitoring event.

#### 5.2.1.4 **Hydrocarbons**

Concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) were below the laboratory LOR in all alluvial monitoring bores, while during the last monitoring event (2011), TPH concentrations were detected in TMB02, TMB03 and WMB01.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are not detected in the alluvial monitoring bores. Phenolic compounds (3-&4-Methylphenol) were detected at TMB01 at a concentration of 6.7 µg/L. BTEX concentrations were below the laboratory LOR in all alluvial monitoring bores except for toluene at WMB01 (4 μg/L).

#### 5.2.1.5 Dissolved gases

Dissolved methane concentrations were detected at TMB01, TMB02 and TMB03 (92 µg/L, 88 µg/l and 13 μg/L respectively). This differs from the results of the previous monitoring period in which dissolved methane was only detected at TMB02 (19 µg/L).

#### 5.2.2 Shallow rock

#### 5.2.2.1 Field parameters

Groundwater salinity in the shallow rock aquifers ranges from marginal (<1,600 µS/cm) to slightly saline (<10,000 μS/cm), with the field EC values ranging from 1,060-9,780 μS/cm. The EC values in the shallow rock aquifer monitoring bores are above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values except at WKMB02  $(1,060 \mu \text{S/cm})$  and TTMB01  $(1,980 \mu \text{S/cm})$ .

The pH conditions in the shallow rock aquifers range from neutral to alkaline (pH 7.13-9.3). TMB01 (pH 5.91), BMB02 (pH 8.39), S5MB01 (pH 8.26), S5MB02 (pH 8.55), WKMB01 (pH 8.1) and WKMB02 (pH 9.3) fall outside the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

Redox values range from -313.0 to -16.8 mV, indicating reducing conditions exist in the shallow rock unit.

Table 5.4 summarises the major ion chemistry in the shallow rock units for both monitoring events in 2011 and 2013. Generally the major ion chemistry in the shallow rock unit is dominated by sodium and chloride and to a lesser extent bicarbonate. Major ion chemistry for BMB01, S4MB01, S4MB02, and S5MB01 is slightly different at some sites between the two monitoring events.

Table 5.4 Major ion chemistry in shallow rock hydrogeological units

Location	Major ion chemistry – 2011	Major ion chemistry – 2013
BMB01	Na-Cl -HCO₃	Na-Cl
BMB02	Na-Cl -HCO₃	Na-CI -HCO <sub>3</sub>
RMB01	Na-Cl	Na-Cl
RMB02	Na-Cl -HCO₃	Na-Cl -HCO <sub>3</sub>
S4MB01	Na-Ca-Cl-HCO <sub>3</sub>	Na-Ca-Cl
S4MB02	Na-Ca-Cl	Na-Cl
S5MB01	Na-CI-SO <sub>4</sub>	Na-CI -HCO <sub>3</sub>
S5MB02	Na-Cl -HCO₃	Na-CI -HCO₃
TTMB01	N/A	Na-Cl -HCO₃
TTMB02	N/A	Na-Ca-Cl-HCO <sub>3</sub>
ТТРВ	N/A	Na-Ca-Cl-HCO <sub>3</sub>
WKMB01	N/A	Na-CI -HCO <sub>3</sub>
WMB02	Na-Ca-Cl-SO <sub>4</sub>	Na-Ca-Cl-SO <sub>4</sub>
WMB03	Na-Ca-Cl	Na-Ca-Cl
WMB04	Na-Ca-Cl-HCO₃	Na-Ca-Cl-HCO <sub>3</sub>

Notes:

N/A - no data available

#### 5.2.2.2 Dissolved metals

The major findings of dissolved metal analysis for shallow rock aquifer monitoring bores are as follows:

- Aluminium concentrations exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at BMB02, S5MB02, TTMB01 and WKMB02.
- Arsenic concentrations were detected in seven of the 17 shallow rock aquifer monitoring bores, all of which were below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value.
- Barium concentrations were detected in all bores with the highest values detected at RMB01 (9.84 mg/L).
- Strontium concentrations were detected in all bores with the highest value of strontium detected at S4MB01 (31.8 mg/L). This is consistent with the results of the previous monitoring event.
- Manganese concentrations were detected in all bores but did not exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.
- Iron concentrations were detected in all bores. This is consistent with the previous monitoring period.
- Copper concentrations were detected in ten bores and generally exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline value.
- Zinc concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at all locations except WMB02. The highest concentration of zinc was recorded at S4MB01 (0.277 mg/L).
- Bromine concentrations are highest at RMB01 and RMB02 and this is consistent with the previous monitoring event.
- Uranium concentrations are detected at RMB02, S4MB01, WKMB01 and WKMB02. All other shallow rock aquifer monitoring bores had uranium concentrations below the laboratory LOR.
- Molybdenum concentrations were detected at WKMB02 and WMB04. All other monitoring bores recorded values below the laboratory LOR.
- Nickel concentrations were elevated above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at BMB01 and S5MB01.

The dissolved metal concentrations are considered natural and not unusual for these types of sedimentary rock.

#### 5.2.2.3 **Nutrients**

Nitrite concentrations were not detected in any of the monitoring bores. Nitrate concentrations were detected in a number of monitoring bores, but all values are below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value. Ammonia concentration were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value in all shallow rock monitoring bores and the highest concentration of ammonia was recorded at S5MB01. Total phosphorus concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value in 14 of the 17 shallow rock aguifer monitoring bores. The highest concentration of total phosphorus was recorded at TTMB01. Reactive phosphorus was detected in 11 bores, of which eight have concentrations above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value. The highest concentration of reactive phosphorus was recorded at WKMB02. Total organic carbon was detected at all of the bores and the highest concentration was recorded at S5MB01 (110 mg/L).

#### 5.2.2.4 **Hydrocarbons**

Phenolic compounds (phenol) were detected in S5MB01 (3.8 µg/L) which is below the ANZECC (2000) guideline (320 µg/L). Toluene concentrations were detected at eight of the shallow rock monitoring bores. The values range from 3 μg/L to 56 μg/L (S5MB01). Benzene was detected in S5MB02 (2 μg/L) but was well below the ANZECC (2000) guideline (950 µg/L). Concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) (C10-C36 fraction) were detected in S5MB01 only (1,400 µg/L).

#### 5.2.2.5 Dissolved gases

Dissolved methane concentrations were detected in all shallow rock aquifer monitoring and concentrations ranged from 10 µg/L at WMB02 to 20,200 µg/L at S5MB02.

#### 5.2.3 Interburden units

#### 5.2.3.1 Field parameters

Groundwater salinity in the interburden units is typically brackish (<4,800 µS/cm), with field values ranging from 3,060-3,200 µS/cm. These values are above the ANZECC guideline (2000) values.

The pH values are alkaline (pH ~10.5) and exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

Redox values range from -87.5 to -52.1 mV, indicating reducing conditions exist in the interburden unit.

Table 5.5 summarises the major ion chemistry of the interburden units for the monitoring events in 2011 and 2013 and shows that major ion chemistry has not changed. The major ion chemistry within the interburden units is dominated by sodium and chloride.

Table 5.5 Major ion chemistry in interburden hydrogeological units

Location	Major ion chemistry – 2011	Major ion chemistry – 2013
TCMB02	Na-Cl	Na-Cl
TTMB03	N/A	Na-Cl
WKMB03	N/A	Na-Cl

Notes:

N/A - no data available

#### 5.2.3.2 Dissolved metals

The major findings of dissolved metal analysis for interburden monitoring bores are as follows:

- Concentrations of barium and strontium were detected in all of the interburden monitoring bores with the highest concentrations occurring at TCMB02.
- Manganese and arsenic concentrations were detected in all bores, but did not exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.
- Aluminium concentrations were detected in all bores. The ANZECC (2000) guideline values for aluminium were exceeded at TTMB03 and WKMB03.
- Nickel concentrations were detected in all bores, but only exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline values TCMB02.
- Concentrations of copper were elevated and above the ANZECC (2000) guideline in TCMB02 and TTMB03.
- Cadmium concentrations were detected in WKMB03 but do not exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline value.
- Concentrations of zinc were elevated and above the ANZECC (2000) guideline in all bores.
- Concentrations of lead were detected in TCMB02 and WKMB03. The concentrations in WKMB03 exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline value.
- Concentrations of iron, molybdenum and bromine were detected in all bores, but did not exceed the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

The dissolved metal concentrations are considered natural and not unusual for these types of sedimentary rock.

#### 5.2.3.3 **Nutrients**

Ammonia and total phosphorus concentrations were above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values in all monitoring bores. Reactive phosphorus was elevated and above ANZECC (2000) guideline value in TTMB03. Total organic carbon concentrations range from 14 mg/L to 124 mg/L.

#### 5.2.3.4 **Hydrocarbons**

Phenolic compounds were detected in all of the interburden monitoring bores, with the highest concentration recorded at TTMB03. Toluene was detected in TCMB02 and WKMB03 with concentrations of 10 µg/L and 3 µg/L respectively. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were not detected in any of the monitoring bores. Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs) were detected in all bores.

Hydrocarbons can be naturally occurring in these types of formations (Volk et al. 2011) and these concentrations of hydrocarbons are not considered unusual for sedimentary rocks based on early works in the Gloucester basin by Thornton (1982) and Hunt et al. (1983).

#### 5.2.3.5 Dissolved gases

Methane concentrations were detected in all of the interburden monitoring bores ranging from 9,030 µg/L to  $31,100 \mu g/L$ .

#### 5.2.4 Coal seams

#### 5.2.4.1 Field parameters

Groundwater salinity in the coal seams is typically brackish (<4,800 µS/cm) to slightly saline (<10,000 μS/cm), with field EC values ranging from 3,360-5,340 μS/cm. The EC values in all monitoring bores are above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

The pH values in the coal seam monitoring bores range from neutral to alkaline (pH 7.55-11.5). The pH values for all monitoring bores, except S5MB03 (pH 7.55) are above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

Redox values range from -37.5 to +62.2 mV, indicating conditions in the coal seams are mostly reducing. Oxidising conditions exist at TCMB04 (+62.2 mV).

Table 5.6 summarises the major ion chemistry of the coal seams for the 2011 and 2013 monitoring events. Generally the major ion chemistry within the coal seams is dominated by sodium and chloride. In comparison to the previous monitoring event (2011), major ion chemistry is similar and differs only slightly at TCMB04.

Table 5.6 Major ion chemistry in coal seams

Location	Major ion chemistry – 2011	Major ion chemistry – 2013
S4MB03	Na-Cl	Na-Cl
S5MB03	Na-CI-HCO <sub>3</sub>	Na-CI-HCO <sub>3</sub>
TCMB04	Na-CI-HCO <sub>3</sub>	Na-Cl

Notes:

N/A - no data available

#### 5.2.4.2 Dissolved metals

The major findings of dissolved metal analysis for interburden monitoring bores are as follows:

- Aluminium concentrations were detected above ANZECC (2000) guideline value at TCMB04.
- Arsenic concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at S5MB03.
- Barium and bromine concentrations were detected in all of the coal seam monitoring bores.
- Cadmium concentrations were detected in S5MB03 and but were below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value.
- Copper concentrations were detected above ANZECC (2000) guideline values at S5MB03 and TCMB04.
- Lead concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at TCMB05.
- Manganese concentrations were detected at all of the coal seam monitoring bores, but were below the ANZECC (2000) guideline value.
- Molybdenum was detected at low concentrations at TCMB04.
- Nickel concentrations were detected at all monitoring bores but remained below the ANZECC (2000) quideline value.
- Strontium concentrations were detected at all monitoring bores, ranging from 0.652 mg/L (TCMB04) to 5.61 mg/L (S5MB03)
- Zinc concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value at S4MB03 and S5MB03, with the highest concentration at S5MB03 (0.347 mg/L).
- Iron concentrations were detected in all of the monitoring bores, ranging from 0.07 mg/L (S4MB03) to 0.27 mg/L (S5MB03).

These dissolved metal concentrations are considered natural and not unusual for Permian coal seams.

#### 5.2.4.3 **Nutrients**

Nitrate concentrations were detected in the Roseville Coal Seam (S5MB03), although the results are below the ANZECC (2000) guideline values. Ammonia concentrations were above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value in all coal seam monitoring bores. The highest concentration was detected at TCMB03 (Roseville Coal Seam). Total phosphorus concentrations are above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value in the Roseville Coal Seams (TCMB04). Reactive phosphorus concentrations were also above the ANZECC (2000) guideline value in the Roseville Coal Seam. Total organic carbon concentrations ranged from 2 mg/L in the Roseville Coal Seam.

#### 5.2.4.4 Hydrocarbons

Toluene was the only monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbon detected in the coal seam monitoring bores (S5MB03).

Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) were detected in the C15-C28 fraction in the Roseville Coal Seam (TCMB04).

#### 5.2.4.5 Dissolved gases

Dissolved methane concentrations range from 274 µg/L to 7,550 µg/L in the Roseville Coal Seam. Concentrations were detected at 30,500 µg/L in the Cloverdale Coal Seam (S4MB03).

# Conclusions and recommendations

#### **Conclusions** 6.1

A comprehensive surface water and groundwater monitoring network comprising nested monitoring bores and stream gauges was established during the Phase 2 Groundwater Investigations (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2012a). Subsequent and ongoing site investigations have continued to expand this network since January 2011.

The following conclusions are drawn from a review of the groundwater and surface water monitoring data for the period January 2011 to June 2013, representing 30 months of baseline data, but focussing on the last annual monitoring period (July 2012 to June 2013).

#### Rainfall 6.1.1

Climatic data for the period between February 2012 and December 2012 indicates actual rainfall was lower than the average rainfall. From December 2012 to June 2013, actual rainfall was higher than average rainfall.

During the last monitoring year there were high rainfall periods in January and February 2013, with February 2013 receiving 219 mm, resulting in significantly higher than average rainfall in those months and local flooding of rivers and creeks.

#### Surface water 6.1.2

#### 6.1.2.1 Water levels

All stream gauges on the Avon River and Dog Trap Creek show sharp increases in water level in response to rainfall events, and relatively steep recession curves. This is characteristic of rapid runoff responses from a relatively small upstream catchment and limited riverbank storage and groundwater contributions. Stream levels and flow decrease over several weeks following each rainfall event to a relatively consistent base level that represents a small baseflow component in the Avon River.

#### 6.1.2.2 Water quality

Surface water salinity is fresh (<800 µS/cm) and the pH is neutral. Generally the major ion chemistry of the surface water is dominated by sodium, chloride and bicarbonate.

Salinity sharply decreases after rainfall events as relatively fresh runoff is routed into streams. However an initial spike (sudden transient increase) in salinity (EC) is often seen in the initial runoff phase as readily dissolvable salts are flushed from the ground surface and shallow soils of the catchment area. The EC concentrations then gradually increases as flow decreases during periods of recession and groundwater discharge starts to become a more dominant component of flow. Surface water salinity generally increases downstream.

Dissolved metal analysis for surface water indicated that aluminium, copper, zinc concentrations were detected above the ANZECC (2000) guideline values.

Nutrient concentrations were all below the ANZECC (2000) guideline values and decreased from the previous monitoring event (2011), in which the ANZECC (2000) guideline values for ammonia, total and reactive phosphorus were exceeded.

Phenolic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, petroleum hydrocarbons and BTEX were not detected at any of the surface water monitoring locations. Dissolved methane concentrations were detected at two of the surface water monitoring locations (AWS01 and AWS02).

#### 6.1.3 Groundwater

#### 6.1.3.1 Groundwater levels

Groundwater level trends in monitoring bores vary depending on the lithology and depth of the screened interval:

- Alluvium: Groundwater levels in monitoring bores screened within the alluvial aquifers show characteristic quick responses to rainfall events. This indicates rapid shallow aquifer recharge via direct rainfall infiltrations and/or enhanced infiltration during creek high flow and flood events. Groundwater fluctuations over the monitoring period range from ~0.5 m to ~3 m. Rainfall recharge is impeded in areas where the alluvium is clay-rich or where thick clay layers overlie the coarser grained alluvial deposits.
- **Shallow rock**: There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events in the shallow rock monitoring bores, with the exception of the WKMB site at Forbesdale. For all sites there is a delayed response to periods of higher than average rainfall, indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow rainfall recharge over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring locations.
- Interburden units: Monitoring bores screened within the interburden units do not show an overall increase or decrease over the monitoring period. There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events.
- Coal seams: Groundwater levels in monitoring bores that are screened within the coal seams show varied but typically small (<0.2 m) overall changes in groundwater level over the monitoring period. There are no strong responses to individual rainfall events, indicating that groundwater levels are responding to slow rainfall recharge over a broad area, assumed to be up-gradient of the monitoring locations.

Significant vertical gradients were noted at six of the eight nested bore installations:

- Downward hydraulic gradients were noted at the TCMB and TTMB nested bore sites. Downward gradients are characteristic of recharge zones and imply potential for slow downward seepage of groundwater between units.
- Upward hydraulic gradients were noted at the S4MB, S5MB, RMB, and WKMB nested bore sites. Upward head gradients are characteristic of discharge zones and imply potential for slow upward seepage of groundwater between units.
- No significant vertical head gradients were noted at the BMB and WMB nested bore sites.

