



Snowy Monaro Regional Council

Options Assessment Report - Delegate Water Supply

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Executive summary

Conclusions

The main conclusions from this assessment covering of demand, surface water supply systems, surface water quality and treatment and groundwater alternative are:

Demand; Design peak day demand for the new WTP has some uncertainty due to

- lack of long-term reliable records for supply from the raw water pump station
- uncertain effect of switch from non-potable supply to potable supply

In response it is considered the best cost-effective solution is a 0.5ML/d capacity WTP combined with a large 800kL treated water tank to allow draw/fill of the tank to achieve reliable supply for a peak day demand of up to 750kL/day and average dally demand up to 450 kL/day over the peak week

Raw Water supply system: the existing raw water pumps achieve performance well below design duty point. It is assumed they will be replaced for the new WTP. The existing weir pool, intake structure and rising main are now 70 yrs old. They need replacement/upgrade work. The assessment of what is needed and cost is not included in this project.

Raw Water Quality and Treatment; the Delegate river source has relatively high E.coli levels and is from an inhabited catchment with livestock and farm houses with septic tanks. It is a run of river supply with variable turbidity and colour and a wide temperature range. It is a soft water source that needs alkali addition to stabilise the treated water, especially after chlorine gas is added. Effective Treatment requires a 2- stage process of clarification (Lamella plate clarifier or Dissolved Air Floatation) then filtration (Gravity dual media filters or Microfiltration). UV then chlorine disinfection is also needed to achieve Health Based Targets.

Groundwater alternative: preliminary drilling reveals that this groundwater alternative is not a viable option

Other matters; Council does not own the land where the existing storage tank is located, which is also the site for the new WTP

Comparison of Cost and advantages/disadvantages is summarised in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comparative costs advantages and MCA Scoring for each option

Item	Option 1 DAF then MF	Option 2 Lamella Plates Clarifier then MF	Option3 Lamella Plates Clarifier then gravity filters	Option 4 DAF then gravity filters
CAPEX*	\$5.55 m	\$5.52 m	\$5.32 m	\$5.35 m
Land acquisition for WTP**	\$0.25-0.3 m	\$0.25-0.3 m	\$0.25-0.3 m	\$0.25-0.3 m
OPEX*	\$0.142 m/yr	\$0.139 m/yr	\$0.134 m/yr	\$0.138 m/yr
NPC 6%pa for 25 yrs	\$7.62-7.67 m	\$7.55- 7.60 m	\$7.29-7.34 m	\$7.37 -7.42 m
Advantages	Easy to manage barrier for achieving LRV for protozoa risk (eg	Easy to manage barrier for achieving LRV for protozoa risk (eg	No de-rating for low water temperature Least complexity for automatic controls	No de-rating for low water temperature Low complexity for automatic

		<p>Cryptosporidium)</p> <p>Least sensitivity to rapid change in raw water turbidity/colour/water temp</p> <p>Council operates MF at nearby Dalgety</p> <p>Raw water used in backwash</p> <p>DAF best for algae removal</p>	<p>Cryptosporidium)</p> <p>Low complexity for automated control for Lamella plate clarifier</p> <p>Council operates MF at nearby Dalgety</p> <p>Raw water used in backwash</p>		<p>control of gravity filters</p> <p>Good for algae removal</p>
Disadvantages		<p>De-rating plant capacity progressively required when water temp is <15 oC</p> <p>Most complex automatic control</p> <p>Expensive Proprietary membranes that have to be replaced every 7 to 8 yrs</p> <p>Higher backwash volume compared to gravity filters</p> <p>Limitation on future PAC dose(if required)</p>	<p>De-rating plant capacity progressively required when water temp is <15 oC</p> <p>Expensive Proprietary membranes that have to be replaced every 7 to 8 yrs</p> <p>Higher backwash volume compared to gravity filters</p>	<p>More sensitive to rapid change in raw water turbidity/colour</p> <p>Careful control of coagulation, clarification and filtration processes required to always achieve LRV for protozoa risk</p> <p>Treated water used in backwash reducing volume in treated water tank for drawdown</p>	<p>More sensitive to rapid change in raw water turbidity/colour</p> <p>careful control of coagulation, DAF and filtration processes required to always achieve LRV for protozoa risk</p> <p>Treated water used in backwash reducing volume in treated water tank for drawdown</p> <p>Limitation on future PAC dose(if required)</p>
Relative score against MCA	Barrier to chlorine resistant protozoan	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	Low attendance for operation	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
	Easy to maintain	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	Environment	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	OHS	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓
	Easy procurement/construction	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓

(preferred Option=1, Less preferred=2)	1 or 2	1 or 2	3	4
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*The above costs do not include Fluoridation and other possible future chemical dosing systems. However costs for these items are include in the detailed breakdown for information only purposes

**Nominal land acquisition cost for WTP at existing tank site

Recommendations

The preferred 0.5ML/d capacity treatment process for the Delegate WTP is the following:

Option 2: Lamella Plate Clarification then MF

The main common works are;

- New raw water pumps
- Repurpose the existing 283 kL tank as a raw water storage to balance out changes in raw water quality and provide some security of supply capability
- UV disinfection then chlorination
- New 800 kL usable volume treated water storage
- Sludge treatment by sludge drying beds
- The main treatment processes located inside a new colour-bond type building
- Allowance in floor area within the treatment plant building for future addition of PAC, potassium permanganate and ammonia dosing

The key benefit of this MF based option is the presence of a physical membrane, which allows occasional suboptimal performance of the coagulation and settling or floatation process to be tolerated. This is important for a run of the river raw water supply system where raw water quality can change rapidly. In addition, Council has experience with MF technology at nearby Dalgety WTP. Also, usually a MF based process requires less operator attendance at site compared to gravity filters based process, as it is more automatic process.

The main benefit of lamella plates clarification is it can handle higher solids loading due to high dose of coagulant for events of high turbidity plus colour.

This treatment process also has a small footprint.

It is also recommended that;

- Land at the existing water tank site be acquired for the new WTP and associated works
- No further groundwater investigations be considered
- assessment of the weir pool, intake structure and raw water pipeline be completed and necessary upgrade works be defined

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1. Introduction

1.1 Project need

GHD has been engaged by Snowy Monaro Regional Council (SMRC) to carry out an Options Assessment and Concept Design for upgrade to the water supply system for the towns of Bombala and Delegate in southeast New South Wales. This report covers the town of Delegate.

Water supplied to Delegate Township is designated as non-potable and residents are on a Boil Water Notice. Water is from a weir on the Delegate River. The weir is located upstream of the Delegate Township. The water is chlorinated and pumped to a reservoir on top of a hill overlooking the town. From the tank, the disinfected water flows by gravity into the town reticulation system.

Residents of Delegate have expressed a significant dissatisfaction regarding water quality and in response, the NSW Government has allowed substantial funding for upgrade works.

1.2 Project scope

This report outlines the results of a brief visual audit of existing water supply assets and an Options Assessment for a new Delegate Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Specifically, the aims of this report were to:

- Review information supplied by council, including the analysis of the water quality and demand data
- Assess the existing raw water pump station and balancing tank for capacity and integration with a new Water Treatment Plant(WTP) located next to the existing balance tank
- Confirm capacity of the new WTP and develop options for the treatment process for the new WTP, including advantages, disadvantages and cost estimate
- Recommend a preferred upgrade option for the raw water supply and new WTP
- Address alternate water supply opportunities – Ground water – bore drilling and results
- Overview of existing weir
- Overview of intake structure and depth of the intake pool in the river

1.3 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to develop upgrade options for a new Delegate WTP and recommend a preferred WTP treatment option to SMRC.

1.4 Scope and limitations

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1.5 Assumptions

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The assumptions for this report are

- Drawings provided by Council represent as constructed details
- Demand and water quality data provided by Council are reasonable representation of history for this site
- Council projection of the rate of increase in demand of 0.05% pa is correct
- Changes to the weir in the river and the associated intake structure and pipework to the raw water pumps and land acquisition at the proposed WTP site has not been considered, commentary on this is provided in section 5
- The existing raw water pipeline and balance tank are assumed to be adequate for reuse as part of the new WTP system , no assessment of condition or cost to upgrade these works has been carried out in this report
- Replacement of the raw water pumps is required and the replacement is sized to suit the future requirements. (refer section 3)
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2. Performance Objectives

2.1 Introduction

This section outlines a number of water supply performance objectives used to develop the new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) process design;

- Meet current and future water demand
- Meet treated water quality requirements – Australia Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG)
- Achieve asset life, environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) requirements and reliable operation targets
- Minimise whole-of-life cost

These objectives are further developed below.

2.2 Water quantity

The water quantity objective is to provide adequate WTP capacity to meet expected peak day demand once treated water is available. It is assumed there is no increase in the number of properties supplied by the new WTP will occur for the planning horizon of 25 years.