In all cases it was noted that despite the potential for vertical seepage, due to the very low permeability of the interburden units, vertical seepage is likely to be extremely slow. Lateral flow within each of the geological units is concluded to be the primary groundwater flow mechanism when there are no stresses on the shallow or deep groundwater systems.

#### 6.1.3.2 Groundwater quality

Alluvial aquifer water quality is fresh to slightly saline, has slightly acidic to neutral pH and reducing conditions exist. The major ion chemistry is sodium-chloride dominant, reflecting the high clay content of the alluvium and rainfall recharge. An increase in magnesium is observed for this monitoring event (2013) compared to the last monitoring event (2011). The alluvial groundwater has minor dissolved metals and only zinc and manganese are detected above ANZECC (2000) guideline values in some monitoring bores, which is consistent with the last monitoring event. Ammonia and total phosphorus concentrations were elevated and exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline values at some monitoring locations. These results are generally consistent with the previous monitoring event. There was no detection of naturally occurring TPH, and only minor detection of BTEX compounds in the alluvial aquifer. Dissolved methane was detected at the alluvial monitoring bores (13 μg/L to 92 μg/L) and increased since the last monitoring event.

Groundwater in the shallow rock unit is marginal to slightly saline, has neutral to alkaline pH conditions and reducing conditions exist. The major ion chemistry is sodium-chloride-bicarbonate dominant, and was slightly different for four monitoring bores. Groundwater in the shallow rock unit has low concentrations of dissolved metals and only aluminium, copper, zinc and nickel were detected above ANZECC (2000) guideline values in some monitoring bores. Ammonia, total phosphorus and reactive phosphorus concentrations were elevated and exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline values at some monitoring locations. Minor detections of naturally occurring TPH, benzene and toluene occurred at a few monitoring sites. Dissolved methane concentrations were detected in all shallow rock aquifer monitoring bores and concentrations ranged from 10  $\mu$ g/L to 20,200  $\mu$ g/L.

Groundwater quality of the interburden confining units is brackish with alkaline pH and reducing conditions. The major ion chemistry is sodium-chloride dominant. Groundwater in the interburden unit has low concentrations of dissolved metals and only aluminium, copper, zinc, nickel and lead were detected above ANZECC (2000) guideline values in some monitoring bores. Ammonia, total phosphorus and reactive phosphorous concentrations were elevated and exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline values at some monitoring locations. Minor detections of naturally occurring phenols, TPH and toluene occurred at all monitoring bores. Methane concentrations were detected ranging from 9,030 µg/L to 31,100 µg/L.

Groundwater salinity in the coal seams is typically brackish to slightly saline, with neutral to alkaline pH and mostly reducing conditions. The major ion chemistry is generally sodium-chloride dominant. Groundwater in the coal seams has low concentrations of dissolved metals with aluminium, arsenic, copper, lead and zinc detected above ANZECC (2000) guideline values in some monitoring bores. These dissolved metal concentrations are considered natural and not unusual for Permian coal seams. Ammonia, total phosphorus and reactive phosphorus concentrations were elevated and exceeded the ANZECC (2000) guideline values at some monitoring locations. Toluene and TPH were detected in the Roseville coal seam. Dissolved methane concentrations range from 274 µg/L to 7,550 µg/L in the Roseville Coal Seam. Methane concentrations were detected at 30,500 µg/L in the Cloverdale Coal Seam.

#### 6.2 Recommendations

The following recommendations are made regarding the ongoing groundwater and surface water monitoring of the GGP Stage 1 Gas Field Development Area:

- Monitoring should continue at all dedicated monitoring sites in accordance with the existing program. That is:
  - continuous water level and salinity (EC) monitoring at the four surface water locations
  - continuous water level monitoring at the six groundwater sites in the alluvium, 17 groundwater sites in the shallow rock, three groundwater sites in the interburden and five groundwater sites in the deep coal seams
  - comprehensive water quality sampling of all these dedicated sites on a two-yearly cycle is considered adequate (i.e. next sampling event to be mid 2015)
- Water level data for the newly installed monitoring bores constructed in mid-2013 in the area beyond the Stage 1 development area (and those proposed for construction during 2013/14) should be included in the annual status report for 2013/14.

## 7. Statement of limitations

### 7.1 Scope of services

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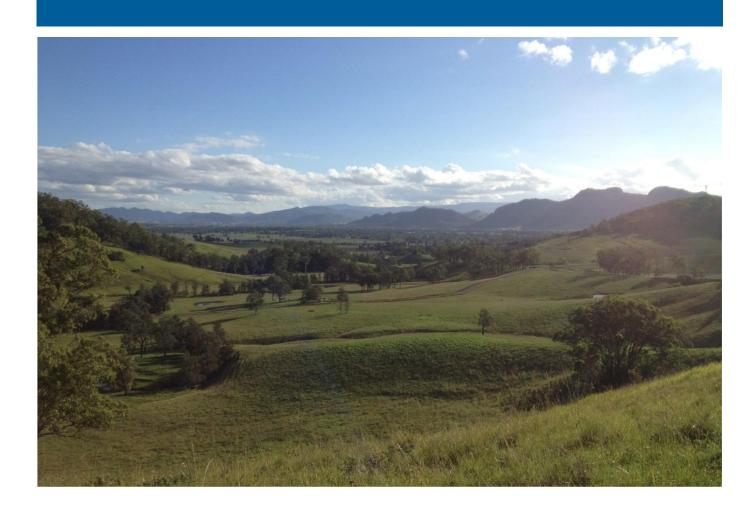
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## Appendix A

Groundwater and surface water hydrographs



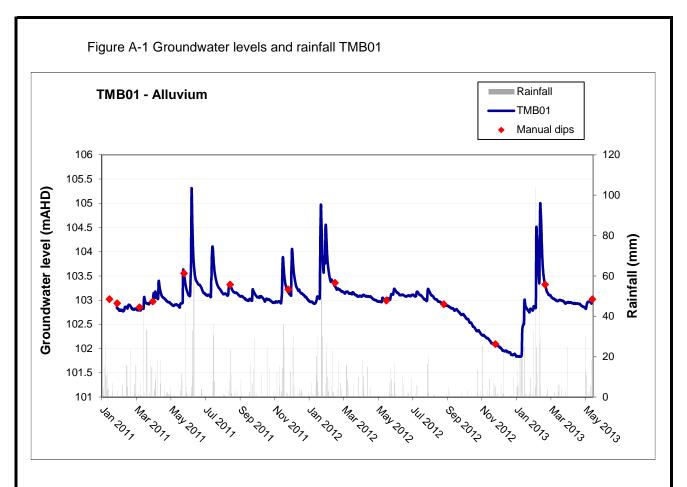
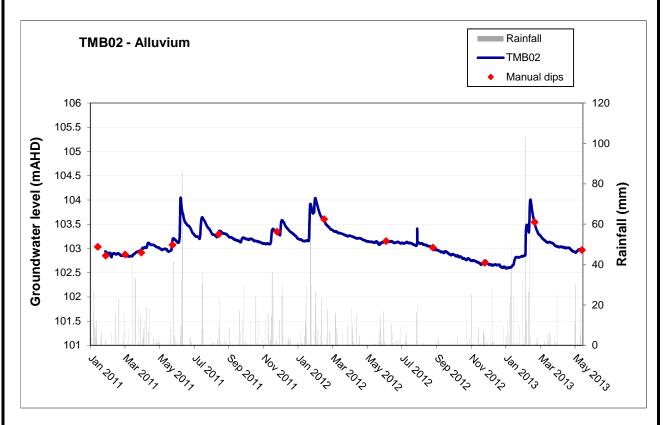


Figure A-2 Groundwater levels and rainfall at TMB02



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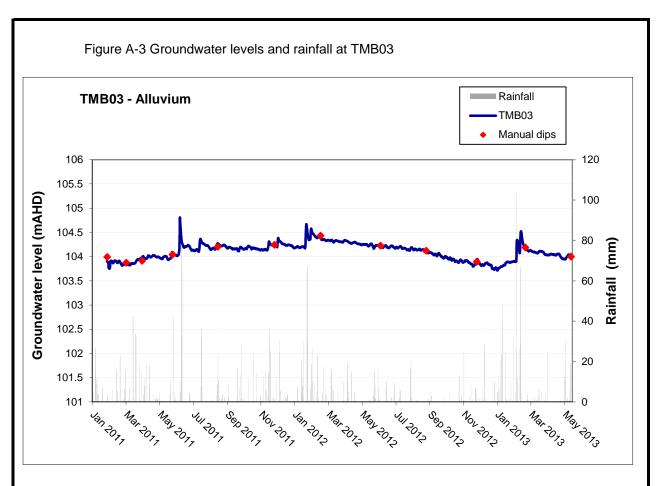
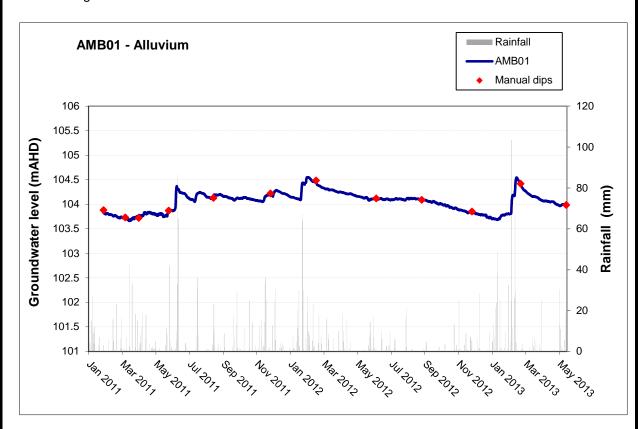


Figure A-4 Groundwater levels and rainfall at AMB01



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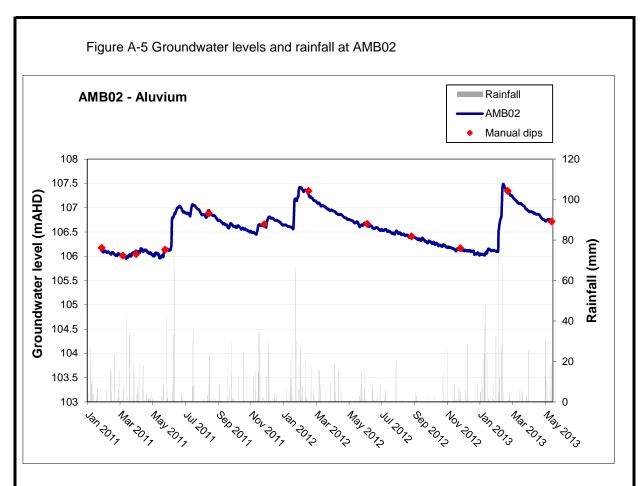
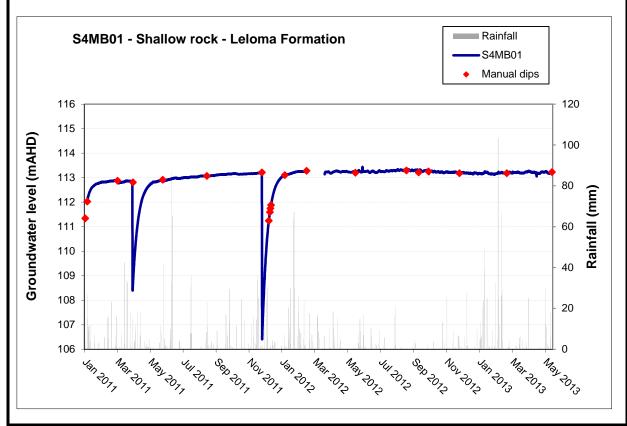
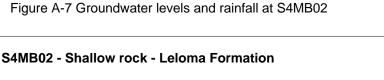


Figure A-6 Groundwater levels and rainfall at S4MB01



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Location: Gloucester, NSW



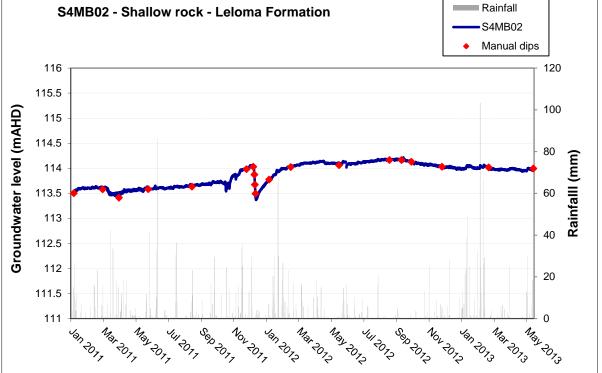
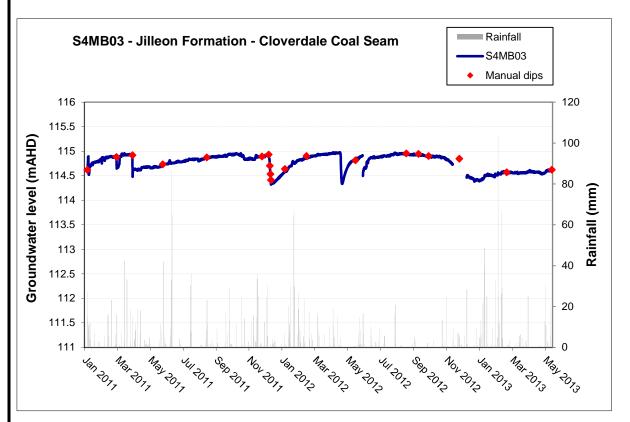
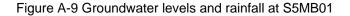


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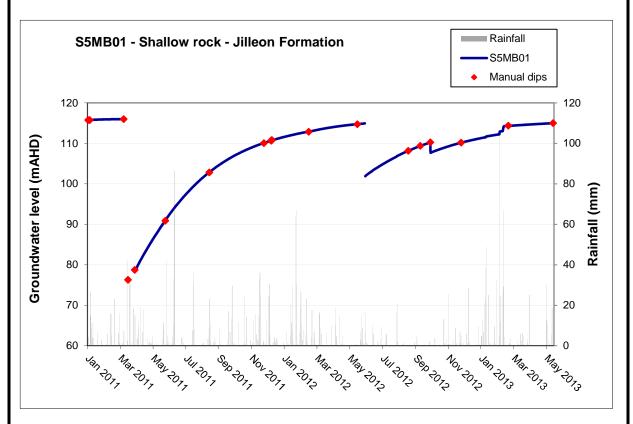
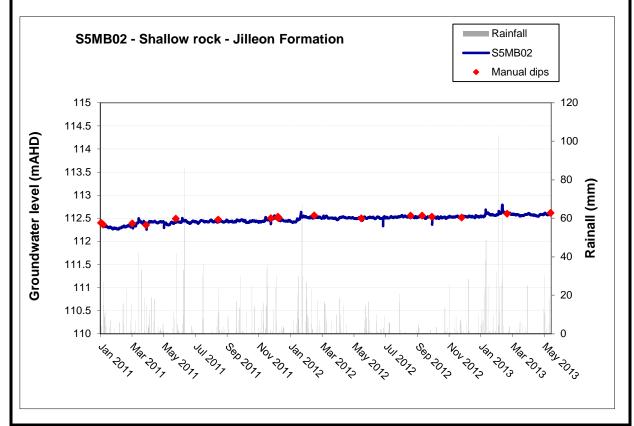


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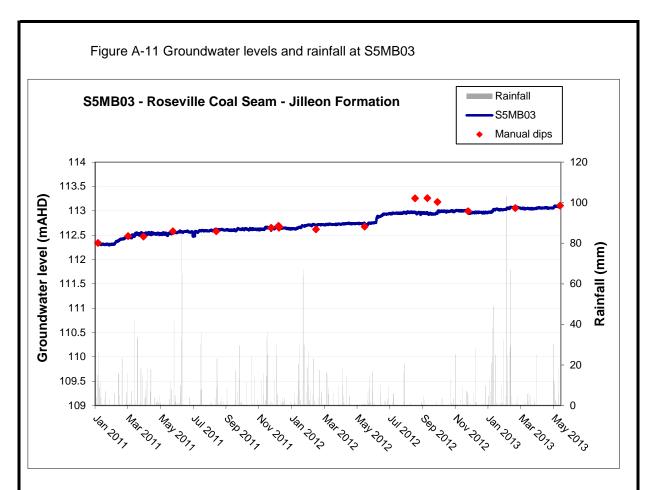
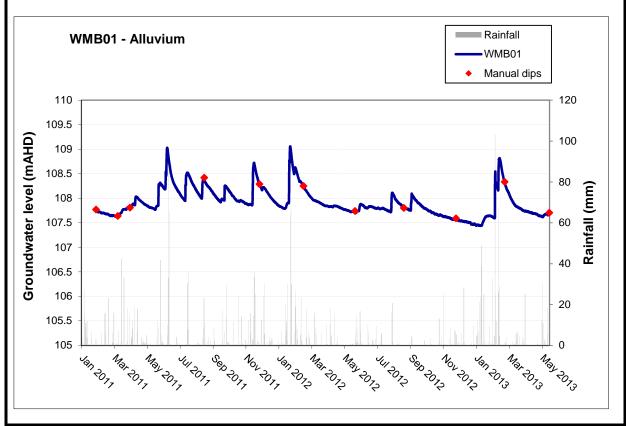