2.3 Treated Water Quality Requirements

The key guidance documents for treated water quality are:

- Australian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines (ADWG)
- Health Based Targets (HBT) framework for Raw Water Quality conditions

Note that the ADWG provides water quality limits measured at customer taps. Consequently, the treated water quality targets at the WTP are more stringent.

Table 2 sets out the normal treated water quality requirements that the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) needs to be designed for to achieve the requirements of ADWG and HBT.

Table 2 Treated water quality targets

Parameter	Units	ADWG or “Good Practise” Target	Monitoring Location
E. Coli	org / 100 mL	Not detected	CWT outlet
Total Coliforms	org / 100 mL	Not detected	CWT outlet
pH		Set point* \pm 0.2	CWT outlet
Filtered turbidity	NTU	<0.3 @95%, max \leq 0.5	Each Filter outlet
True Colour	Hazen or Hu	<5 @95%, max \leq 10	CWT outlet
Aluminium	mg/L	<0.1 @ 95%, max \leq 0.2	CWT outlet
Iron, total	mg/L	<0.1 @ 95%. max \leq 0.3	CWT outlet
Manganese, total	mg/L	<0.02 @ 95%. max \leq 0.05	CWT outlet
THMs	mg/L	Max <0.25	Reticulation Network
Taste & Odour			For good T&O at customer taps
Geosmin	ng/ L	<5	
MIB	ng/L	<5	
Free Chlorine Residual (FCR)	mg/L	Set point* \pm 0.2	At CWT inlet
Treated Water Stabilisation	mg/L	-6 to 0	CWT outlet

CCPP LSI		-1 to 0	
Health Based targets (HBT)		LRVs for category 4 unprotected catchment	CWT outlet

* Set point for pH normally =7.5 to 7.8. Set point for FCR = 1 to 2 mg/L.

2.3.1 Health Based Targets (HBTs)

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) current draft of the Health Based Targets (HBT) document (2018) sets out required Log Reduction Value (LRV) for pathogens based on various Source Water Categories. The HBT document also defines the LRVs achieved by various treatment processes. Refer *Manual for Application of Health-Based Treated Targets, WSAA (2005)* and *ADWG: Revised Chapter 5 Microbial Quality of Drinking Water incorporating a microbial health based target, NHMRC (2018)* for further information.

Assessment of the source water risk category for Delegate WTP is set out in section 3.3 of this report.

2.4 Asset life, environmental and OH&S requirements and reliable operation

2.4.1 Asset Life

Asset life decisions need to include consideration of:

- Innovation: for example SCADA hardware and control software continue to reduce in cost and increase in capacity/capability, but have limited support life (now about 15 to 20 yrs).
- Corrosion: correct protection systems are essential for achieving design asset life.
- Design and maintenance/planned replacement: for example correct materials of construction, cathodic protection systems, timely replacement of old assets and allowance/prevention of settlement of structures are essential for achieving design asset life.

2.4.1 Reliable Operation

It is required that each treatment system is “fit for purpose” in terms of minimum dependence on proprietary equipment, easy to operate and perform well under design raw water conditions and have adequate asset life.

Reliability in operation needs to be in accordance with good industry practice, for example:

- Automation: Adequate online monitoring equipment, alarms and telemetry to allow automatic response to process or equipment failure and efficient operation.
- Reliability: Duty/standby with automatic standby unit start-up upon fault of the duty unit, for process critical equipment
- OH&S: Minimisation of manual handling, automation of processes
- Storage: Sufficient balancing storages to minimise start/stop operation, allow for system failures/power outages and pressure surge risks, and sufficient bulk storage of treatment chemicals.

2.4.2 Contingency Management

Contingency management is required to ensure continuous treated water supply to customers by considering risks and actions to minimise to “acceptable” including:

- Equipment failure and associated redundancy
- Local or regional power failure
- Poor raw water quality events

2.4.4 Legislative compliance

2.4.3 Regulations

The WTP must comply with statutory requirements including:

- Chemical storage and handling – Dangerous Goods regulations including the Dangerous Goods Act (DGA)
- Occupational health and safety (OH&S) requirements

2.4.4 Environmental management

Environmental considerations for operation of the WTP include:

- Compliance with waste disposal and noise requirements (EPA)
- Minimisation of energy consumption
- Sludge disposal including backwash supernatant recovery – EPA requirements

2.5 Value for Money

The capital cost together with operating and maintenance costs, needs to be minimised over the adopted planning horizon

3. Current Performance of Existing System

3.1 Overview of Existing System

Raw water is pumped from the Delegate river to a 283 kL Reinforced Concrete Tank located at the top of a nearby hill. Gaseous chlorine is added at the suction side of the existing raw water pump station. Delegate township is gravity-fed from this Tank

3.2 Water demand and number of properties connected to the Delegate water supply system

Water supply data for Delegate River Pump Station for the period 2013/20 was provided to GHD in the format of operator record sheets showing daily pump run times and daily total volume pumped. The data had significant periods where no daily flow or pump run time was recorded.

The current number of property connections to the Delegate water supply is 898 and the number of unique water meters is 651. This compares with Bombala, which has 1531 property connections.

For the 2018/2020 period the peak daily flow recorded was 728 kL/d (refer Figure 1).

The average demand during the peak week for 2018, 2019 and 2020 is shown in Table 5. For years with high peak day demand a relatively low ratio for ave daily demand for peak 7 days /peak day demand of 0.6 to 0.64 occurred.

In 2014 a high average daily flow for the peak month of 514.3kL/d was recorded (refer Table 4).

Over the 2013/20 period, annual volume of water pumped to Delegate has ranged between 56 to 77.8 MI/yr.

Demand also correlates with water temperature. This is important to understand for main water treatment process selection and sizing (refer section 6). The following table 2 and figure 1 show that it is unlikely that peak period demand will occur when water temperature is less than 15 oC,

Table 3: Demand versus water temperature

Months(inclusive)	Demand range (kL/day)	Water temperature range (oC)
June to July	37 – 230	2.5 – 7.2
August to September	42 – 251	3.8 – 9.8
October to November	72 - 453	10.1 – 18.5
December to January	59 – 728	16.2 – 24.4
February to March	62 – 359	12.4 – 21.8
April to May	38 – 210	6.5 – 17.0

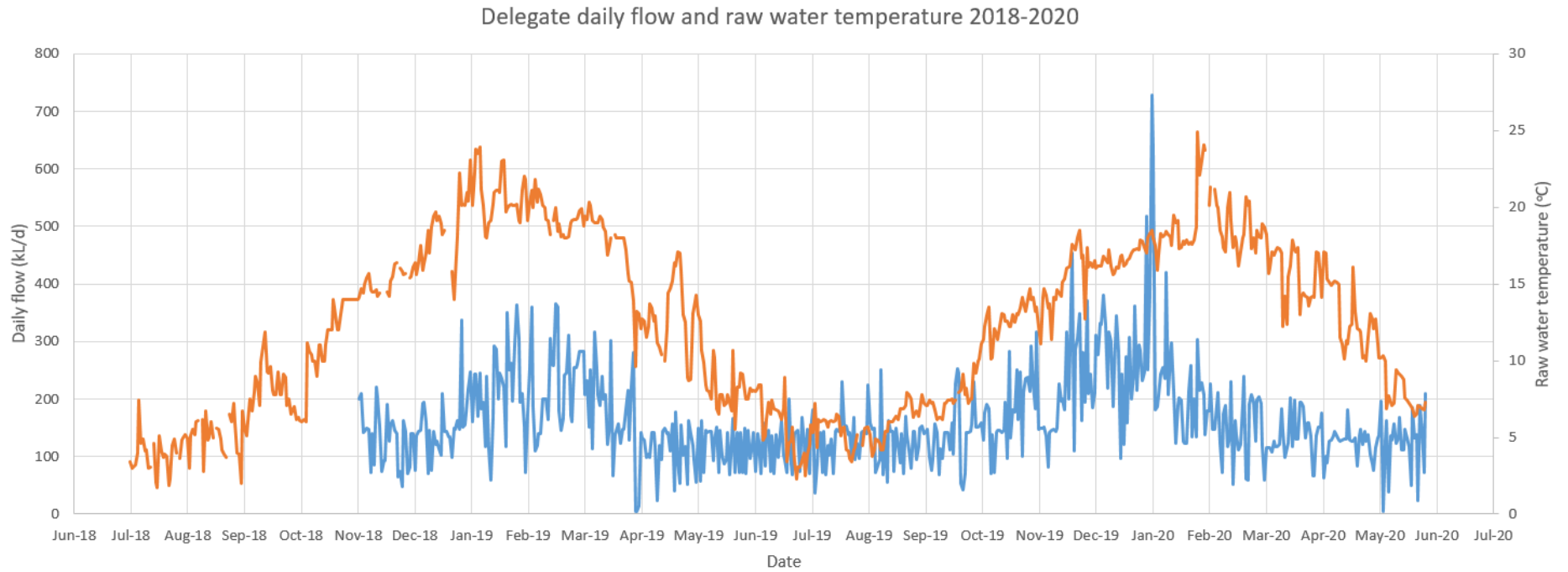


Figure 1: Daily flow from raw water pumps and raw water temperature in RC reservoir