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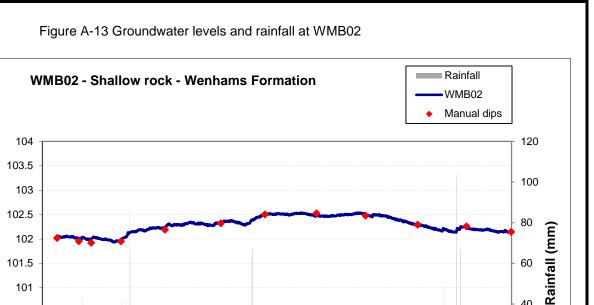
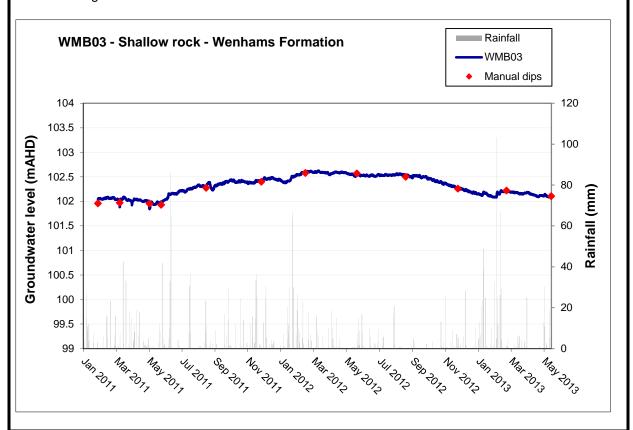


Figure A-14 Groundwater levels and rainfall at WMB03

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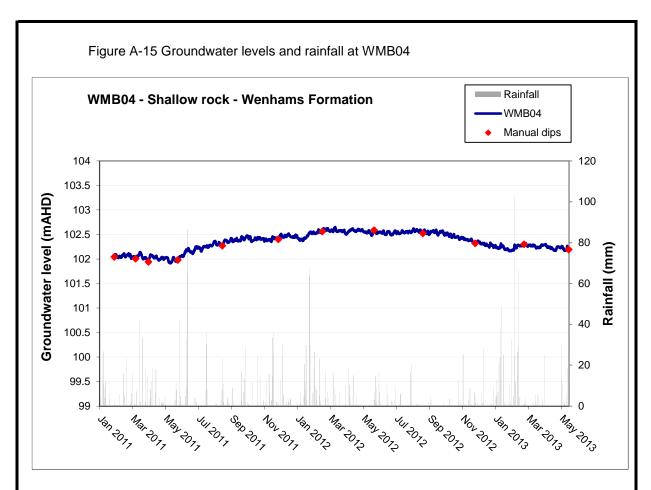
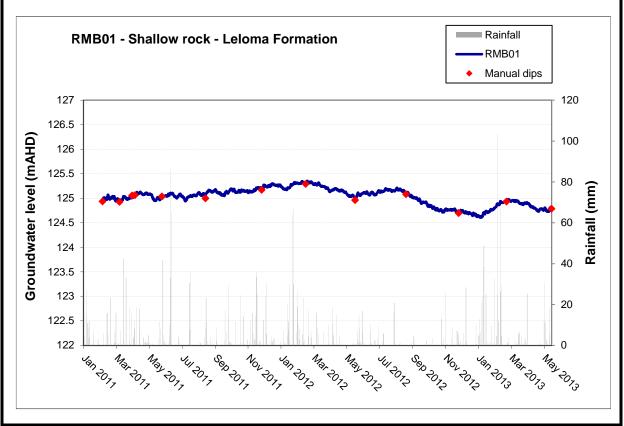


Figure A-16 Groundwater levels and rainfall at RMB01



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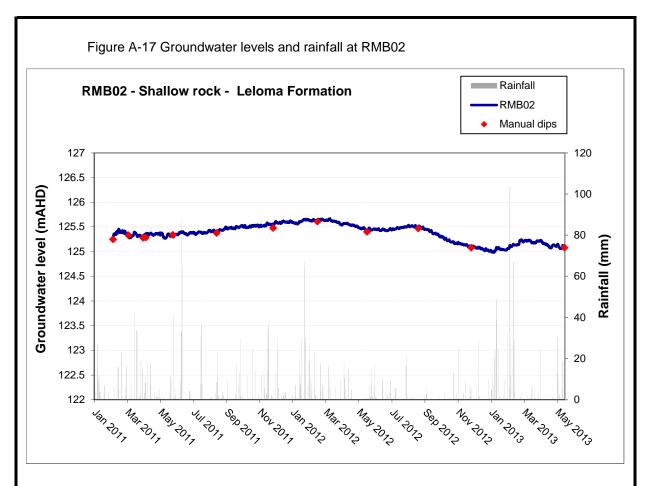
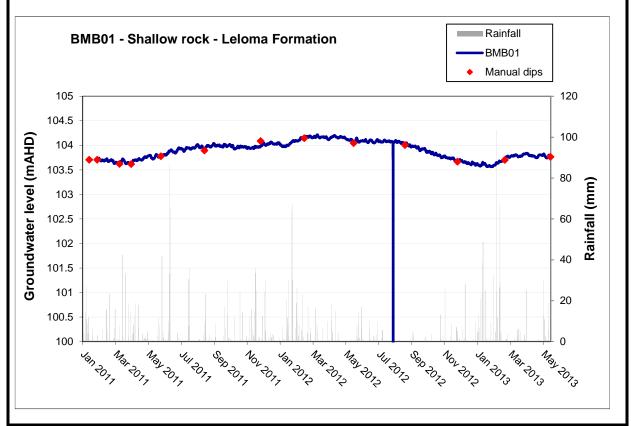


Figure A-18 Groundwater levels and rainfall at BMB01



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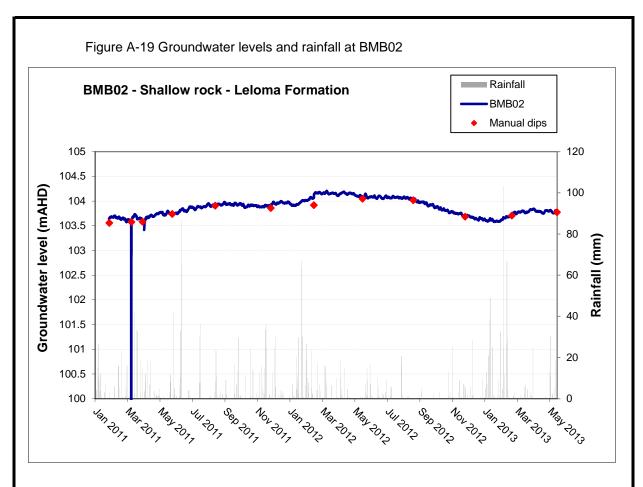
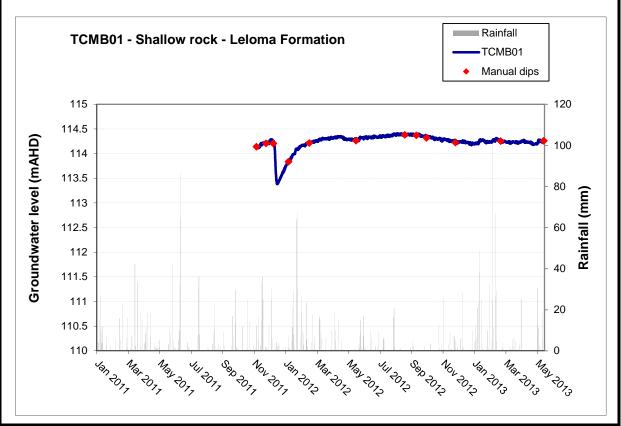
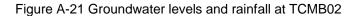


Figure A-20 Groundwater levels and rainfall at TCMB01



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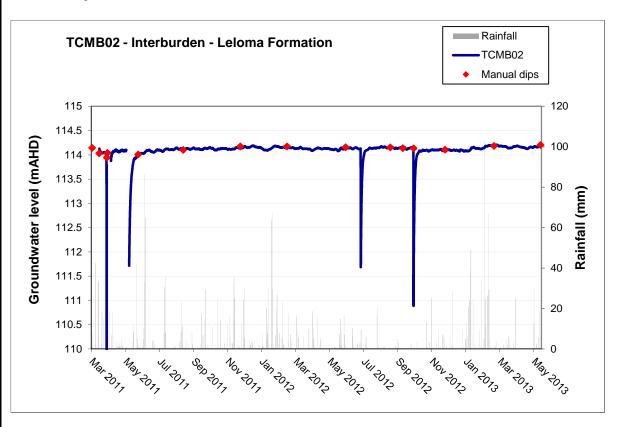
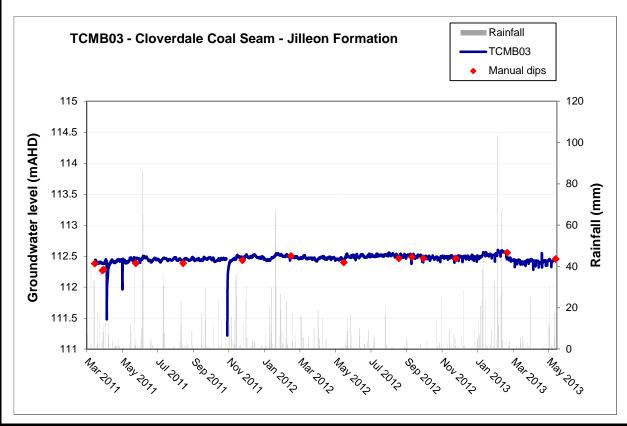


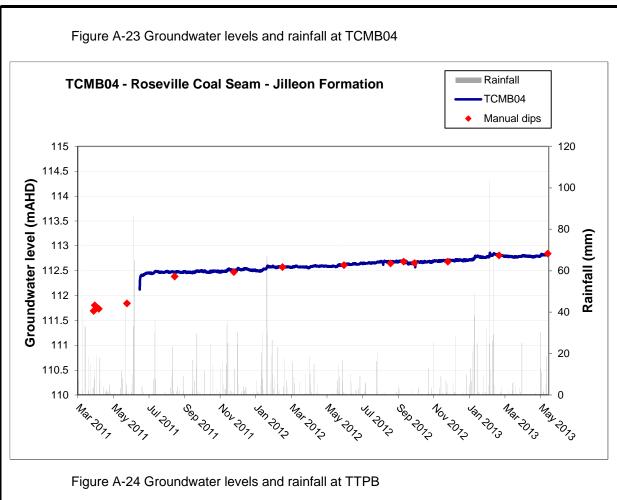
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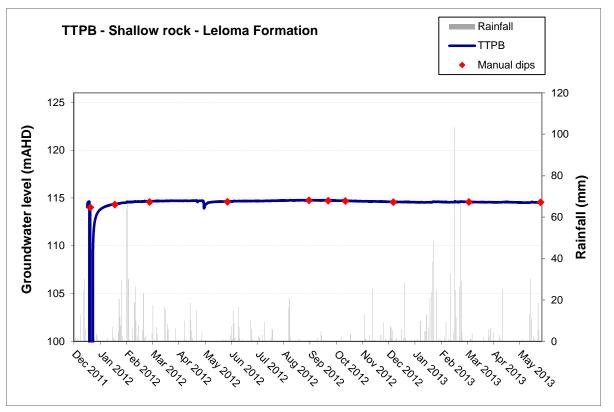


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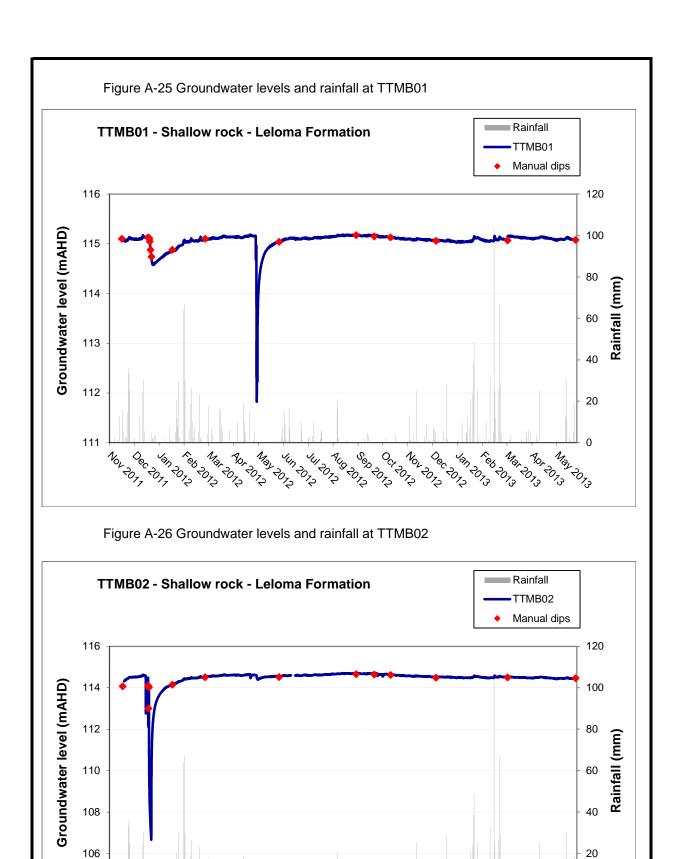




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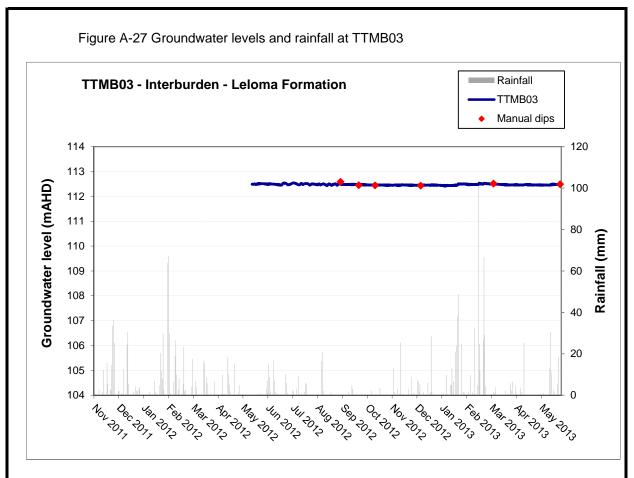
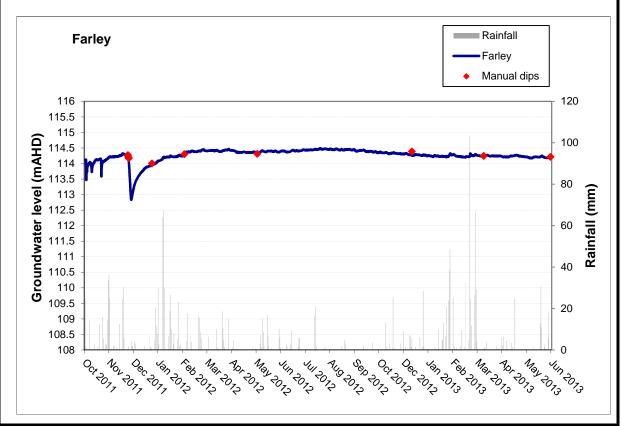


Figure A-28 Groundwater levels and rainfall at Farley



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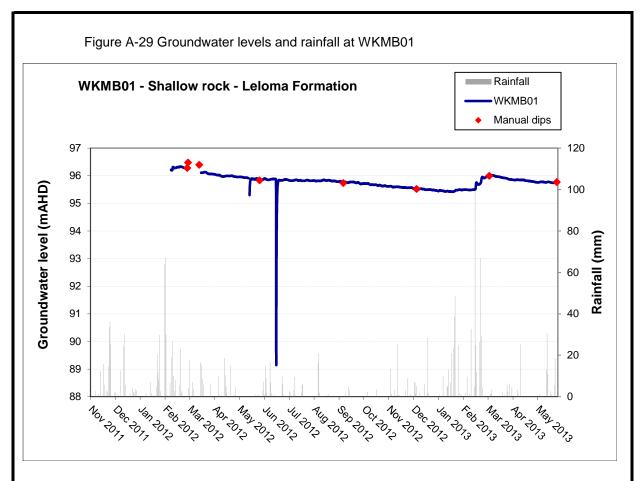
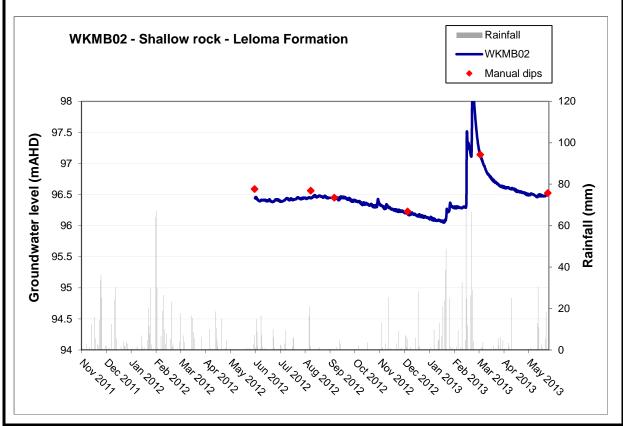