Table 4: Summary of peak day, peak week, peak month and annual data

Year	Peak day demand	Peak week demand	Peak month demand	Annual ave daily (kL/day)	1st Oct to 31st Jan meter reading (4 months)
2013/14	NA	NA	Feb – 14,400 kL/month (514.3 kL/d)	213	NA
2014/15	NA	NA	Mar – 9698 kL/month (312.8 kL/d)	213?	NA
2015/16	Dec 11th – 555 kL/d (only have sporadic daily data)	NA	Jan – 9248 kL/month (298 kL/d)	NA	NA
2016/17	Feb 6th – 640 kL/d	Jan 31st – Feb 6th - 2879 kL/week (411.3 kL/d)	Jan 8th – Feb 6th – 10,579 kL ~ 353 kL/d	195.3	NA
2017/18	Feb 24th – 515 kL/d	18th - 24th of Feb – 2171 kL/week (310 kL/d)	Feb 17th – March 18th– 7152 kL ~238.4 kL/d	160.5	154.3
2018/19	Feb 16th- 366 kL/d	21st- 27th of Jan – 2022 kL/week (289 kL/d)	Feb 13th to March 14th – 7150 kL ~238.3 kL/d	172.0	96.9
2019/20 (to date)	Jan 4th – 728 kL/d	Dec 31st 2019 - 5th of Jan 2020 – 2993 kL/week (427.6 kL/d)	7-Dec 2019 to 5th of Jan – 9061 kL ~254 kL/d	NA	156.2

Table 5: Daily flows for peak week from 2016-2020

Suspected Peak week	2016/2017 – 31st Jan – 6th of Feb 2017	2017/2018 – 18th to 24th Feb 2018	2018/2019- 21st to 27th of Jan 2019	2019/2020 – 31st of Dec to 5th of Jan 2020
Day 1	400	302	351	233
2	351	441	251	247
3	410	228	263	518
4	413	194	196	251
5	332.5	211	293	378
6	332.5	280	363	728
7	640	515	305	638
Peak week Total	2879 kL/week 411.3 kL/d	2171 kL/week 310 kL/d	2022 kL/week 289 kL/d	2993 kL/week 428 kL/d

3.3 Assessment of Raw Water quality and Health risk

3.3.1 Raw water quality

Results for important raw water quality parameters is summarised in Table 6. The results are for monthly NSW Health data over January 2019 to May 2019, daily data collected by SMRC operator and one recent ALS result.

A subset of a period when turbidity was high in the water quality routinely measured by Snowy Mountains Regional Council (SMRC) is included in Appendix A. Generally, this water supply has low hardness, is relatively soft and has variability in iron, turbidity, colour and pH. It is low in manganese. It is uncertain as to organic content (eg DOC and TOC), algae, and T&O levels as there is very limited data for these parameters.

Table 6 Raw Water Quality results

Water Quality Parameter	NSW Health Jan/Dec 2019 twelve results	SMRC 2017/20 daily results	ALS testing 19/5/2020 single result	5%ile for Delegate historical data for retic 2001-2019 (1)	95%ile for Delegate historical data for retic 2001-2019 (1)
pH	6.5 – 7.3	6.07 to 7.73	7.35	5.4 (4.6)	7.61
Alkalinity mg/L (as CaCO ₃)		8 to 75	26		
Hardness (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	10.4 – 26.1			10.3	26
TDS (mg/L)	7 – 220		57	24	60
Calcium (mg/L)	1.3 – 3.8			1.57	5.2
Copper (mg/L)				0.038	1.35
Turbidity (NTU)	0.6 – 9.7	3.5 to 20.7	5.4	1.03	20.5 (28.7)
True Colour (HU)	7 – 42		26	2	22 (32)
Apparent Colour (Hu) _i		37 to 237			
Iron (mg/L)	0.33 – 0.71		0.36	0.29	0.91 (1.03)
Manganese (mg/L)	0.009 – 0.042		0.012	0.0025	0.028 (0.13)
herbicides	Not detected				
DOC (mg/L)			2		
TOC (mg/L)			2		
Total blue green algae			200 (Cyanophyta)		
Total Algae			1720		
Water Temperature(oC)		2 to 25			
Taste & Odour	No data				
Geosmin			5		
MIB			<1		

NOTE (1); in retic WQ for example; 95%ile for turbidity = 20.5 and max for turbidity = (28.7)

3.3.2 Health Based Targets & Log Removal Values (LRVs)

The HBTs set out required Log Reduction Value (LRV) for pathogens based on various Source Water Categories. As per the HBT guidelines (2018), “the source water category should be determined by combining the vulnerability assessment with the *E. coli* band allocated according to results of the microbial indicator assessment”.

The matrix in Figure 2 below defines how this works.

Table 5.4. Confirmed source water category based on comparison of *E. coli* concentration with vulnerability assessment

Preliminary source water category based on vulnerability assessment	Microbial indicator concentration category Maximum <i>E. coli</i> result per 100 mL		
	<20 (<i>E. coli</i> band 1)	20 to 2000 (<i>E. coli</i> band 2)	2001 to 20,000 (<i>E. coli</i> band 3)
Vulnerability category 1	Category 1 (/)	Category 2 (*)	Anomalous (x)
Vulnerability category 2	Category 2 (*)	Category 2 (/)	Anomalous (x)
Vulnerability category 3	Anomalous (x)	Category 3 (/)	Category 4 (*)
Vulnerability category 4	Anomalous (x)	Category 4 (*)	Category 4 (/)

Combining the results of the *E. coli* data and vulnerability assessment will result in one of the following outcomes:

- / The two assessments are consistent and support each other
- * The result is feasible, but has a lower degree of confidence. Both the *E. coli* data and vulnerability assessment should be re-examined to better understand the reasons for the misalignment. For example, if the *E. coli* results indicates a higher level of microbial risk than inferred by the vulnerability assessment, then the vulnerability assessment of the catchment should be repeated to determine if there are sources of microbial risk that were not previously identified.
- X- This result should not be accepted. The results should be critically reviewed to understand the discrepancy. In the interim, the most conservative source water category option under consideration should be adopted. These results should be discussed with the relevant party (e.g. a health authority or other regulator).

Figure 2 Vulnerability versus Microbial indicator concentration category in HBT document (2018)

Vulnerability assessment

A vulnerability assessment uses a risk assessment process based on identified sources of, and barriers to, pathogen contamination within the water supply catchment. The results are used to allocate the source water into one of four source water vulnerability categories.

Figure 3 shows a photo of the Delegate water supply pump station and weir on Delegate River. The photo show there is easy access to the watercourse for livestock.



Figure 3 Photo of Delegate water supply Pump station and weir on Delegate River from GHD site visit (16 April 2019)

Figure 4 shows the approximate catchment boundary above the Delegate raw water pump station. The catchment area is mainly farmland, with some forested areas along high areas and a number of rural properties presumably with septic tanks.

There is no exclusion zone around the river which has a frontage of 30 kms and would not change the Vulnerability Category of this catchment even if it was fenced as animal faecal matter would still contaminate the river as it flows into the river with run off during wet weather. Farmland goes up to the edge of the river. Based on this desktop assessment the source water is Vulnerability Category 4.