Figure A-30 Groundwater levels and rainfall at WKMB02



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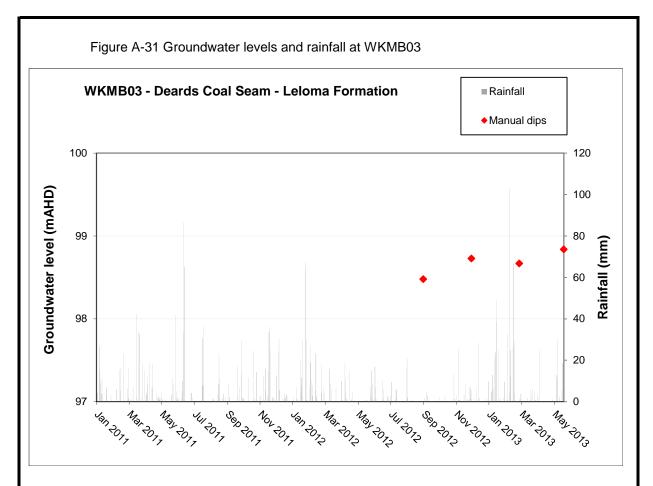
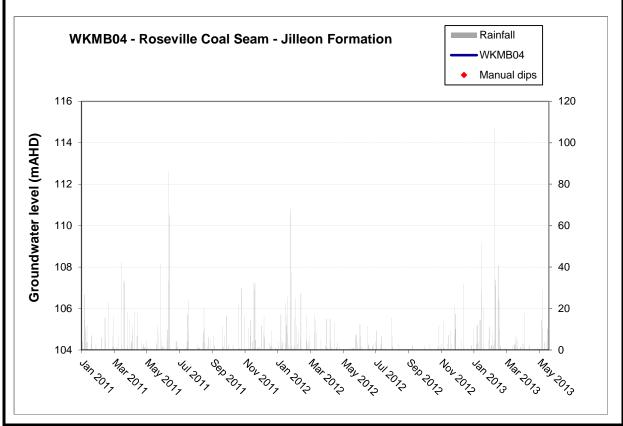


Figure A-32 Groundwater levels and rainfall at WKMB04



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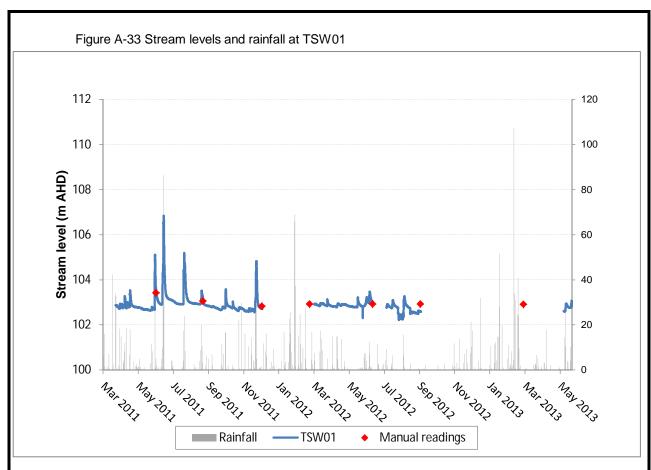
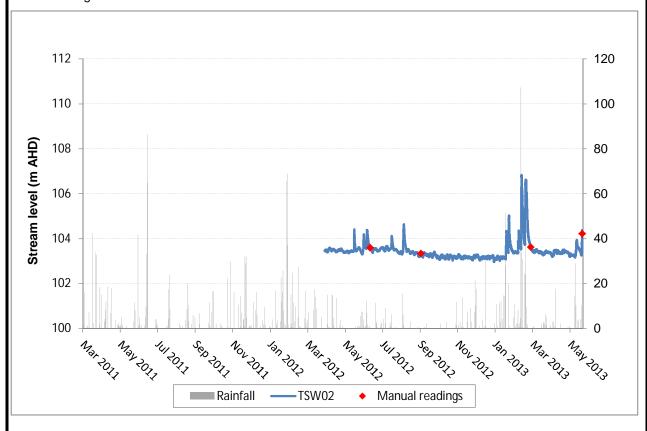


Figure A-34 Stream levels and rainfall at TSW02



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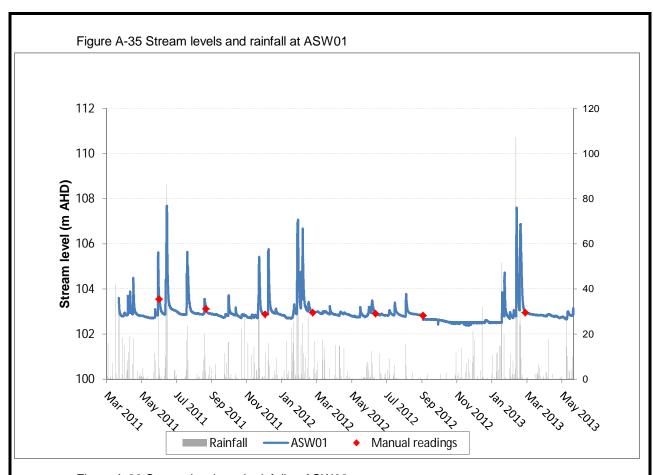
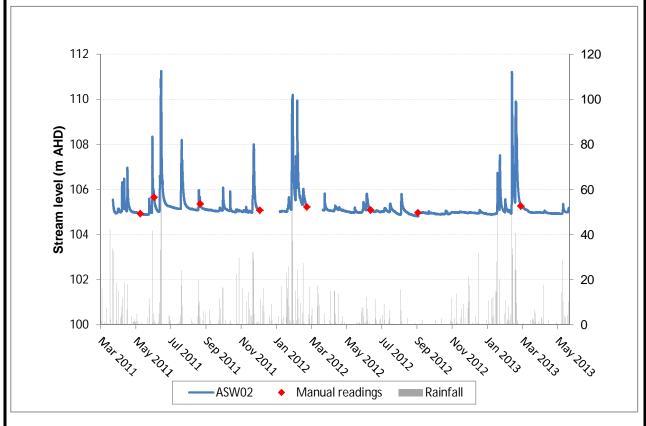


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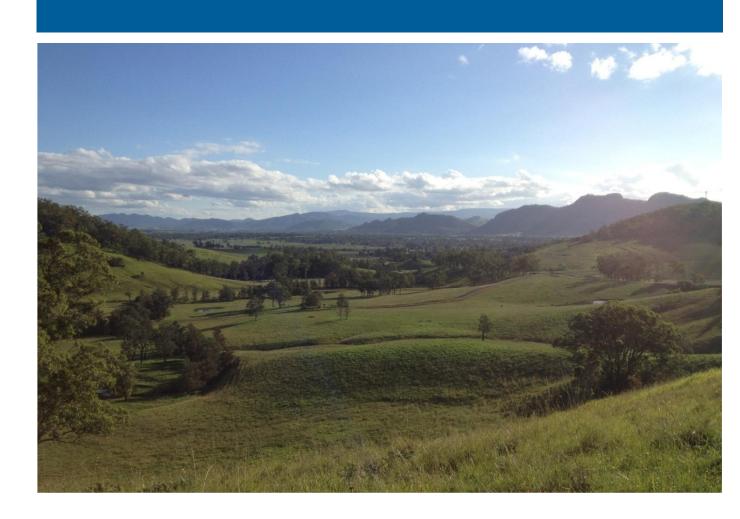


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# Appendix B

Water quality summary tables



SUMMARY TABLE OF LABORA	ATORY I	RESULTS	JUNE 2013 (	GROUNDWATER N	IONITORING EVENT															
Monitoring location Sample date Hydrogeological unit Screen interval (mbql) General parameters				S4MB01 26/06/2013 Shallow rock 58-64	\$4MB02 21/06/2013 Shallow rock 89-95	\$4MB03 26/06/2013 Coal 162-168	\$5MB01 26/06/2013 Shallow rock 52-58	\$5MB02 20/06/2013 Shallow rock 100-112	\$5MB03 25/06/2013 Coal 158-164	TMB01 17/06/2013 Alluvium 7-10	TMB02 18/06/2013 Alluvium 9-12	TMB03 18/06/2013 Alluvium 5-11	TCMB01 20/06/2013 Shallow rock 87-93	TCMB02 26/06/2013 Interburden 175-181	TCMB03 Coal 260-266	TCMB04 Coal 327.3-333.3	AMB01 19/06/2013 Alluvium 8-10	AMB02 19/06/2013 Alluvium 6.5-11	BMB01 24/06/2013 Shallow rock 15-29	BMB02 24/06/2013 Shallow rock 124-136
Analyte	Unit nH ur	ts LOR nits 0.01	ANZECC 2000 Guidelines 6.5 - 8.0*	7.82	7.7	8.25	8.26	8.55	7.55	7.3	6.98	7.36	7.25	10.5		11.5	6.39	6.73	7.76	8.39
Conductivity Total Dissolved Solids	μS/c mg/	m 1	125 - 2200*	5370 3240	2300 1350	3360 1680	4320 2420	4300 2310	5340 2790	8130 4820	3710 2260	5730 2830	3100 2200	3060 1630	na na	4420 1980	2270 1650	396 273	5240 2570	4230 2180
Calculated Total Dissolved Solids <sup>#</sup> Redox	mg/ m\	L -	-	-85.8	-193.8	-37.5	-267.7	-313	-2	-167	-190.3	-120.3	-175.4	-52.1	na na	62.2	-96.6	-111.8	-175.7	-236.3
Laboratory analytes Hydroxide alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/		_	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1		219	<1	<1	<1	<1
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Chloride Calcium	mg/	L 1	-	1170 271	576 65	858 16	747 30	786 10	952 110	2370 206	1100 137	1370 170	724 178	720 4	na na	636 5	618 81	65 12	1220 97	864 14
Magnesium Sodium	mg/ mg/	L 1	-	62 741	21 356	4 699	24 888	6 946	116 895	223 1170	87 513	133 871	65 332	3 672	na na	<1 744	54 301	5 66	60 852	7 860
Potassium Silica	mg/	L 1	-	7 27.6	3 14.9	3 13.6	66 18.2	5 17.8	9 19.3	4 36.3	4 35.1	2 31.8	5 21.3	8 56.7	na na	81 17.4	2 48.1	1 44	5 18.8	4 17.2
lons Total anions		/L 0.01		46.5	18.7	29.1	39.8	38.3	50	78.7	34.7	52.8	26.2	27.4	na	32.3	19.7	3.76	42.6	36.6
Total cations Ionic balance	meq %	/L 0.01	-	51 4.66	20.5 4.6	31.6 4.04	43.8 4.76	42.3 4.86	54.2 4.01	79.6 0.6	36.4 2.4	57.4 4.12	28.8 4.66	29.9 4.35	na na	34.7 3.54	21.6 4.78	3.91 1.84	47 4.86	38.8 2.87
Dissolved metals Aluminium	mg/		0.055	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.12	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.04	0.03	na	2.9	<0.01	0.03	0.05	0.06
Arsenic	mg/	L 0	0.033 0.013 (As V) ID	0.002 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	0.003 <0.001	0.001 <0.001	0.014 <0.001	0.001 <0.001	0.002 <0.001	0.003 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	0.002 <0.001	na na	0.001 <0.001	0.002 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001
Beryllium Barium Cadmium	mg/ mg/	L 0	0.0002	0.8 <0.0001	3.98 <0.0001	1.76 <0.0001	0.18 <0.0001	1.91 <0.0001	0.143 0.0002	0.214 <0.0001	0.725 <0.0001	0.199 <0.0001	4.5 <0.001	0.998 <0.0001	na na	0.208 <0.0001	0.555 <0.001	0.055 <0.0001	0.751 <0.0001	0.749 <0.0001
Cobalt Copper	mg/ mg/	L 0	ID 0.0014	<0.0001 <0.001 0.002	<0.001 <0.001 <0.001	<0.0001 <0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001 0.002	<0.001 <0.001 0.001	<0.001 0.002	<0.001 <0.001 <0.001	0.0001 0.002 <0.001	0.0001 0.003 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001 <0.001	<0.0001 <0.001 0.002	na na na	<0.001 <0.001 0.002	0.037 <0.001	0.001 <0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001 0.021	<0.001 <0.003
Lead	mg/	L 0	0.0014 0.0034 1.9	<0.002 <0.001 0.292	<0.001 <0.001 0.023	<0.001 <0.001 0.01	<0.002 <0.001 0.039	<0.001 <0.001 0.012	<0.002 <0.001 0.143	<0.001 <0.001 0.878	<0.001 <0.001 1.12	<0.001 <0.001 1.42	<0.001 <0.001 0.098	0.002 0.001 0.002	na	0.002 0.005 0.003	<0.001 <0.001 3.24	<0.001 <0.001 0.15	<0.021 <0.001 0.23	<0.003 <0.001 0.034
Manganese Molybdenum Nickel	mg/ mg/ mg/	L 0	ID 0.011	<0.001 0.005	<0.001 0.001	<0.001 <0.001 0.001	0.039 0.001 0.013	<0.001 <0.002	<0.001 0.006	<0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	0.001 <0.001	<0.001 0.002	0.002 0.004 0.012	na na na	0.005 0.011	<0.001 0.01	<0.001 0.001	<0.001 0.015	0.003 0.007
Selenium Strontium	mg/	L 0.01	0.011 (total)	<0.01 31.8	<0.01 7.45	<0.01 <0.04	<0.01 3.68	<0.01 1.27	<0.01 5.61	<0.01 6.19	<0.01 3.17	<0.01 4.66	<0.01 12.3	<0.01 2.44	na na	<0.01 0.672	<0.01 <0.84	<0.01 0.246	<0.01 <0.01 5.21	<0.01 2.06
Uranium Vanadium	mg/ mg/	L 0	ID ID	0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	0.003 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	0.013 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	na na	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01	<0.001 <0.01
Zinc Boron	mg/	L 0.01	0.008 0.37	0.277 0.19	0.062 <0.05	0.061	0.053 0.21	0.192 0.08	0.347 0.05	<0.005 <0.05	0.009 <0.05	0.01 <0.05	0.151 <0.05	2.21	na na	3.07 0.07	0.038	0.014 <0.05	0.028 <0.05	0.032
Iron	mg/ mg/	L 0.05	ID ID	1.11	0.3 1.1	0.07 1.5	0.11 1.8	0.05 2.4	0.27 2.2	2.83 4.6	6.8 2.1	1.28	1.84	0.1	na na	0.13 1.3	6.91	0.89 0.2	0.8	0.2 2.8
Bromine Nutrients	mg/		0.02*	1.92	1.31	1.02	3.72	1.86	1.05	0.35	0.36	0.12	1.33	9.76	na	3.03	0.19	0.04	0.42	0.92
Ammonia as N Nitrite as N	mg/ mg/	L 0.01	0.02	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 0.07	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 0.02	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 0.01	na	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01
Nitrate as N Nitrite + nitrate as N	mg/ mg/	L 0.01	0.04* 0.05*	<0.01 <0.01 0.08	0.07 0.07 0.03	<0.01 <0.02	<0.01 <0.01 0.18	<0.01 <0.24	0.02 0.02 0.05	<0.01 <0.01 0.06	<0.01 <0.01 0.06	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.07	na na na	<0.01 <0.01 0.13	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 0.02	<0.01 <0.01 0.01	<0.01 <0.16
Total phosphorous Reactive phosphorous	mg/ mg/	L 0.01	0.02*	<0.01 54	<0.03 <0.01 2	<0.02 <0.01 3	0.18 0.11 110	0.24 0.18 12	0.05 0.01 2	<0.01 2	0.02	<0.01 <0.01 2	<0.01	<0.07 <0.01 64	na	0.05	<0.01 <0.01 2	<0.01 2	<0.01 <0.01 2	0.16 0.14 18
Total Organic Carbon  Dissolved Gases	mg/		-	6550	5820	30500	36	20200	274	92	88	13	870		na na	39 7550		<10	3470	17600
Methane Phenolic compounds	μg/l		320	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	3.8	<1.0	<1.0	92 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	9030 4.7	na	<1.0	<10 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Phenol 2-Chlorophenol	μg/l μg/l	L 1	490	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	na	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
2-Methylphenol 3-&4-Methylphenol 2-Nitrophenol	μg/l μg/l	L 2	- ID	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 6.7 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0	<1.0 <2.0 <1.0
2.4-Dimethylphenol 2.4-Dichlorophenol	μg/l μg/l	L 1	ID 160	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
2.6-Dichlorophenol 4-Chloro-3-Methylphenol	μg/l μg/l	L 1	ID	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
2.4.6-Trichlorophenol 2.4.5-Trichlorophenol	μg/l μg/l	L 1	20 ID	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Pentachlorophenol Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	μg/l μg/l		ID	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	na na	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Naphthalene Acenaphthylene	μg/l		16	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	na	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0
Acenaphthene Fluorene	μg/l μg/l	L 1	-	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Phenanthrene Anthracene	μg/l μg/l μg/l	L 1	ID ID	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Fluoranthene Pyrene	μg/I μg/I μg/I	L 1	ID -	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Benz(a)anthracene Chrysene	μg/l μg/l μg/l	L 1	-	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Benzo(b)fluoranthene Benzo(k)fluoranthene	μg/l	L 1	-	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Benzo(a)pyrene Indeno(1.2.3.cd)pyrene	μg/l μg/l μg/l	L 0.5	ID -	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	na na na	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0
Dibenz(a.h)anthracene Benzo(g.h.i)perylene	μg/l μg/l μg/l	L 1	-	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Sum of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarb Benzo(a)pyrene TEQ (WHO)	oon: µg/l	L 0.5	-	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	na	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5	<0.5 <0.5
Total petroleum hydrocarbons C6-C9 Fraction	μg/l μg/l		- ID	<20	<20	<20	80	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20	20	100	na na	<20	<20	<20	<20	<20
C10-C14 Fraction C15-C28 Fraction	μg/l μg/l μg/l	L 50	ID ID	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100	100 1090	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100	60 1740	na na	<50 140	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100	<50 <100
C29-C36 Fraction C10-C36 Fraction (sum)	µg/I µg/I µg/I	L 50	ID -	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50	210 1400	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50	610 2410	na na	<50 140	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50	<50 <50
Total recoverable hydrocarbons C6 - C10 Fraction	μg/I μg/I		-	<50 <20	<50 <20	<20	80	<20	<20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 20	110	na na	<20	<20	<20	<50 <20	<20
C6 - C10 Fraction C6 - C10 Fraction minus BTEX (F1) >C10 - C16 Fraction	μg/l	L 20	-	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	20 180	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <100	100 <100	na na	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100	<20 <20 <100
>C10 - C16 Fraction >C16 - C34 Fraction >C34 - C40 Fraction	μg/l μg/l	L 100	-	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	1190 1190 110	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	2260 100	na na na	160 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100	<100 <100 <100
>C10 - C40 Fraction (sum)	μg/l μg/l		-	<100	<100	<100	1480	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	2360	na na na	160	<100	<100	<100	<100
Aromatic hydrocarbons Benzene	μg/I		950 ID	<1	<1 3	<1	<1 56	2	<1 4	<1	<1	<1	<1 3	<1 10		<1	<1	<1	<1	<1 4
Toluene Ethyl Benzene	μg/l μg/l	L 2	ID	<2 <2	<2	<2 <2	56 <2	<2	<2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2	10 <2	na na	2 2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2
m&p-Xylenes o-Xylenes	μg/l μg/l	L 2	ID 350	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2 <2	na na	2 2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2
Total Xylenes Sum of BTEX	μg/l μg/l		-	<2 <1	<2 3	<2 <1	<2 56	<2 5	<2 4	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 3	<2 10	na na	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 4
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Guideline values

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This result is below the Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA) and Limit of Quantification (Quant Limit) and therefore has an unacceptable level of uncertainty. Hence the data should only be used as an indicator of true concentration.

ID - insufficient data

na - not analysed

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SUMMARY TABLE OF LABORA	ATORY RE	SULTS JUNE 2013	GROUNDWATER	MONITORING EVENT	Г															
Monitoring location Sample date Hydrogeological unit Screen interval (mbgl)			WMB01 18/06/2013 Alluvium 5-8	WMB02 18/06/2013 Shallow rock 15-21	WMB03 3/07/2013 Shallow rock 32-34	WMB04 3/07/2013 Shallow rock 67-79	RMB01 3/07/2013 Shallow rock 42-48	RMB02 3/07/2013 Shallow rock 85-91	WKMB01 3/07/2013 Shallow rock 47-53	WKMB02 3/07/2013 Shallow rock 15-21	WKMB03 3/07/2013 Interburden 200-209	WKMB04 Coal 335-347	TTPB 21/06/2013 Shallow rock 76-88	TTMB01 26/06/2013 Shallow rock 76-88	TTMB02 26/06/2013 Shallow rock 76-88	TTMB03 25/06/2013 Interburden 186-199	TSW01 20/06/2013 surface water	TSW02 20/06/2013 surface water	ASW01 21/06/2013 surface water	ASW02 21/06/2013 surface water
eneral parameters nalyte	Units	LOR ANZECC 2000 Guidelines																		
H conductivity otal Dissolved Solids	pH units μS/cm mg/L	0.01 6.5 - 8.0* 1 125 - 2200* 1 -	6.8 2570 1570	7.18 5140 2650	7.13 4130 2720	7.34 3760 2320	7.5 9780 4620	7.81 8250 4630	8.1 6220 3440	9.3 1060 561	10.3 3200 2140	na na na	7.3 2750 1640	7.66 1980 1060	7.7 2370 1420	10.6 3120 1590	7.06 660 342	6.95 649 326	7.42 608 306	7.26 418 242
Calculated Total Dissolved Solids <sup>#</sup> Redox aboratory analytes	mg/L	0.1 -	-78.6	-109	-16.8	-151	-271	-194.4	-291.2	-251.5	-87.5	na	-169.4	-47.4	-50.7	-52.2	-96.2	-75.5	-97.8	-88.6
lydroxide alkalinity as CaCO3 carbonate alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L mg/L	1 -	<1 <1	<1 <1	<1 <1	<1 <1	<1 <1 801	<1 <1	<1 <1	<1 85	<1 795	na na	<1 <1 377	<1 <1	<1 <1	56 566	<1 <1 41	<1 <1 22	<1 <1	<1 <1 57
bicarbonate alkalinity as CaCO3 Total alkalinity as CaCO3 Bulfate as SO4 2-	mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 - 1 - 1 -	116 116 226	392 392 688	268 268 367	471 471 93	801 12	1020 1020 18	708 708 297	148 234 117	136 931 <1	na na na	377 <1	423 423 <1	333 333 46	<1 622 <1	41 44	22 55	64 14	57 10
chloride calcium fagnesium	mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 - 1 - 1 -	584 112 69	995 312 92	872 274 70	853 246 60	2780 193 108	1880 66 41	1280 25 29	105 2 <1	421 2 <1	na na na	584 153 54	346 68 26	472 157 47	526 <1 <1	145 16 14	140 15 16	135 15 11	84 14 9
odium rotassium iilica	mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 - 1 - 0.1 -	316 5 32.1	736 11 33	486 9 39.3	475 9 36.3	1710 16 19.1	1700 11 26.2	1330 16 21.5	246 8 31.4	740 51 7.78	na na na	311 4 24.4	332 4 30.3	259 5 32.4	678 3 42	86 4 10.1	80 5 7.34	83 3 12.7	49 3 13.1
ons otal anions otal cations	meq/L	0.01 - 0.01 -	23.5 25.1	50.2 55.4	37.6 40.8	35.4 38.1	94.7	73.8 80.9	56.4 61.9	10.1	30.5 33.6	na na	24 25.7	18.2 20.1	20.9	27.3 29.6	5.83 5.79	5.53 5.67	5.38 5.34	3.72 3.65
onic balance bissolved metals	%	0.01 -	3.38	4.93	4.1	3.67	0.74	4.56	4.58	4.37	4.82	na	3.43	4.85	4.94	4.01	0.28	1.23	0.36	0.95
Aluminium Arsenic Beryllium	mg/L mg/L mg/L	0.01 0.055 0 0.013 (As V) 0 ID	<0.01 <0.001 <0.001	<0.01 <0.001 <0.001	<0.01 <0.001 <0.001	0.04 0.002 <0.001	<0.01 <0.001 <0.001	0.02 0.002 <0.001	0.02 0.001 <0.001	0.36 0.003 <0.001	0.38 <0.001 <0.001	na na na	0.02 <0.001 <0.001	0.07 <0.001 <0.001	0.02 <0.001 <0.001	0.07 0.003 <0.001	0.13 <0.001 <0.001	0.04 <0.001 <0.001	0.29 <0.001 <0.001	1.57 <0.001 <0.001
Barium Cadmium Cobalt	mg/L mg/L mg/L	0 - 0 0.0002 0 ID	0.136 <0.0001 0.001	0.039 <0.0001 <0.001	0.096 <0.0001 <0.001	0.105 <0.0001 <0.001	9.84 <0.0001 <0.001	3.76 <0.0001 <0.001	0.436 <0.0001 <0.001	0.084 <0.0001 <0.001	0.334 0.0001 <0.001	na na na	5.22 <0.0001 <0.001	4.11 <0.0001 <0.001	0.743 <0.0001 <0.001	0.49 <0.0001 <0.001	0.097 <0.0001 <0.001	0.261 <0.0001 <0.001	0.087 <0.0001 <0.001	0.144 <0.0001 <0.001
Copper Lead	mg/L mg/L	0 0.0014 0 0.0034 0 1.9	<0.001 <0.001 0.466	<0.001 <0.001 <0.001 0.401	0.019 <0.001 0.164	0.002 <0.001 0.138	0.002 <0.001 0.053	<0.001 <0.001 <0.001 0.084	<0.001 <0.001 0.112	0.001 0.002 0.008	<0.001 0.036 0.014	na na na	<0.001 <0.001 0.07	0.001 <0.001 0.046	<0.001 <0.001 <0.001 0.13	0.005 <0.001 0.004	0.001 <0.001 0.06	<0.001 <0.001 0.061	0.001 <0.001 0.037	0.006 0.001 0.07
Manganese Molybdenum Nickel	mg/L mg/L mg/L	0 ID 0 0.011	<0.001 0.001	<0.001 <0.001	0.001 0.01	0.001 0.006	<0.001 0.002	<0.001 0.002	<0.001 0.002	0.006 0.001	0.006 0.003	na na	<0.001 0.003	<0.001 0.002	<0.001 0.008	0.002 0.008	<0.001 <0.001	<0.001 <0.001	<0.001 0.002	<0.001 0.01
Selenium Strontium Jranium	mg/L mg/L mg/L	0.01 0.011 (total) 0 - 0 ID	<0.01 1.15 <0.001	<0.01 4.24 <0.001	<0.01 8.82 <0.001	<0.01 5.77 <0.001	<0.01 13.3 <0.001	<0.01 5.71 0.004	<0.01 3.23 0.005	<0.01 0.348 0.001	<0.01 0.651 <0.001	na na na	<0.01 4.92 <0.001	<0.01 3.11 <0.001	<0.01 3.64 <0.001	<0.01 0.445 <0.001	<0.01 0.28 <0.001	<0.01 0.573 <0.001	<0.01 0.295 <0.001	<0.01 0.364 <0.001
/anadium Zinc Boron	mg/L	0.01 ID 0.01 0.008 0.05 0.37	<0.01 0.016 <0.05	<0.01 0.007 <0.05	<0.01 0.115 <0.05	<0.01 0.213 <0.05	<0.01 0.091 <0.05	<0.01 0.068 0.08	<0.01 0.015 0.05	<0.01 0.053 <0.05	<0.01 23 0.08	na na na	<0.01 0.048 <0.05	<0.01 0.086 <0.05	<0.01 0.05 <0.05	<0.01 0.023 0.08	<0.01 0.079 <0.05	<0.01 0.153 <0.05	<0.01 0.046 <0.05	<0.01 0.177 <0.05
ron Bromine Nutrients	mg/L	0.05 ID 0.1 ID	0.18 1.5	3.67 2.4	2.72	1.48 1.6	1.05 7.7	0.14 5.6	0.05 3.1	0.11 0.3	0.59 0.9	na na	4.13 0.9	0.98 0.6	1.83 0.7	0.15 0.9	0.38 0.3	0.18 0.3	0.7 0.3	1.44 0.2
Ammonia as N Nitrite as N	mg/L	0.01 0.02* 0.01 -	0.02 <0.01	0.78 <0.01	1.58 <0.01	1.28 <0.01	2.75 <0.01	2.38 <0.01	0.71 <0.01	0.6 <0.01	20.3 0.01	na na	0.9 <0.01	0.73 <0.01	0.44 <0.01	8.14 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01
Nitrate as N Nitrite + nitrate as N Fotal phosphorous	mg/L mg/L	0.01 0.7 0.01 0.04* 0.01 0.05*	<0.01 <0.01 0.02	<0.01 <0.01 0.04	0.38 0.38 0.17	0.3 0.3 0.08	<0.01 <0.01 0.08	<0.01 <0.01 0.13	<0.01 <0.01 0.06	<0.01 <0.01 0.24	<0.01 <0.01 0.11	na na na	<0.01 <0.01 0.17	0.01 0.01 0.32	0.09 0.09 0.21	<0.01 <0.01 0.08	0.05 0.05 0.03	0.1 0.1 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 0.02	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01
Reactive phosphorous Fotal Organic Carbon Dissolved Gases	mg/L mg/L	0.01 0.02* 1 -	0.01 4	<0.01 2	0.01 5	0.01 3	0.02 6	0.12 26	0.04 15	0.25 8	0.02 124	na na	<0.01 6	0.07 13	<0.01 8	0.03 14	<0.01 6	<0.01 6	<0.01 5	<0.01 4
Methane Phenolic compounds Phenol	μg/L μg/L	10 - 1 320	<10 <1.0	10 <1.0	14 <1.0	103 <1.0	16500 <1.0	7060 <1.0	10200 <1.0	5330 <1.0	18100 3.5	na na	4200 <1.0	3980 <1.0	57 <1.0	31100 13.2	<10 <1.0	<10 <1.0	14 <1.0	15 <1.0
2-Chlorophenol 2-Methylphenol	μg/L μg/L	1 490 1 -	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0
3-&4-Methylphenol 2-Nitrophenol 2.4-Dimethylphenol	μg/L μg/L μg/L	2 - 1 ID 1 ID	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0	<2.0 <1.0 <1.0
2.4-Dichlorophenol 2.6-Dichlorophenol I-Chloro-3-Methylphenol	μg/L μg/L μg/L	1 160 1 ID 1 -	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
2.4.6-Trichlorophenol 2.4.5-Trichlorophenol Pentachlorophenol	μg/L μg/L μα/L	1 20 1 ID 2 ID	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	na na	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0	<1.0 <1.0 <2.0
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons Naphthalene	μg/L	1 16	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	na	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Acenaphthylene Acenaphthene Fluorene	μg/L μg/L μg/L	1 - 1 -	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Phenanthrene Anthracene Fluoranthene	μg/L μg/L μg/L	1 ID 1 ID 1 ID	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Pyrene Benz(a)anthracene Chrysene	μg/L μg/L μg/L	1 - 1 - 1 -	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	na na na	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <1.0
Benzo(b)fluoranthene Benzo(k)fluoranthene	μg/L μg/L	1 - 1 - 0.5 ID	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	na na	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5	<1.0 <1.0 <0.5
Benzo(a)pyrene ndeno(1.2.3.cd)pyrene Dibenz(a.h)anthracene	μg/L μg/L	1 - 1 -	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<0.5 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	na na na	<0.5 <1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0	<1.0 <1.0
Benzo(g.h.i)perylene Sum of polycyclic aromatic hydrocai Benzo(a)pyrene TEQ (WHO)		1 - 0.5 - 0.5 -	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	na na na	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5	<1.0 <0.5 <0.5
Total petroleum hydrocarbons C6-C9 Fraction C10-C14 Fraction	μg/L μg/L	20 ID 50 ID	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 140	na na	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 90	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50	<20 <50
C15-C28 Fraction C29-C36 Fraction	μg/L μg/L	100 ID 50 ID	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	450 260	na na	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	320 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50	<100 <50
C10-C36 Fraction (sum) Fotal recoverable hydrocarbons C6 - C10 Fraction	μg/L μg/L	50 - 20 -	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	850 <20	na na	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	410 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20	<50 <20
C6 - C10 Fraction minus BTEX (F1) C10 - C16 Fraction C16 - C34 Fraction	μg/L μg/L	20 - 100 - 100 -	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 150 640	na na na	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 300	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100	<20 <100 <100
C34 - C40 Fraction C10 - C40 Fraction (sum) Aromatic hydrocarbons	μg/L	100 - 100 -	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	110 900	na na	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 300	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100	<100 <100
Benzene oluene	μg/L μg/L	1 950 2 ID	<1 4	<1 3	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 3	<1 4	<1 3	na na	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2	<1 <2
Ethyl Benzene n&p-Xylenes p-Xylenes	μg/L μg/L μg/L	2 ID 2 ID 2 350	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	na na na	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2
otal Xylenes Sum of BTEX exceeds guideline limits	μg/L μg/L	2 -	<2 4	<2 3	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 3	<2 4	<2 3	na na	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1	<2 <1

exceeds guideline limits

Guideline values

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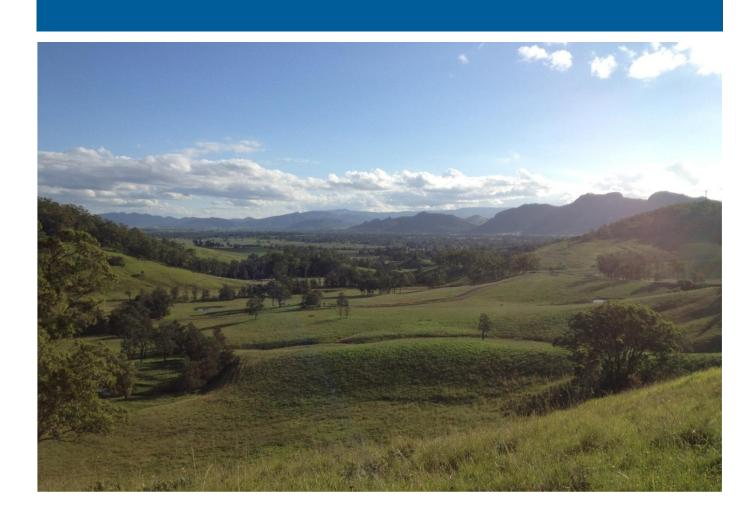
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# Appendix C