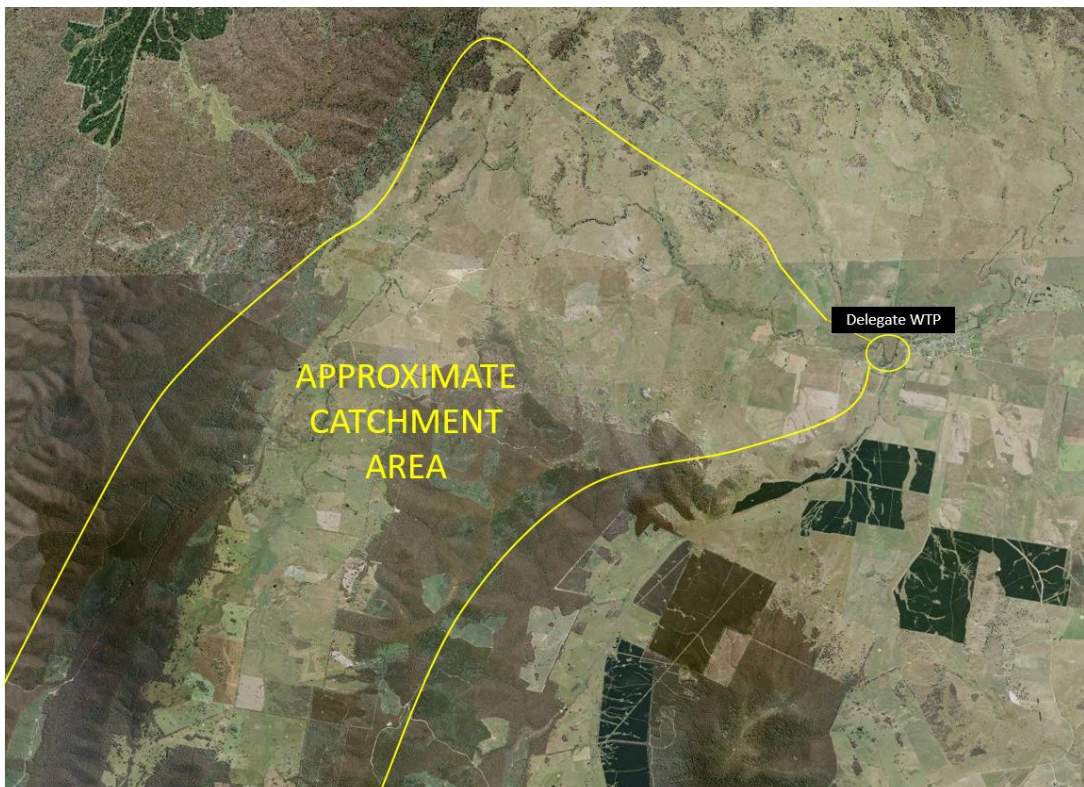


Figure 4 Approximate catchment area for Delegate's water supply

E.coli testing

The Health Based Targets (HBTs) concept also requires measurements of the E.coli concentration in the untreated water source. Table 4 shows monthly E.coli results in 2019 for this raw water supply.

Most E. Coli results were >20 cfu/100mL and some were >200cfu/100ml which indicates the source water is E.coli band 3 (refer Figure 2)

Table 7 Results for coliforms in raw water (MPN/100mL, as assessed by SMRC)

Date	E.coli (MPN/100mL)
30/01/2019	>200
19/02/2019	>200
18/03/2019	>200
15/04/2019	200
21/05/2019	74
18/06/2019	53
16/07/2019	120
21/08/2019	11
18/09/2019	59
15/10/2019	62
13/11/2019	130
19/05/2020 *	74

* Data from ALS testing single result, the rest are from DHHS monitoring

Source Water category

The source water category is therefore determined using the table provided in Figure 2 as follows:

- Vulnerability category 4 + E.Coli band 3 = **Source water category 4**

Required LRVs

Table 8 shows the required Log Removal Values (LRVs) that must be achieved to comply with the HBT for a Source Water Category 4. It also shows the existing Delegate water supply is estimated to currently achieve.

The existing treatment process does not achieve the required pathogen Log Removal Values (LRVs) for protozoa, bacteria or viruses.

Table 8 Delegate Water Supply Log Removal Values (LRVs) under HBT guidelines

Process	Bacteria	Virus	Protozoa	Comment
LRV Required	6	6	5.5	based on source water at Category=4
EXISTING TREATMENT PROCESS				
Chlorination	0	0	0	Turbidity is not <1NTU and therefore LRV is less than 4 and for design purposes is assumed to be 0
Additional LRVs required to meet HBT	6	6	5.5	

Table 9 below summaries the performance achieved for each of the proposed treatment process options discussed in section 6.

Table 9 Log Removal Values (LRVs) for Future Treatment Options

NEW PROPOSED PROCESS				
Option 1	Bacteria	Virus	Protozoa	Comments
Lamella Plate or DAF+	1	1	0.5	LRV for MF based on individual filters at 95% <0.1 NTU and max 0.15NTU plus routine membrane Integrity testing
MF+	3	1	3	
UV+	0	0	2	
Chlorination	4	4	0	
TOTAL	8	6	5.5	LRV for UV based on 5.8mJ/cm2 LRV for Chlorination based on CT>15mg/L-min, pH<8.5 & turbidity <1NTU
Option 2	Bacteria	Virus	Protozoa	Comments
Lamella Plate or DAF+	1	1	0.5	LRV for gravity filtration based on individual filters at 95% <0.3NTU and max 0.5NTU
Gravity Filters+	1	1	2.5	
UV+	0	0	3	LRV for UV based on 12mJ/cm2 Chlorine CT>15mg/L-min, pH<8.5 & turbidity <1NTU
Chlorination	4	4	0	
TOTAL	6	6	6	

3.1 Reliable Operation: Assessment of existing system

3.1.1 Asset Condition and Life

A recent NSW Public Works Advisory report (2017) noted that the existing weir and external CICAL and AC pipework were installed in 1949. Based on normal asset life criteria the pipeline is approaching end of asset life. The 283 kL Reinforced Concrete tank to which the water is pumped prior to distribution to Delegate customers was built in 1958 and has areas of exposed reinforcement.

The manual duty only gas chlorination system (1kg/hr capacity) was reported to show signs of gas leak in pipework. At the site visit by GHD it is evident works had been done to rectify this risk. The integrator type flow meter appear to be less than 25 years old and in reasonable condition.

Currently, chlorine is dosed to the suction side of the existing duty/standby grunfos type pump. This is likely to have shortened the life of the pumps due to corrosion. The pH of the chlorinated water can, based on operational data 2018/20, be as low as 5.

The measured flow from one of the raw water pumps appears to be around 7 to 14L/s (refer Appendix B) compared to design duty point of 30L/s. A tank fill test completed by the NSW Public Advisory and recently by Council showed the other pump runs at an even lower rate of 6 to 7.2L/s respectively.

Based on the above findings replacement of both existing pumps is recommended to achieve reliable operation over the planned life of the new WTP.

3.1.2 Reliable Operation

Operational water quality results indicate the existing manual and duty only chlorinator is undersized for the existing water supply. For example, during recent poor raw water quality conditions in February 2020 (refer appendix A) it was dosing at up to 0.6 to 0.7 kg/hr but this was not sufficient to maintain a chlorine residual in water going to town. Based on operator log sheets the chlorine dose concentrations appear to range between 5 to 12 mg/L, which is high, and suggest the organics content of this raw water supply can at times be quite high. It also is dosing to a water supply with turbidity up to 20 to 25 NTU which is well in excess of the ADWG recommendation of turbidity <1 NTU at the point of chlorination.

The existing tank feeding treated water to Delegate Township has a total volume of 283 kL. (Refer NSW Public Works Advisory report-2107) This is small given the historical peak day demand, which ranges between 450 to 720 kL/d. Normal operational requirement is to provide an operational volume of at least one peak day demand.

3.1.3 Contingency management

The duty/standby-raw water pumps provide a reasonable supply security. However, the existing manual adjustment and duty only gas chlorinator is a serious current limitation in relation to contingency management, especially given the relatively high raw water E.coli levels and unprotected catchment classification.

3.1.4 Regulations

Compliance with EPA, OHS and WHS regulations

Current chlorination system has a windsock and safety shower and a chlorine gas detector but does not have a chlorguard or similar automatic gas shutoff system linked to high chlorine gas alarm. Hence, it would not comply with modern OHS requirements. In addition, access to the flowmeter is via a pit with step irons, which is an OHS risk.

Chemical storage and handling

Access for changing 70kg gas bottles is reasonable

3.1.5 Environmental management

The only concern at present is the apparent low flowrate of the raw water pumps compared to design duty point. This results in greater energy consumption than expected.

4. Groundwater Investigation

GHD advised Council to undertake a field drilling investigation program to investigate the quality and bore yield potential of the groundwater resources in the vicinity of the townships of Delegate.

A groundwater investigation drilling program was therefore undertaken at the township of Delegate. The objective of this drilling program was to investigate potential groundwater resources in close proximity to the current water reticulation infrastructure at this township.

Two pilot investigation bores were drilled. At Delegate, the drilling focussed on the fractured basement rock aquifer.

The pilot bores drilled at the Delegate Reservoir site and Pumping station site to approximately 120 m depth produced a maximum yield in the order of 1 L/sec. Although the groundwater salinity was suitable for potable use, at around 300 mg/L TDS, there was insufficient yields to warrant the construction of a test bores or any further groundwater investigations.

Based on these results, there was insufficient yield for ground water to be a reliable future source of supply or to warrant the construction of any test bores or any further groundwater investigations. It is recommended that other potable supply options are pursued.

The Groundwater Investigation Report has been issued to SMRC separately to this report.

5. Existing Delegate River weir, intake structure and raw water pipeline

Potential upgrades of the weir on the Delegate River, the raw water intake structure and pipeline from the raw water pump station have not been addressed in this report. GHD understands that SMRC plans to undertake an Integrated Water Cycle Management Study (IWCMS) that will address the weir.

5.1 Weir across Delegate River

Raw water for Delegate is sourced from a pool in the Delegate River, upstream of the town. This pool is semi-formalised by the placement of reclaimed concrete blocks across the river to form a permeable weir. The raw water intake consists of a rudimentary timber platform, with manually operated winch assembly for raising and lowering the intake pipe in the pool. Refer to photographs in Figure 3.

The existing water intake and access do not meet current OH&S standards, as reported to Council by NSW Public Works Advisory in June 2017.

GHD has been advised that the existing weir was not formally designed or approved, but has received some level of recognition by the Department of Primary Industries in its report from 2006 addressing seven weirs across rivers in the area of responsibility of the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (as it then existed). That report addresses the informal weir at Delegate in the same manner as the larger weir on the Snowy River at Dalgety. This does not constitute formal approval of this weir, but does acknowledge that it has existed since the 1950s. That report focussed on environmental considerations and recommended either the

removal of the weir or upgrading the weir to include a partial width rock fishway, with the weir upgraded to a solid (non-permeable) structure directing normal flows through the proposed fishway.

There has been some recent discussion by Council around the potential to undertake some works on the weir at Delegate for the purpose of improving water security. GHD is not aware of a formal proposal for this weir. GHD understands that the weir will be considered as part of the planned IWCMS for Delegate.

The existing weir arrangement is currently serving to maintain a pool of water around the raw water intake.

The existing informal weir currently provides a workable pool at the raw water intake. This Options Study has assumed that this existing weir will remain in its current configuration and will be addressed in the upcoming IWCMS that SMRC is undertaking.

The following matters would need to be addressed in any proposal for changes to the existing weir arrangement, following from the IWCMS.

- Water security
- Fishway
- Storage capacity
- Investigation and design of upgraded weir
- Upstream and downstream flora and fauna habitats
- Formal approvals and environmental approvals from statutory bodies

6. Options for New Water Treatment Plant (WTP)

6.1 Capacity of new WTP and treated water storage

For the purposes of the new WTP options, the following capacity related aspects apply;

- Council Strategic Planner advice for Delegate is a 0.05% pa growth rate in population
- It is assumed there will be up to 10% increase in demand due to shift from a non-potable to a potable supply
- Based on ratio of Delegate to Bombala number of property connections and Bombala peak day demand for treated water of 1350 to 1450 kL/d, then on properties connected ratio the peak day demand for treated water at Delegate would be about 790 to 850 kL/day. This is significantly higher than seen in pump station records
- Historical peak day demand at Delegate is in the range 640 to 728 Kl/day and average demand over the peak 7 days has been up to 410 kL/day

Based on the above assessment the design basis is as follows;

- A 0.5ML/d capacity WTP combined with anew 800kL usable volume treated water storage. This arrangement
 - Allows reliable treated water supply via draw/fill of the 800 kl tank based on a design peak day demand up to 750 kL/day and average daily demand over the peak week up to 450 kL/d.
 - Provides security of supply for contingencies (eg extended power failure or raw water pump station unavailable).
- Annual demand of 200 kL/day or 73 ML/yr.

6.2 Development of suitable Water treatment process trains

6.2.1 Introduction

The key treatment challenges associated with the raw water source for a new Delegate WTP are;

- Achieve Log Removal Values (LRVs) for bacteria, virus and protozoans based on Source Water Category=4 under Health Based Targets
- Moderate level of Iron, probably in oxidised state, and generally low levels of Manganese. Allowance for pre-oxidation using potassium permanganate is recommended
- A single measurement shows low Geosmin level at 5 ng/L and no detection of MIB. As this is a river source it is unlikely to have high levels of algae generated MIB or Geosmin, but it remains an uncertain but probably low risk. No specific treatment process is proposed, however the repurposing of the existing tank as a raw water balance tank would be suitable for future PAC dosing in the future, if required.
- Low alkalinity, pH and calcium levels and therefore relatively corrosive to cement lined and AC pipes
- cold water in winter down to 2oC and summer temperature up to 25oC and apparent day to day variations up to about 2 to 5oC

- True colour levels up to 42Hu indicate significant level of Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) occur. However, a special organics removal process such as GAC is not required to avoid excessive THM formation. In addition, the relatively compact Delegate retic system means detention time in the retic is relatively short which further reduces the risk of excessive levels of THMs. However the following contingencies are adopted;
 - allowance in the new 800 kL treated water tank design (i.e. about 600 mm headspace) for future, if required, retrofitting of a PAX type THM stripping system is recommended
 - room allowance in the WTP building for future ammonia and trim chlorine dosing for monochloramine based final disinfection

The WTP also needs to achieve the following design requirements;

- “Fit for Purpose” treatment barriers to achieve treated water targets based on the raw water quality envelope and HBT for the unprotected catchment conditions
- Sized for net peak day production of 0.5 ML/d and an annual output of 70 ML/yr and has integrated automatic operation with a new treated water tank of operating capacity of 800 kL
- Achieve asset life, environmental and OH&S requirements and reliable operation objectives (e.g. adequate automatic, duty/standby for critical equipment)

6.2.2 Treatment process options

Overview

A brief survey and assessment of various treatment technologies for the delegate raw water quality conditions is summarised in Appendix C. The preferred treatment processes, based on the raw water quality conditions and the treated water targets, are highlighted and are discussed below.

Raw Water balance tank

The raw water source is from a river and there is evidence from dally operational readings of relatively rapid changes in raw water quality (e.g. water temperature, turbidity, alkalinity, pH and colour). In addition, the raw water pumps are relatively remote. A raw water balance tank will mitigate these risks. It would have a bypass for direct pumping to the WTP for emergency conditions.

Repurposing use of the existing 283 kL tank as the raw water balance tank is recommended as it;

- Enables simple control of both the raw water pump station and the WTP (i.e. start/stop on level)
- Protects the WTP from water hammer related pressure surge from the raw water pump
- Enables blending out short-term variations in water quality
- Provides reaction time for oxidation of iron and manganese
- Provides reaction time for future PAC dosing (if required).
- Provides some raw storage for WTP operation during unexpected events, eg extended power failure, flood damage

Pre-oxidation and/or treatment for Taste/odour

Analysis of water quality data (table 5) indicates relatively low levels of manganese, moderate levels of iron and very little data on MIB/Geosmin/algae. However, as the raw water source is a relatively fast moving river with only small pools, it is unlikely that peroxidation for manganese or iron will be needed. It is possible that algae related taste/odour would occasionally occur in hot summers. Consequently, space allowance in the WTP building for future retrofitting of PAC and potassium permanganate systems is recommended. In addition, a pre-chlorine system would be provided now at this new WTP to dose chlorine to the raw water balance tank. This will be needed during commissioning and is a suitable contingency allowance for these water quality risks.

Coagulation and pH control

Based on the jar test work for Bombala, alum based coagulation is recommended. Alum dosing at low pH of 5.8 to 6.2 maximises organics removal to minimise disinfection by-product production (eg Tri-Halo-Methanes (THMs) - which has a limit in ADWG)

pH control by caustic soda or soda ash is recommended. Lime dosing would be mean a lower chemical dose but for a small plant the difference in chemical cost is not big. However, a lime system has a significantly higher CAPEX and operational costs due to its handling difficulties.

Clarification options; Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) or lamella plate clarifier

The low turbidity and moderate colour plus the variable and at times very low water temperature conditions are well suited to a Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) type clarification process. It is also best for algae removal, but this appears to be a relatively low risk in the raw water. It also has a small footprint and for this size plant can be fabricated off site in FRP or coated steel or stainless steel and then transported to site. However, it has a relatively high power requirement of about 80 to 120 kWhr/ML. In addition, if future dosing of PAC is required there is an upper limit for PAC dose at around 80mg/L for the DAF process

The alternative of a lamella plate based settling process is marginally more sensitive to water temperature variation but this effect will be minimised by use of the balance tank. It has a small footprint and for this size plant can be fabricated off site. It also has a low relative power requirement of about 10 to 15 kWhr/ML and has less automatic equipment and pressure vessels to maintain. The clarifier process can also accept very high doses of PAC if required in the future and has a greater capacity to treat high turbidity events.

Further discussion regarding the alternatives of a Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) versus a suitable settling process is also included in Appendix D.

Finally, for this size plant DAF and lamella plate clarifier have about the same CAPEX.