Laboratory results







#### **Environmental Division**

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 C-O-C number
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 Sampler
 : -- Issue Date
 : 26-JUN-2013

Site : ---No. of samples received

Quote number ; SY/394/09 No. of samples analysed ; 8

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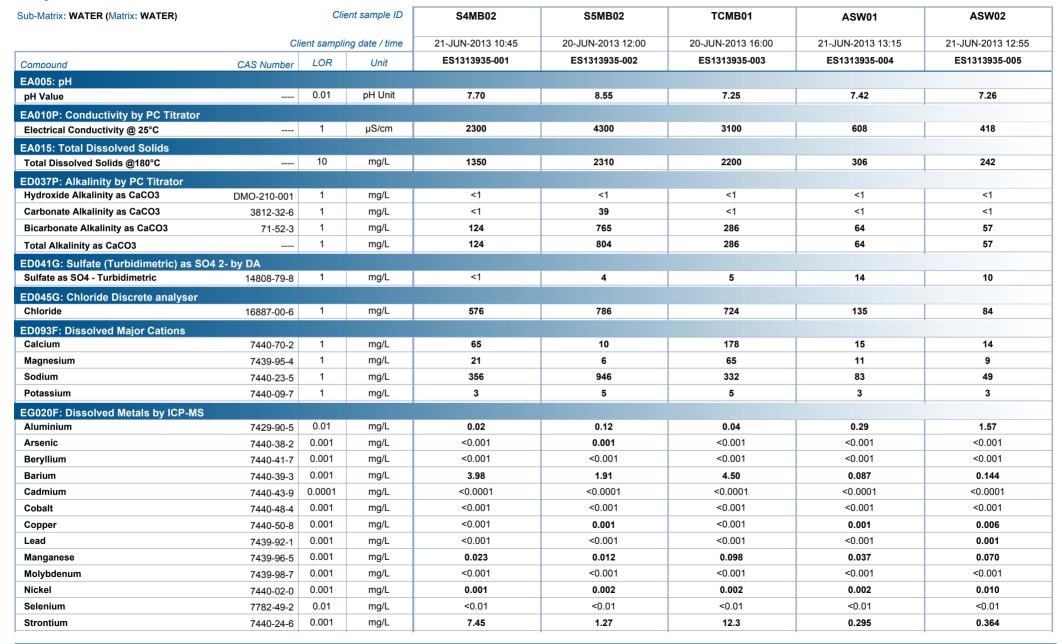
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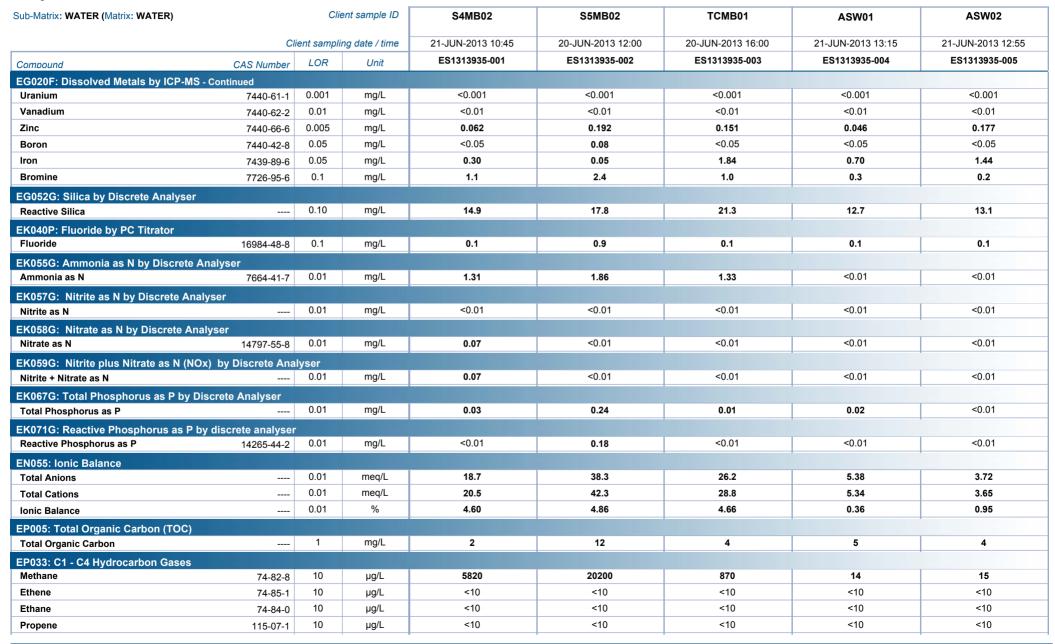




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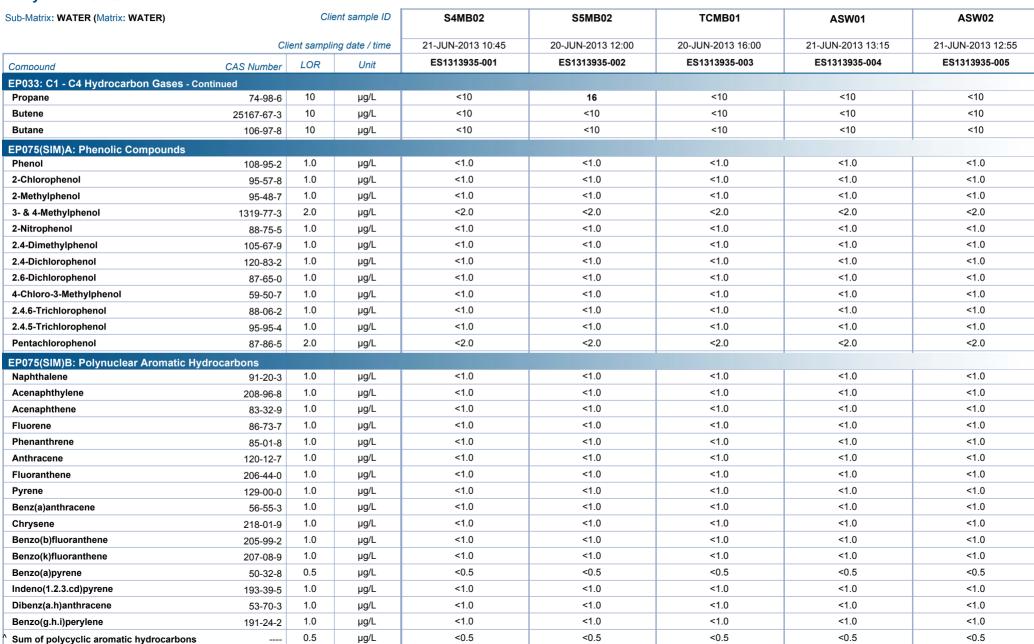




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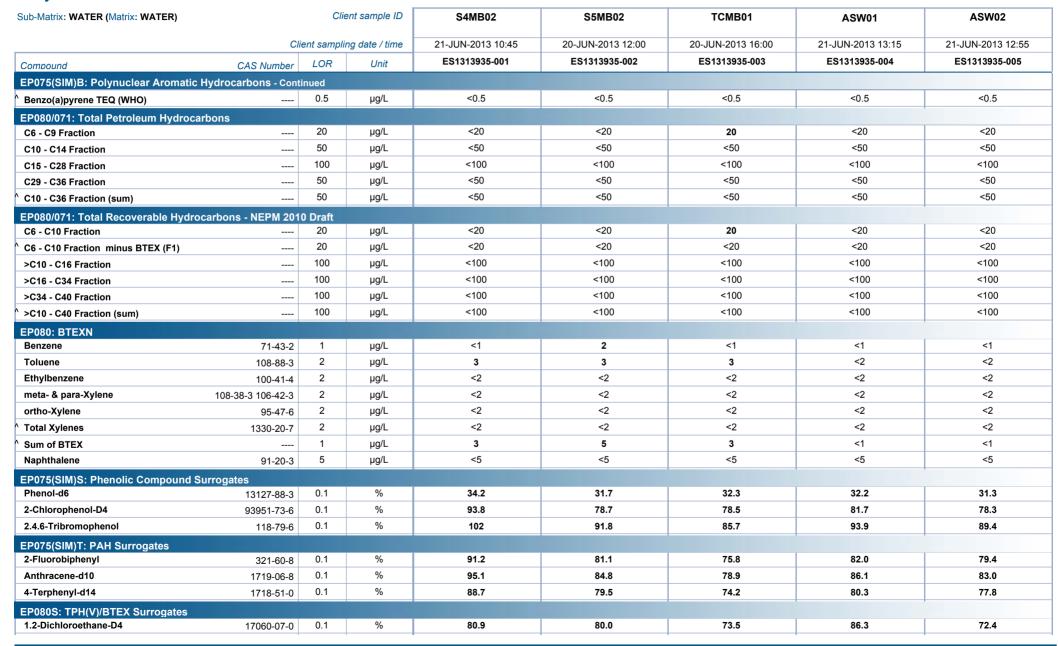




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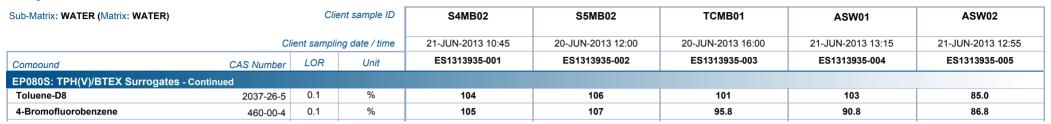




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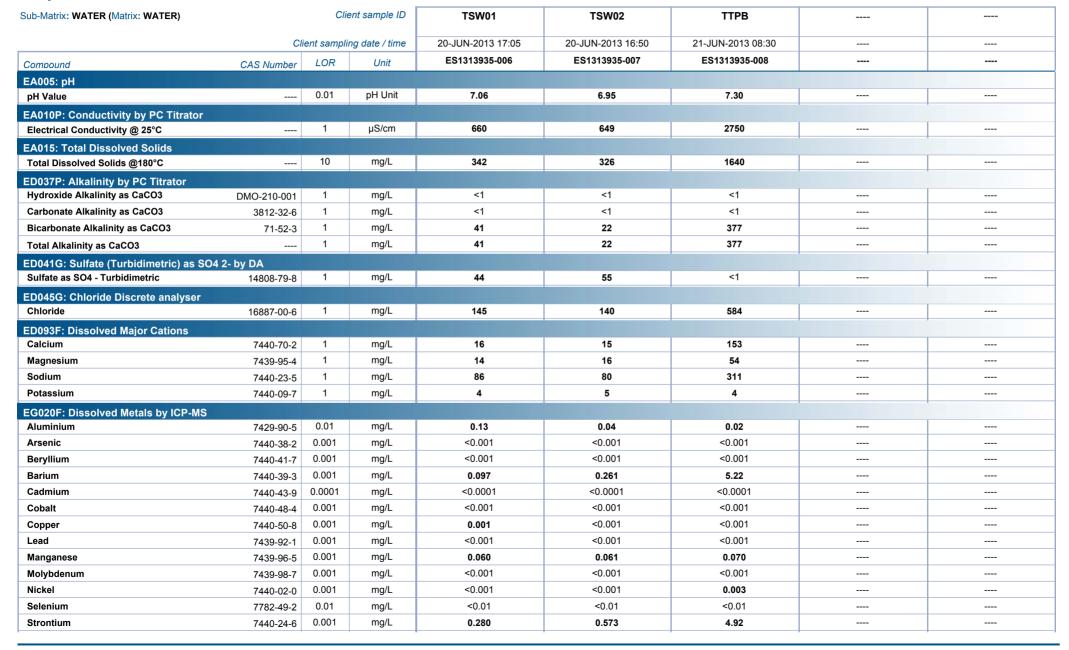




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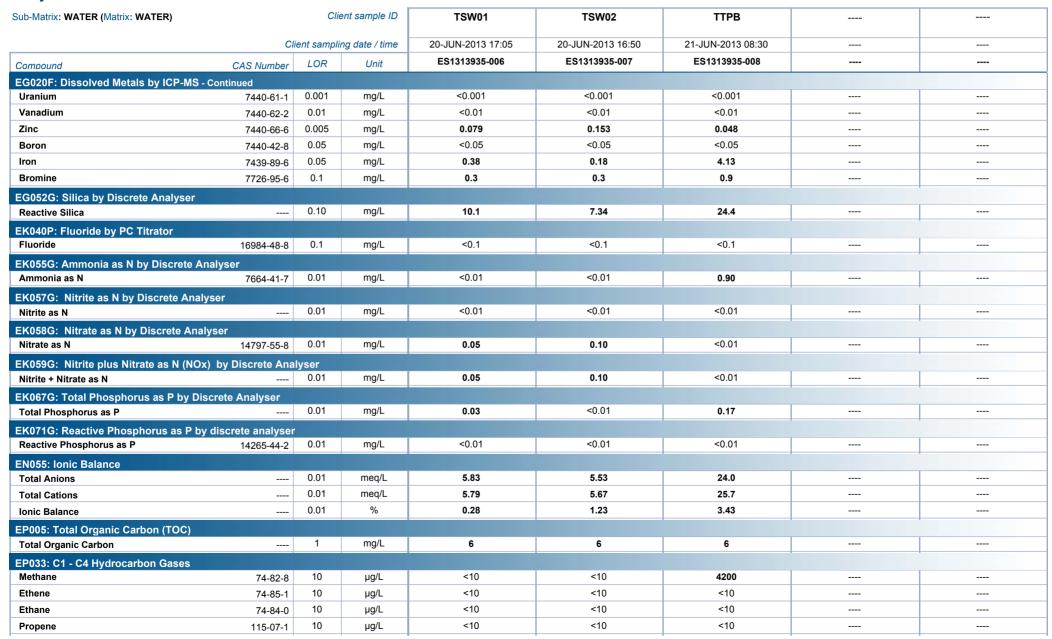




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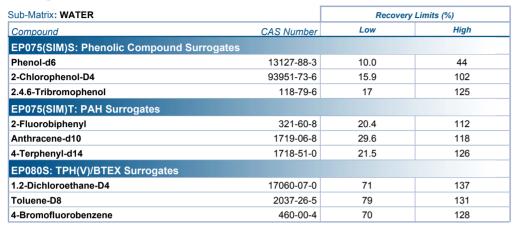
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EP080S: TPH(V)/BTEX Surrogates - Cont	inued						
Toluene-D8	2037-26-5	0.1	%	102	104	96.9	 
4-Bromofluorobenzene	460-00-4	0.1	%	93.9	101	102	 

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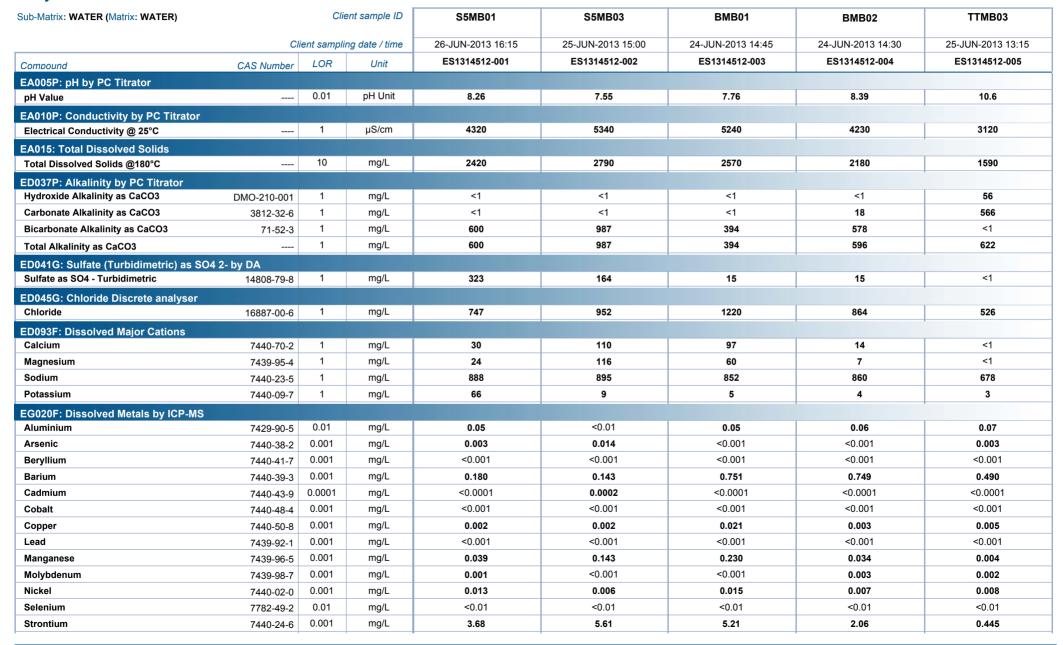
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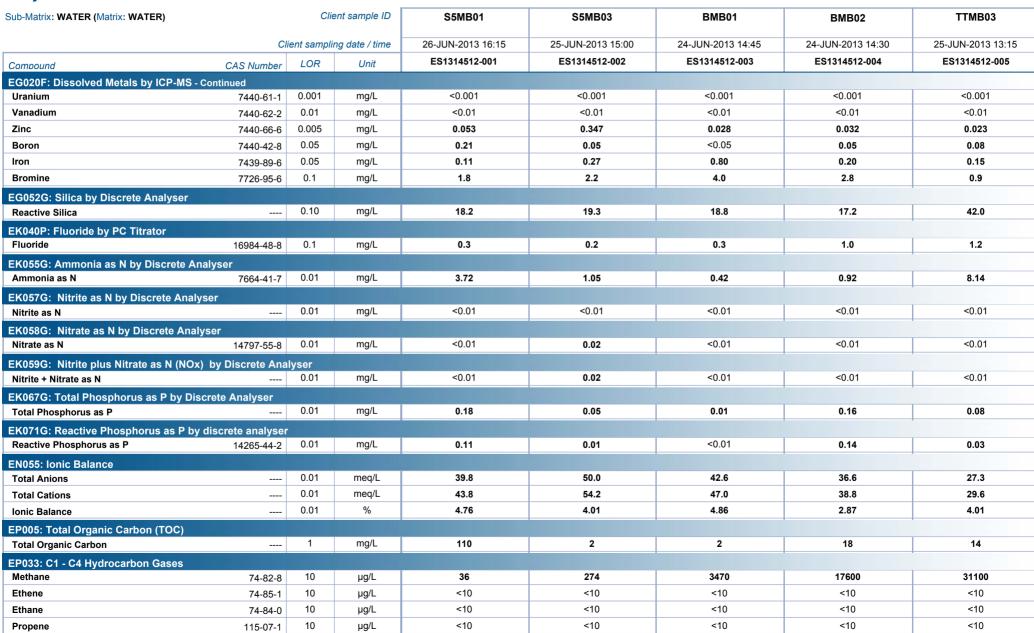