Filtration options; MF or gravity filters

The very low water temperature conditions in winter would require de-rating of a Microfiltration (MF) process. For a 0.5MLD capacity plant the maximum flowrate through the membranes would be around 7L/s. The effect of water temperature on this maximum flow rate is estimated as follows ;

Table 10: Water temperature effect on maximum flow rate

Water Temperature	Relative maximum flow rate (L./s)	Net production capacity(MLD)
20°C	7	0.5
15°C	6.2	0.44
10°C	5.4	0.39
5°C	4.6	2.3

Based on findings from the relationship between demand and water temperature it is proposed that the MF process be designed for maximum production at a water temperature down to 15oC.

The relative benefits of MF technology compared to gravity filtration are;

- Council has this MF process the nearby 0.24 ML/d capacity plant at Dalgety
- Easier to run remotely mainly because the process deals well with non- optimum coagulation/clarification conditions due to rapidly varying raw water turbidity/colour as it has a membrane barrier with pores that are smaller than bacteria and protozoan microbes
- backwash is by air and raw water reducing loss of treated water in backwashing
- Log Removal Value (LRV) for protozoa is higher for MF compared to gravity filters.
- The MF process has an extra energy requirement of about 80 to 90 kWhr/ML compared to a gravity filtration process

However, gravity filtration has the benefit of not requiring plant de-rating in cold-water conditions. It also has less automated systems and valves and hence a lower specialist maintenance requirement.

Organics and MIB/Geosmin removal options

Special treatment process options for additional organics removal to control THMs or MIB/Geosmin removal to control taste/odour (eg Ozone/GAC or GAC or Nanofiltration etc.) is not included. That is, the single measurement of TOC/DOC and MIB/Geosmin showed low levels when colour reading was near the average value. Relatively low TOC/DOC and MIB/Geosmin levels are relatively common for river sources in this area.

However, contingency allowance for future powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) dosing for possible intermittent MIB/Geosmin risk is recommended.

Fluoridation

For this small size plant, the recommendation is a sodium fluoride saturator based system installed within a separate purpose built air-conditioned room within the new WTP. A decision on fluoridation of this water supply requires community and Department of Health consultation, which has not yet occurred and is not within the scope of this project.

Ultra-Violet (UV) disinfection

UV disinfection is required for protozoa removal to achieve LRV target. A higher dose is required for the process with clarification/filtration compared to clarification/MF but the difference is small in terms of power consumption and costs.

Disinfection: chlorination and allowance for chloramination

Chlorination based on dosing chlorine gas from new duty/standby 72 kg cylinders via duty + standby chlorinators that are automated to adjust dose based on flow pace and trim to a free chlorine residual control as well as automatic changeover on fault. Chlorine would be added to the inflow to the treated water tank. Based on;

- Tank minimum operating volume of 100 kL
- chlorine residual at 1mg/L in water leaving the tank
- peak flow of 7.5L/s and
- shortcircuiting factor of 0.1 (assumes worst case of USEPA allocation for tank with no baffling)

Then the calculated Concentration(C) x detention time (T) at the tank outlet is 22mg/L-min compared to ADWG minimum recommendation of 15mg/L-min.

In addition, allowance is recommended for trim chlorine dosing plus dosing of ammonia to create monochloramine disinfection residual in the treated water leaving the treated water tank is proposed to minimise THM exceedance risk and maintain a stable disinfectant residual in the town. This requirement may not be required if jar test work during detail design stage shows the THM formation potential is less than the target of <0.25mg/L

Washwater and sludge management

Washwater and sludge would be discharged to a washwater tank and then slowly pumped to a thickener to produce a sludge suitable for dewatering by 2 No. sludge drying beds. Polymer is added to the flow going to the thickener. The clay-lined sludge drying beds with underdrains in a bottom sand bed, would be located as shown in figure 5. Design is based on an average suspended solids production of 15-20 mg/L and treated water production of 73 ML/yr. Two drying beds are proposed sized for a sludge drying capacity of 30 kg DS/m²/yr for this comparison of options stage. Supernatant from the thickener plus occasional subnatant flow from the drying beds will be stored in a separate small tank. The combined supernatant/subnatant would be pumped back to the raw water balance tank at a controlled rate of <10% of the flowrate of raw water inflow from the pump station at the river. This approach minimises water losses for sludge dewatering. Dried sludge would be removed approximately 1 to 2 times per year from each bed.

The alternative to the sludge drying beds of a mixed thickened sludge tank (approximately 10 to 20 kL) that is emptied every few weeks/monthly will be assessed during concept design stage.

Summary of Future Treatment Process Options

Based on the above assessment it was determined that suitable alternative treatment process trains for treatment of this raw water are;

- **Option 1 or 2:** Raw water balance tank + Lamella Plate Clarifier or DAF + MF/UF +UV + Chlorination and the chloramination
- **Option 3 or 4:** Raw water balance tank + Lamella Plate Clarifier or DAF + Gravity Filters +UV + Chlorination AND then chloramination

6.2.3 New Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Building

To achieve good security and long asset life the new WTP would be located in a lined Colorbond building, containing the main process units, chemical systems, control room and

electrics. The figure below shows photos for a similar size plant inside such a building. The building dimensions and nominal internal layout of equipment is included in Appendix E.



Figure 5 0.6 ML/d Balmoral DAFF main building (left) & Lined sludge drying bed for 23 MLD Hamilton WTP (right)

6.2.4 Proposed WTP and Treated Water Tank location

The proposed location is between the existing access road to the existing 283 kL tank and the southwest boundary of the property. (Refer figure 6) The new WTP location is to the west of the existing raw water pipe to enable easy access to this pipeline. New road works and a small “farm dam” structure (to contain overflows) are proposed. A concrete chemical delivery bund with associated underground spill tank is also included. (Refer figure 7).

The new Treated water tank location minimises extra pipe work while allowing easy access.

6.2.5 Land acquisition

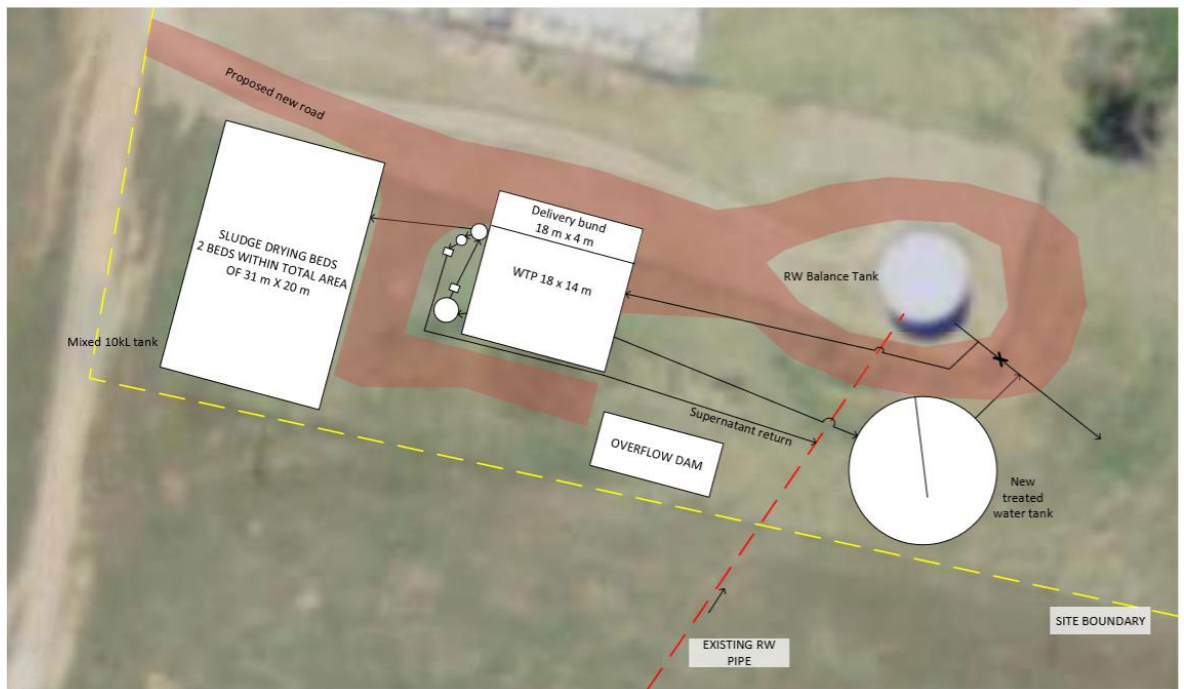
We understand that Council does not own the site at Delegate where the existing 283 kl tank is located and the new WTP infrastructure is to be located. This is lot 1 DP 348134 as shown below in figure 6.

The current CAPEX for this project does not include the cost for Council to acquire the land. While Council does not need to acquire the whole area of the existing lot, the UCV used for rating purposes for the whole site would allow a margin for subdivision and acquisition costs over the land value of the area that does need to be acquired.



0 m 50 m 100 m

Figure 6: Aerial view of key site features



0 m 10 m 20 m

Figure 7: Proposed site beds location and layout for Option 1 & 2

6.3 Raw water pump station and raw water main

Existing raw water pumps are 18.5 kW and design duty point is 30 L/s at 42.6 m head. At the site visit, the duty pump was drawing 30 amps at 410v, which is consistent with this power rating.

However, investigations of the raw water pump hours, flow integrator readings (provided by SMRC from 2017-2020) plus site tests indicate pump 1 runs at a flow rate between 4.8 – 7.2 L/s while Pump 2 runs at a flow rate between 13-13.6 L/s.

To achieve asset life and reliability of operation requirements it is assumed both pumps are replaced for the new WTP project. Based on design peak day demand of 750kL/d, a pump capacity of 12L/s is required. The new pumps need to be duty/standby with auto changeover on fault. Fixed speed pumps that start/stop on Low/high water level in the raw water balance tank is all that is needed.

It is assumed that no changes to the raw water main is required.

6.4 Common Works for this WTP project

Works that are common to Option 1 and Option 2 include:

- General road/site works and civils
- Replacement of both raw water pumps at raw water pump station
- No upgrade of the existing Raw Water main
- Pre- alkali and potassium permanganate or pre-chlorine dosing
- Existing 283 kL tank repurposed for a Raw water balance tank
- New soda ash, polymer, alkali and coagulant systems
- UV disinfection
- Chlorination
- Treated Water Stabilisation by addition of alkali and carbon dioxide
- Mixed washwater tank, pumps and pipeline to thickener
- Polymer dosing to feed to thickener
- Sludge handling via thickener and sludge drying beds
- Supernatant return tank and pipeline to raw water tank
- New treated water tank (800 kL)
- Overflow “farm dam” of about 100 kL capacity
- Concrete delivery bund and chemical spill tank
- Service water, compressed air, telemetry link and new power supply and transformer

6.5 Option 1 or 2: New DAF or lamella Plate clarifier then Membrane Filtration

This treatment solution includes:

- Dissolved Air Flootation (DAF) or Lamella plate clarifier to produce settled water
- Settled water balance tank and MF feed pumps on VSD control
- Low pressure High Output type Microfiltration (MF) skid backwashed by raw water plus air scour
- CIP system

Figure 8 shows the Process Flow Diagram and the approximate building layout is shown in Figure 7

6.6 Option 3 or 4: Lamella Plate or DAF then Gravity Filtration

This treatment solution includes:

- Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) or Lamella plate clarifier to produce settled water
- Gravity filters with dual media
- Backwash operation using air scour then high rate filtered water backwash from the existing treated water tank
- Filtered water balance tank and associated level controlled pumps on VSD delivering treated water to the existing RC tank

Figure 8 shows the Process Flow Diagram and the approximate building layout is shown in Appendix E.

PFD – Option 1 and 2 : Clarifier/DAF and MF/UF

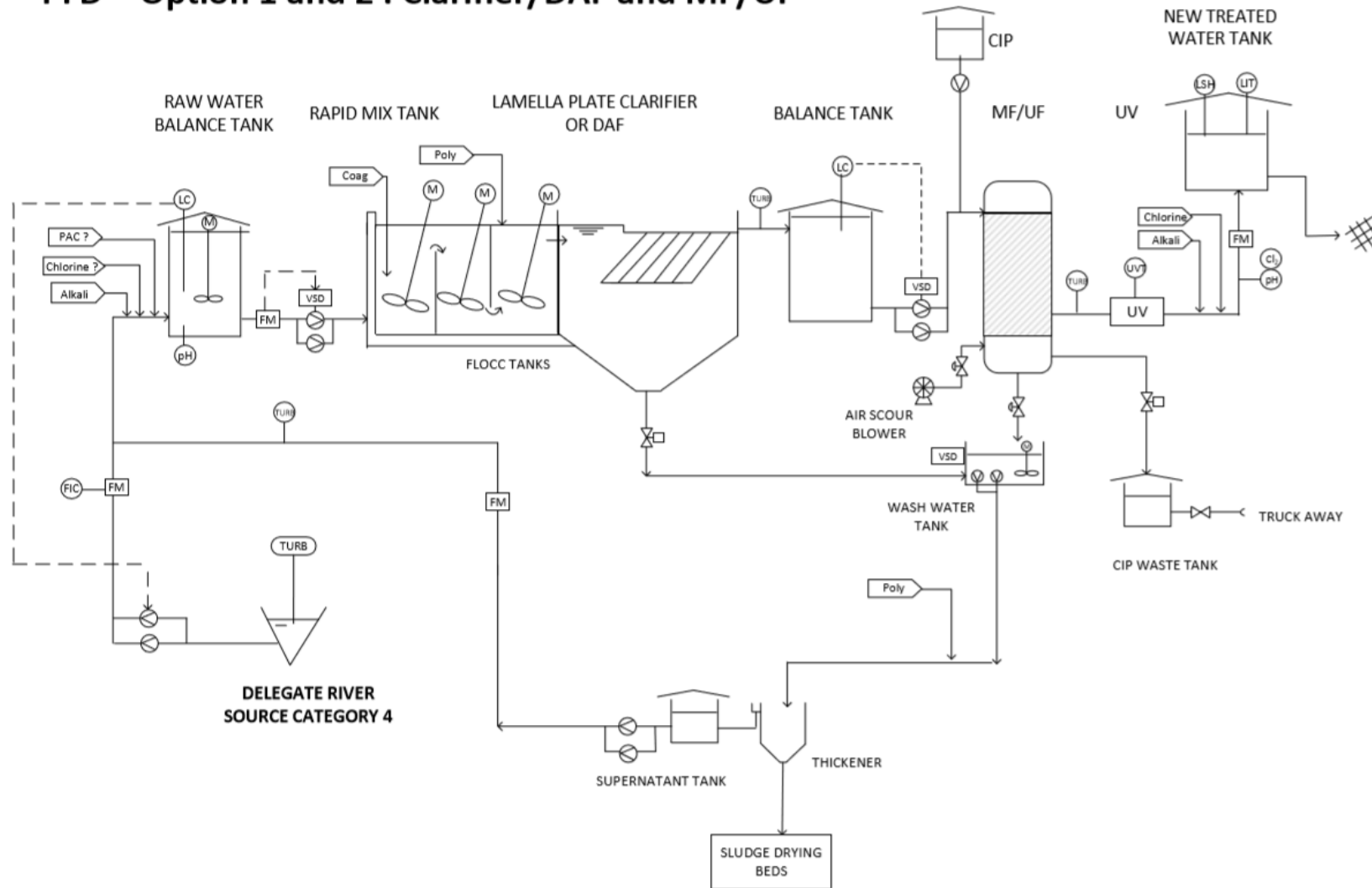


Figure 8 Process flow diagram of new WTP to treat water from Delegate River (Source Category 4)