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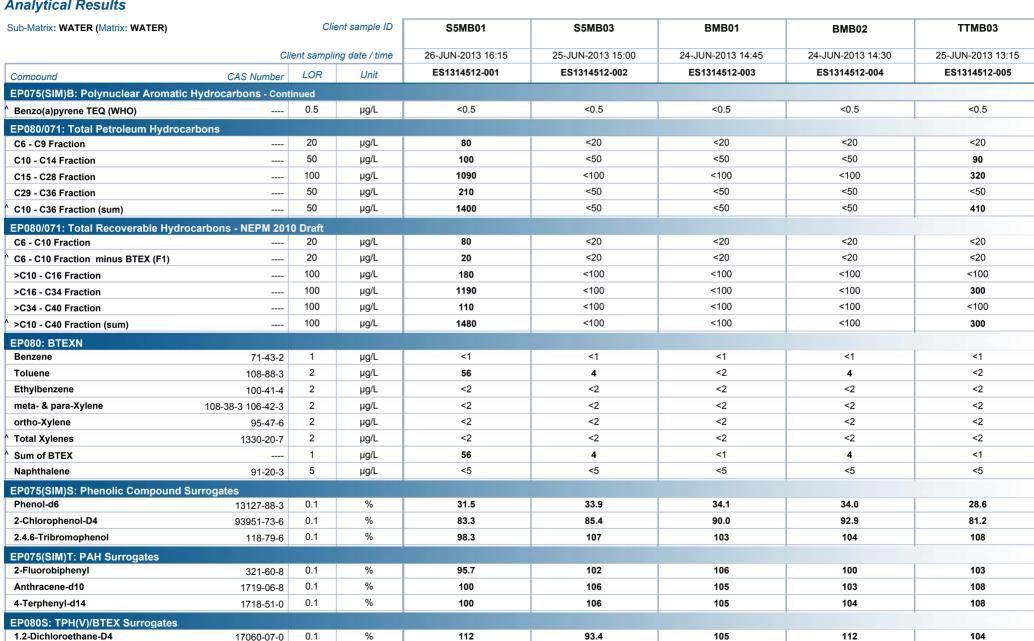




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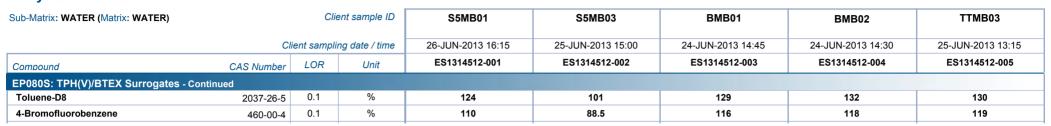




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C-O-C number : ---- Date Samples Received : 28-JUN-2013
Sampler : JAMES DUGGLEBY Issue Date : 08-JUL-2013

Site : ----

Quote number SY/394/09 No. of samples received 6

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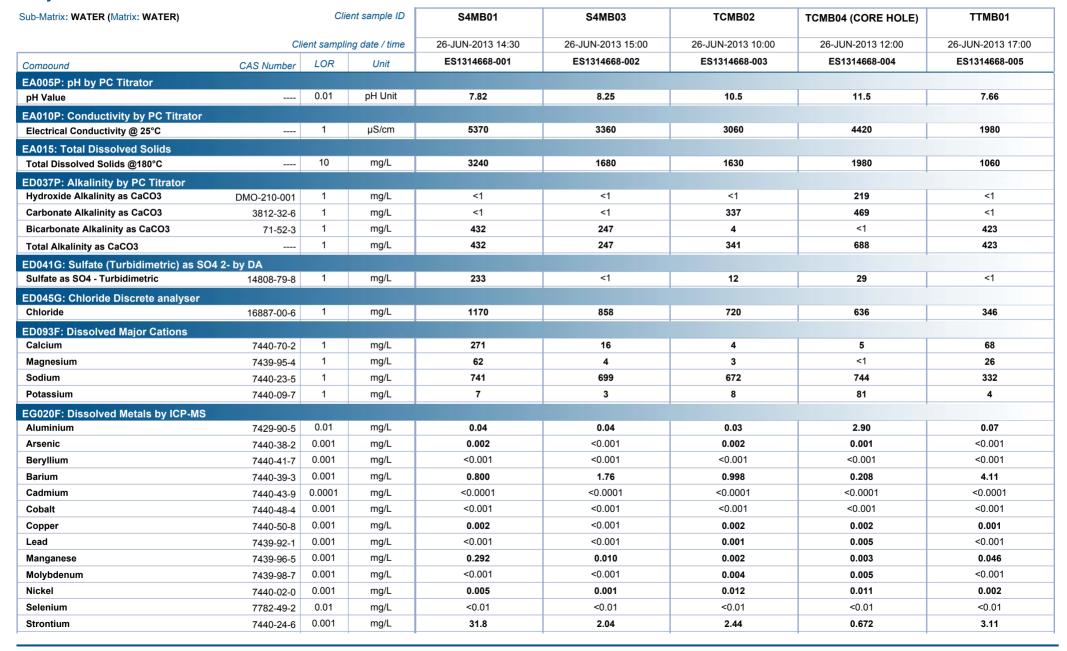
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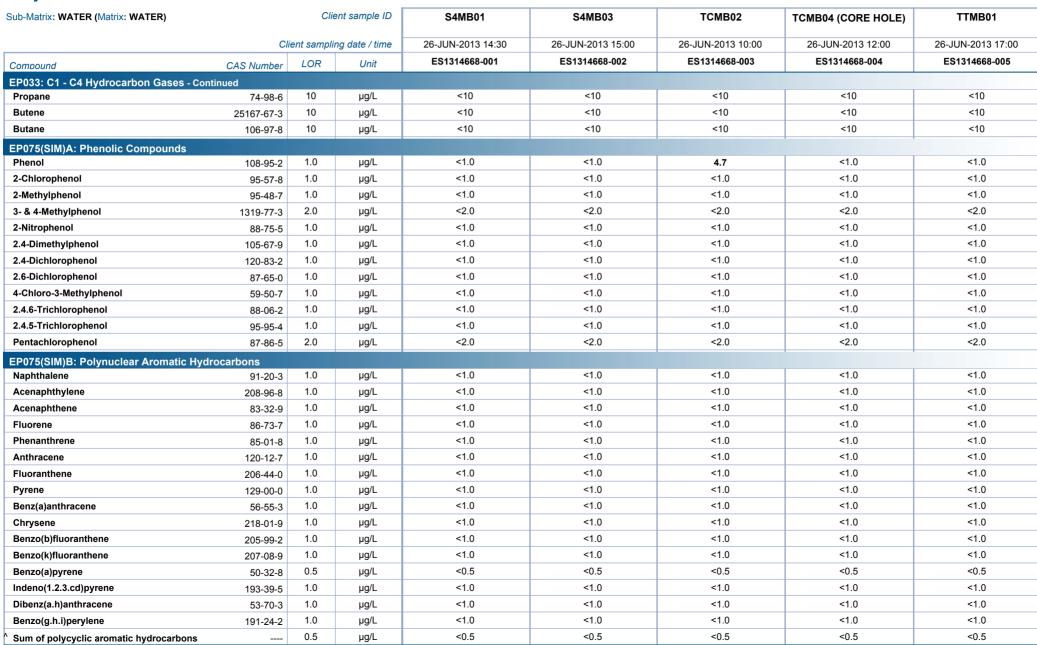


Sub-Matrix: WATER (Matrix: WATER)		Clie	ent sample ID	S4MB01	S4MB03	TCMB02	TCMB04 (CORE HOLE)	TTMB01
	CI	ient sampli	ng date / time	26-JUN-2013 14:30	26-JUN-2013 15:00	26-JUN-2013 10:00	26-JUN-2013 12:00	26-JUN-2013 17:00
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES1314668-001	ES1314668-002	ES1314668-003	ES1314668-004	ES1314668-005
EG020F: Dissolved Metals by ICP-MS	- Continued							
Uranium	7440-61-1	0.001	mg/L	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Vanadium	7440-62-2	0.01	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Zinc	7440-66-6	0.005	mg/L	0.277	0.061	2.21	3.07	0.086
Boron	7440-42-8	0.05	mg/L	0.19	<0.05	<0.05	0.07	<0.05
Iron	7439-89-6	0.05	mg/L	1.11	0.07	0.10	0.13	0.98
Bromine	7726-95-6	0.1	mg/L	3.0	1.5	1.0	1.3	0.6
EG052G: Silica by Discrete Analyser								
Reactive Silica		0.10	mg/L	27.6	13.6	56.7	17.4	30.3
EK040P: Fluoride by PC Titrator								
Fluoride	16984-48-8	0.1	mg/L	0.4	<0.1	0.4	0.6	0.1
EK055G: Ammonia as N by Discrete A	nalyser							
Ammonia as N	7664-41-7	0.01	mg/L	1.92	1.02	9.76	3.03	0.73
EK057G: Nitrite as N by Discrete Anal	lyser							
Nitrite as N		0.01	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
EK058G: Nitrate as N by Discrete Ana	lyser							
Nitrate as N	14797-55-8	0.01	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.01
EK059G: Nitrite plus Nitrate as N (NO	x) by Discrete Ana	lyser						
Nitrite + Nitrate as N		0.01	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.01
EK067G: Total Phosphorus as P by Di	screte Analyser							
Total Phosphorus as P		0.01	mg/L	0.08	0.02	0.07	0.13	0.32
EK071G: Reactive Phosphorus as P b	y discrete analyser							
Reactive Phosphorus as P	14265-44-2	0.01	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.05	0.07
EN055: Ionic Balance								
Total Anions		0.01	meq/L	46.5	29.1	27.4	32.3	18.2
Total Cations		0.01	meq/L	51.0	31.6	29.9	34.7	20.1
Ionic Balance		0.01	%	4.66	4.04	4.35	3.54	4.85
EP005: Total Organic Carbon (TOC)								
Total Organic Carbon		1	mg/L	54	3	64	39	13
EP033: C1 - C4 Hydrocarbon Gases								
Methane	74-82-8	10	μg/L	6550	30500	9030	7550	3980
Ethene	74-85-1	10	μg/L	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Ethane	74-84-0	10	μg/L	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Propene	115-07-1	10	μg/L	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

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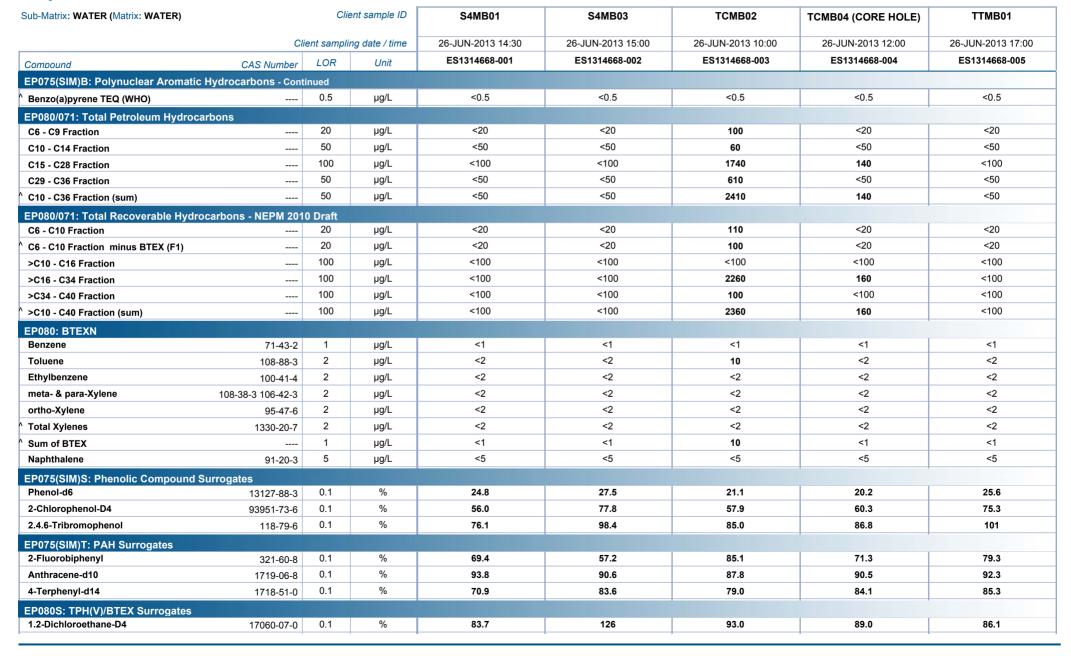




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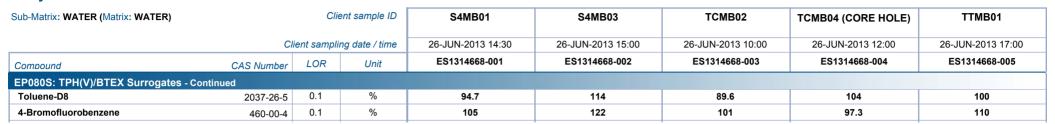




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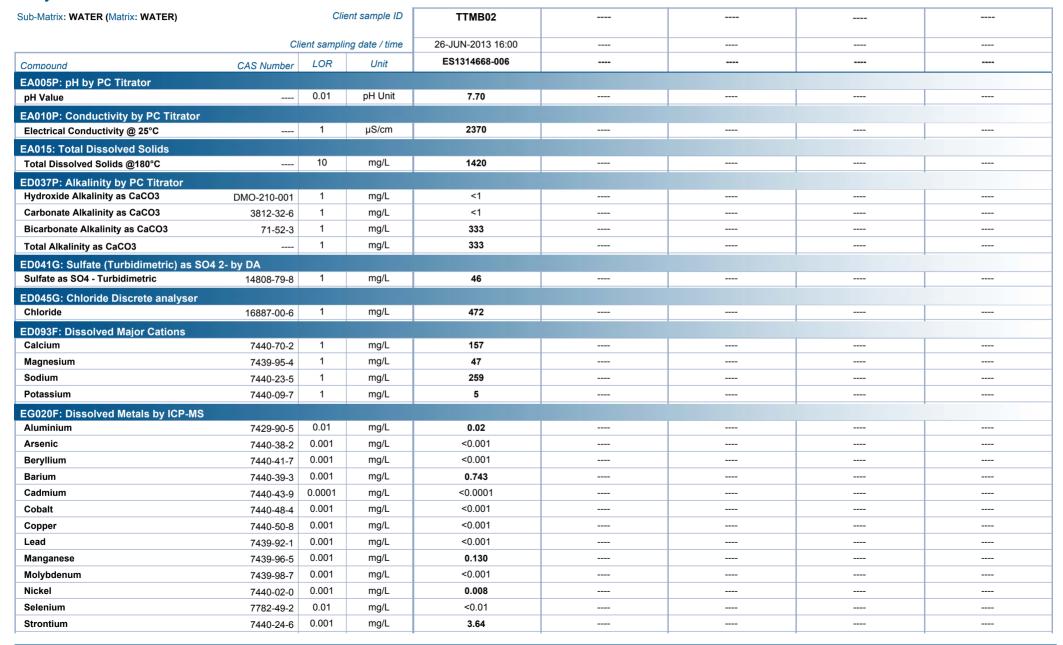




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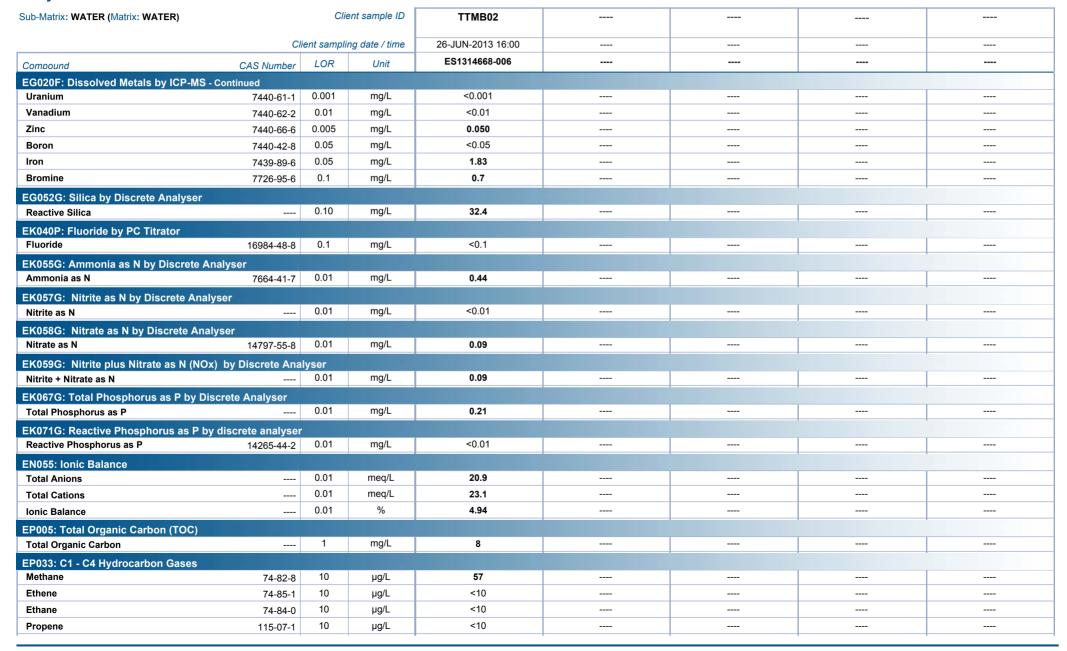




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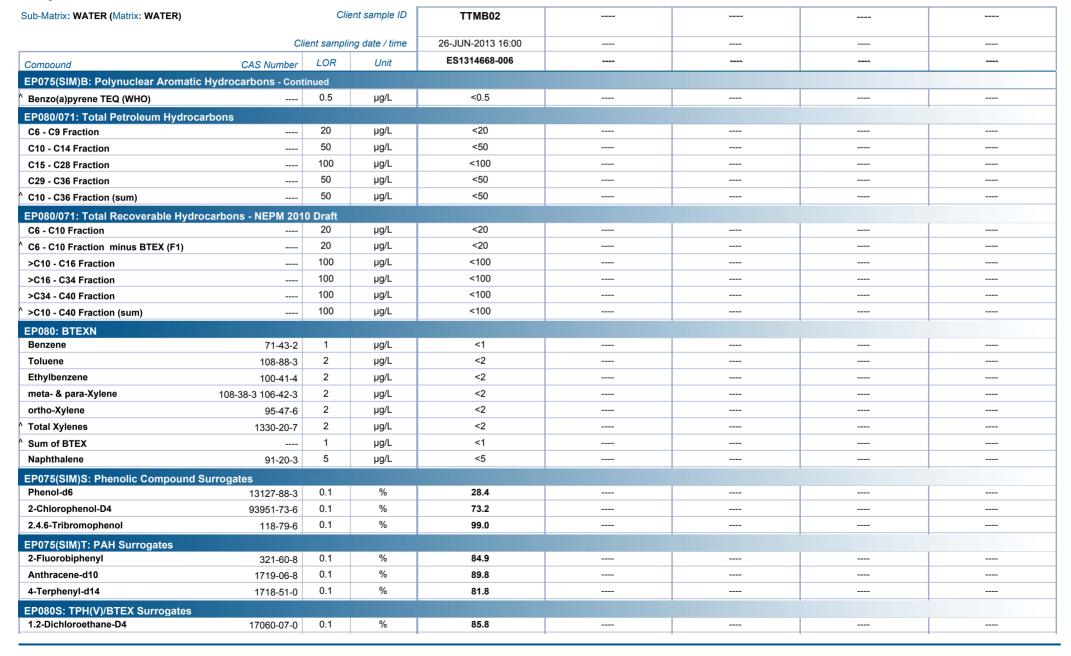




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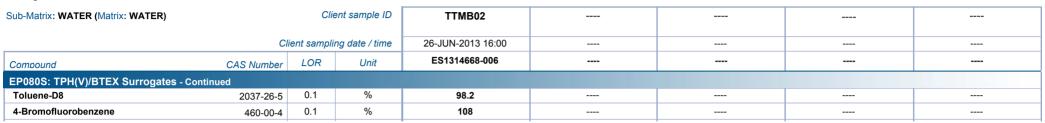




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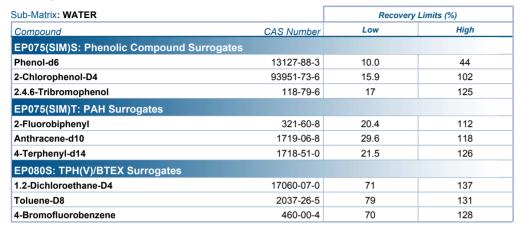


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C-O-C number : ---- Date Samples Received : 04-JUL-2013

Sampler : CR/KM Issue Date : 11-JUL-2013
Site : ----

No. of samples received : 7

Quote number : SY/394/09 No. of samples analysed : 7

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- EK057G: It has been noted that Nitrite greater than NOx for sample ID (WKMB03), however this difference is within the limits of experimental variation.
- EK071G: It has been noted that Reactive P is greater thanTotal P (WKMB02), however this difference is within the limits of experimental variation.



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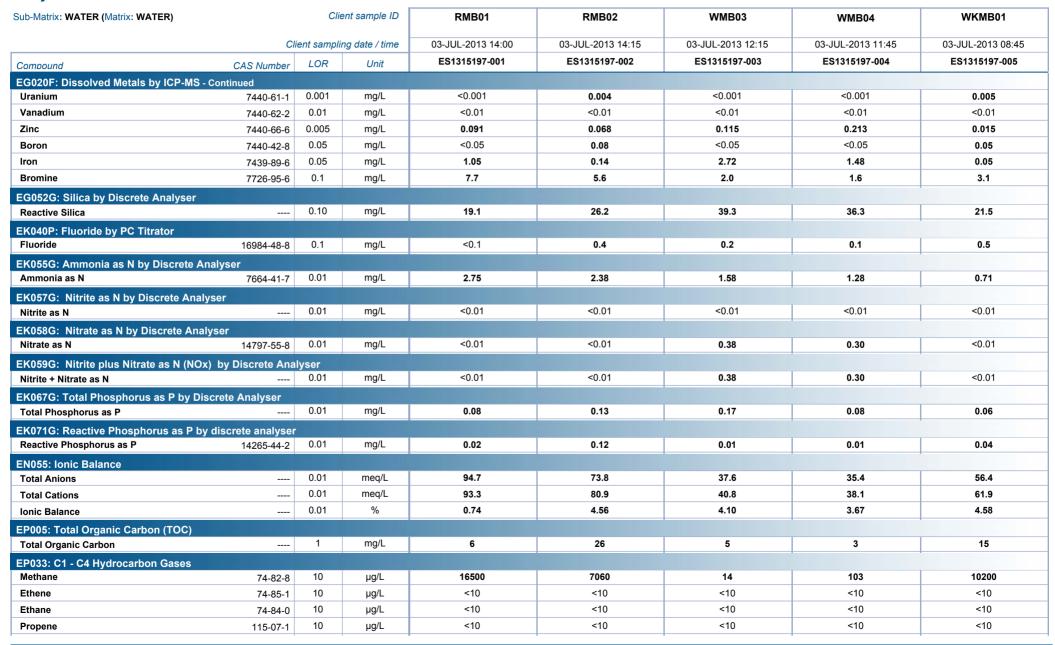




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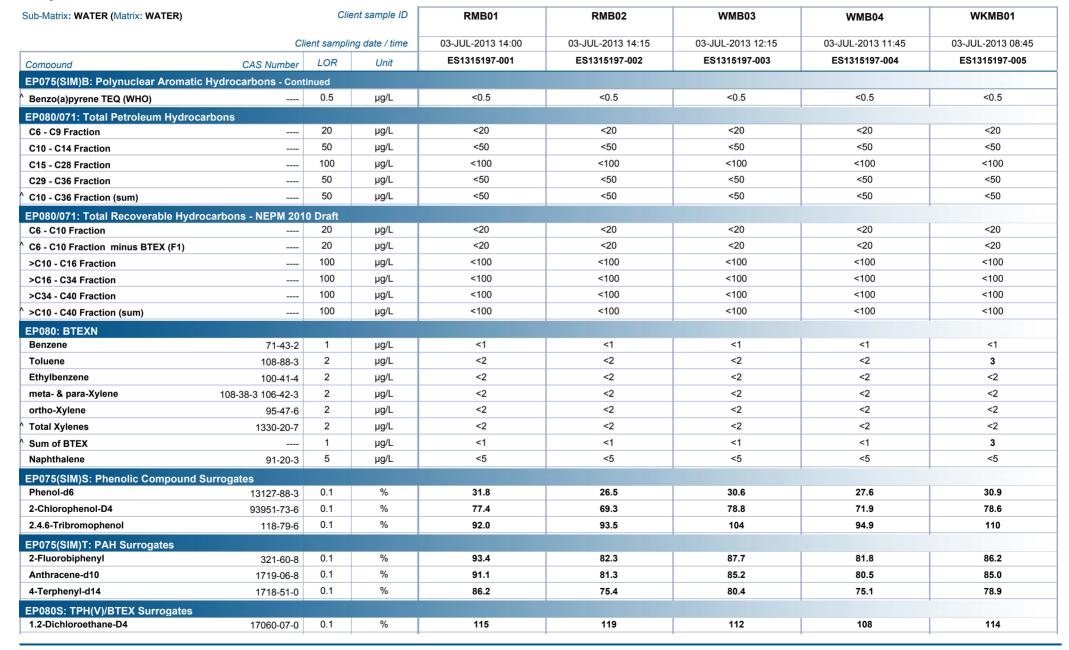




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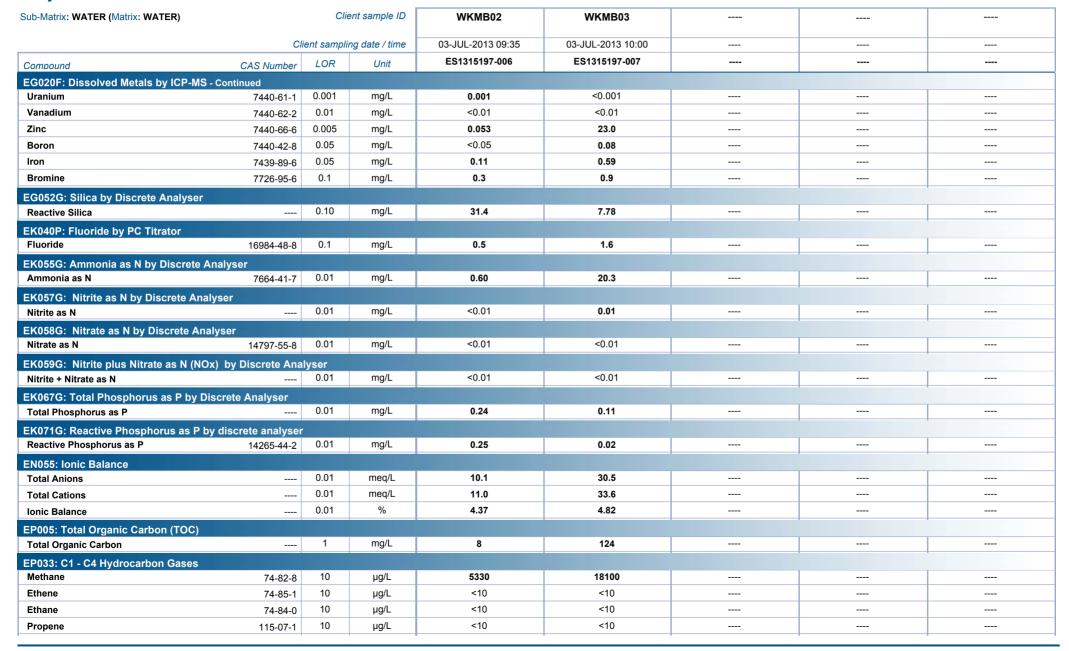




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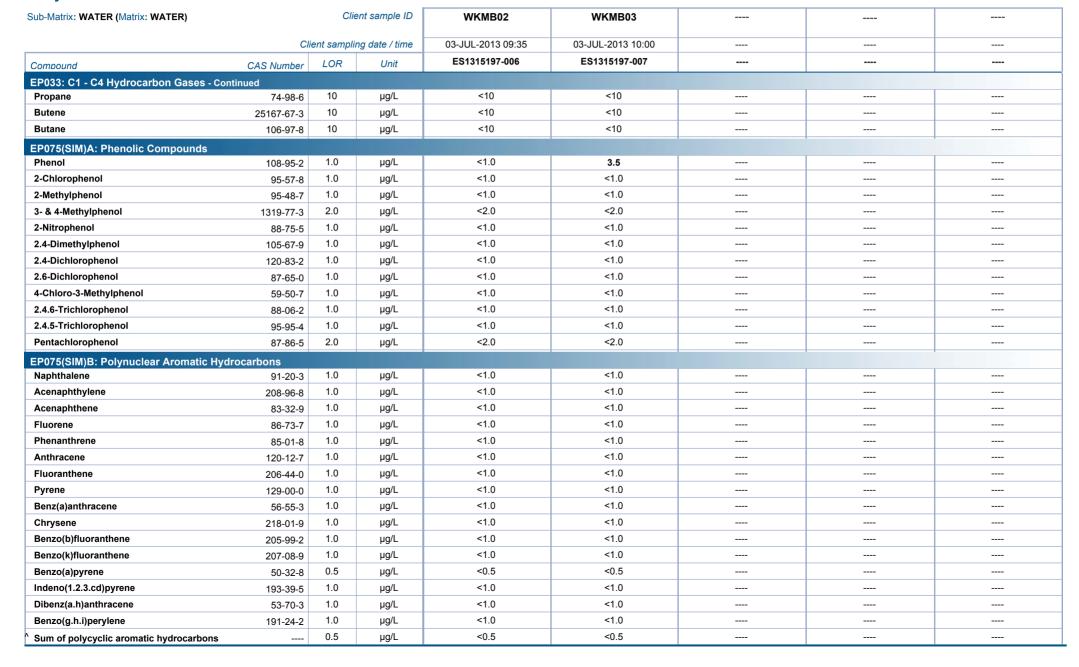




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Sub-Matrix: WATER (Matrix: WATER)		Cli	ent sample ID	WKMB02	WKMB03				
	CI	ient sampl	ing date / time	03-JUL-2013 09:35	03-JUL-2013 10:00				
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES1315197-006	ES1315197-007				
EP075(SIM)B: Polynuclear Aromatic	Hydrocarbons - Conf	tinued							
^ Benzo(a)pyrene TEQ (WHO)		0.5	μg/L	<0.5	<0.5				
EP080/071: Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons									
C6 - C9 Fraction		20	μg/L	<20	<20				
C10 - C14 Fraction		50	μg/L	<50	140				
C15 - C28 Fraction		100	μg/L	<100	450				
C29 - C36 Fraction		50	μg/L	<50	260				
^ C10 - C36 Fraction (sum)		50	μg/L	<50	850				
EP080/071: Total Recoverable Hydro	ocarbons - NEPM 201	0 Draft							
C6 - C10 Fraction		20	μg/L	<20	<20				
^ C6 - C10 Fraction minus BTEX (F1)		20	μg/L	<20	<20				
>C10 - C16 Fraction		100	μg/L	<100	150				
>C16 - C34 Fraction		100	μg/L	<100	640				
>C34 - C40 Fraction		100	μg/L	<100	110				
^ >C10 - C40 Fraction (sum)		100	μg/L	<100	900				
EP080: BTEXN									
Benzene	71-43-2	1	μg/L	<1	<1				
Toluene	108-88-3	2	μg/L	4	3				
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	2	μg/L	<2	<2				
meta- & para-Xylene	108-38-3 106-42-3	2	μg/L	<2	<2				
ortho-Xylene	95-47-6	2	μg/L	<2	<2				
^ Total Xylenes	1330-20-7	2	μg/L	<2	<2				
^ Sum of BTEX		1	μg/L	4	3				
Naphthalene	91-20-3	5	μg/L	<5	<5				
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Anthracene-d10	1719-06-8	0.1	%	86.1	86.9				
4-Terphenyl-d14	1718-51-0	0.1	%	80.6	80.4				
EP080S: TPH(V)/BTEX Surrogates									
1.2-Dichloroethane-D4	17060-07-0	0.1	%	119	107				
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Sub-Matrix: WATER (Matrix: WATER)		Client sample ID		WKMB02	WKMB03	 	
	ient sampli	ing date / time	03-JUL-2013 09:35	03-JUL-2013 10:00	 		
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES1315197-006	ES1315197-007	 	
EP080S: TPH(V)/BTEX Surrogates - Con	ntinued						
Toluene-D8	2037-26-5	0.1	%	134	122	 	
4-Bromofluorobenzene	460-00-4	0.1	%	118	108	 	

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