PFD – Option 3 and 4 : Clarifier/DAF and Filters

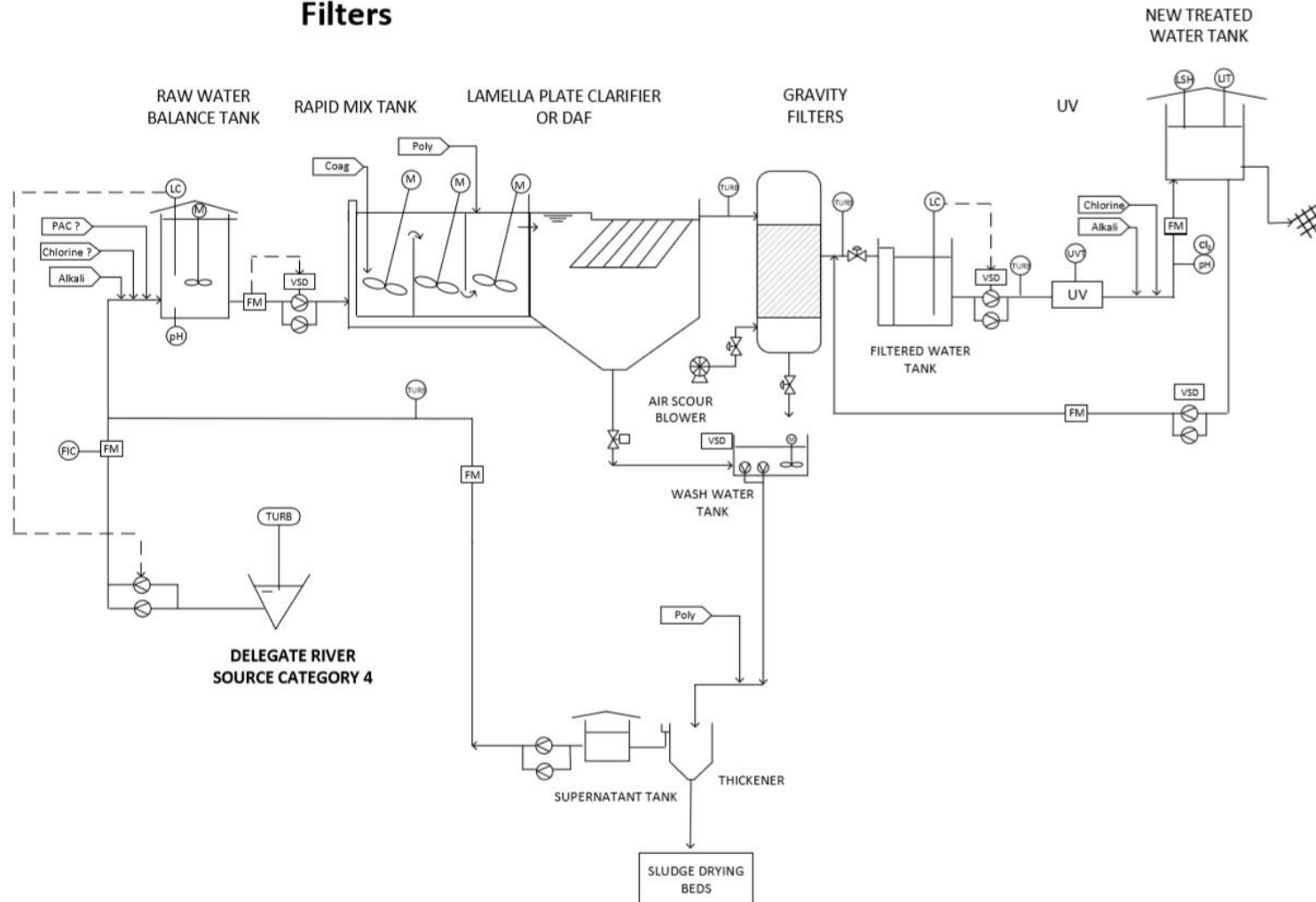


Figure 9: Process flow diagram of new WTP to treat water from Delegate River (Source Category 4)

7. Comparison of options

7.1 Introduction

The relative CAPEX, OPEX, Net Present Cost (NPC) and non-cost related advantages and disadvantages for each option are discussed in this section of the report.

Refer to Appendix F for breakdown of costing of CAPEX, OPEX and NPC.

7.2 Comparison of Options for new WTP

The comparison of options is summarized in Table 11 below.

It is noted that the accuracy of the relative cost estimates is estimated at 30%. Based on this accuracy both options are comparable in terms of CAPEX and NPC.

PAC dosing has not been included in the costing presented in Table 11 as it is a relatively unknown risk and can be retrofitted later. A preliminary cost for PAC dosing has been provided in the cost breakdown in Appendix F for information however not added to the final total

Potassium permanganate for manganese oxidation is not included in the cost estimate shown in table 7 as again it is a relatively unknown but probably low risk and can be retrofitted later.

Cost for fluoridation is also not included in the cost estimate shown in table 7.

The important features of the comparison of options are;

- The relative differences in energy cost are quite small for the process options;
 - Clarifier/gravity filtration: 30 to 40 kWhr/ML or about \$500 to \$700pa
 - DAF/filtration: 80 to 100 kWhr/ML or about \$1400 to \$1800pa
 - DAF/MF: 160 to 200 kWhr/ML or about \$2500 to \$3000pa
- The MF option has the benefit of low operator attendance requirement as it has the most robust treatment process due to the presence of a physical membrane barrier that prevents passage of protozoans and bacteria. Suboptimal coagulant dosing can be better tolerated compared to DAF or lamella plate clarification
- DAF is well best suited to variable cold water temperature conditions. MF has to be de-rated for water temperature <15°C and the clarification process operates best where water temperature variation rate is < 2°C/hr
- All processes can be fabricated offsite and brought to site on a truck for skid type installation, however the MF system is usually the most suitable for this approach as it comes with its own PLC controller and all automated valves set in place
- All these treatment processes are fabricated locally so procurement of the main process is relatively easy eg;
 - DuPont for Memcor MF structures and controls but note that membrane modules are usually imported
 - Water Treatment Australia and Aquatec Maxcon for DAF and Lamella plate clarifiers structures but lamella plate cassettes are often imported

Table 11: Comparative costs advantages and MCA Scoring for each option

		Option 1 DAF then MF	Option 2 Lamella Plates Clarifier then MF	Option3 Lamella Plates Clarifier then gravity filters	Option 4 DAF then gravity filters
CAPEX*		\$5.55 m	\$5.52 m	\$5.32 m	\$5.35 m
Land acquisition for WTP**		\$0.25-0.3 m	\$0.25-0.3 m	\$0.25-0.3 m	\$0.25-0.3 m
OPEX*		\$0.142 m/yr	\$0.139 m/yr	\$0.134 m/yr	\$0.138 m/yr
NPC 6%pa for 25 yrs		\$7.62-7.67 m	\$7.55- 7.60 m	\$7.29-7.34 m	\$7.37 -7.42 m
Advantages		Easy to manage barrier for achieving LRV for protozoa risk (eg Cryptosporidium) Least sensitivity to rapid change in raw water turbidity/ colour/water temp Council operates MF at nearby Dalgety Raw water used in backwash DAF best for algae removal	Easy to manage barrier for achieving LRV for protozoa risk (eg Cryptosporidium) Low complexity for automated control for Lamella plate clarifier Council operates MF at nearby Dalgety Raw water used in backwash	No de-rating for low water temperature Least complexity for automatic controls	No de-rating for low water temperature Low complexity for automatic control of gravity filters Good for algae removal
Relative Disadvantages		De-rating plant capacity progressively required when water temp is <15 °C Most complex automatic control Expensive Proprietary membranes that have to be replaced every 7 to 8 yrs Higher backwash volume compared to gravity filters Limitation on future PAC dose(if required)	De-rating plant capacity progressively required when water temp is <15 °C Expensive Proprietary membranes that have to be replaced every 7 to 8 yrs Higher backwash volume compared to gravity filters	More sensitive to rapid change in raw water turbidity/colour Careful control of coagulation, clarification and filtration processes required to always achieve LRV for protozoa risk Treated water used in backwash reducing volume in treated water tank for drawdown	More sensitive to rapid change in raw water turbidity/colour careful control of coagulation, DAF an filtration processes required to always achieve LRV for protozoa risk Treated water used in backwash reducing volume in treated water tank for drawdown Limitation on future PAC dose(if required)
Relative score against MCA	Barrier to chlorine resistant protozoan	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	Low attendance for operation	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
	Easy to maintain	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	Environment	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	OHS	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓
	Easy procurement/construction	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓
(preferred Option=1, Less preferred=2)		1 or 2	1 or 2	3	4

*The above costs do not include Fluoridation or other possible future chemical dosing systems. However costs for these items are include in the detailed breakdown for information only purposes

**Nominal land acquisition cost for WTP at existing tank site

8. Conclusions & Recommendations

8.1 Conclusions

The main conclusions from this assessment covering of demand, surface water supply systems, surface water quality and treatment and groundwater alternative are:

Demand; Design peak day demand for the new WTP has some uncertainty due to

- lack of long-term reliable records for supply from the raw water pump station
- uncertain effect of switch from non-potable supply to potable supply

In response it is considered the best cost-effective solution is a 0.5ML/d capacity WTP combined with a large 800kL treated water tank to allow draw/fill of the tank to achieve reliable supply for a peak day demand of up to 750kL/day and average dally demand up to 450 kL/day over the peak week

Raw Water supply system: the existing raw water pumps achieve performance well below design duty point. It is assumed they will be replaced for the new WTP. The existing weir pool, intake structure and rising main are now 70 yrs old. They need replacement/upgrade work. The assessment of what is needed and cost is not included in this project.

Raw Water Quality and Treatment; the Delegate river source has relatively high E.coli levels and is from an inhabited catchment with livestock and farm houses with septic tanks. It is a run of river supply with variable turbidity and colour and a wide temperature range. It is a soft water source that needs alkali addition to stabilise the treated water, especially after chlorine gas is added. Effective Treatment requires a 2- stage process of clarification (Lamella plate clarifier or Dissolved Air Floatation) then filtration (Gravity dual media filters or Microfiltration). UV then chlorine disinfection is also needed to achieve Health Based Targets.

Groundwater alternative: preliminary drilling reveals that this groundwater alternative is not a viable option

Other matters; Council does not own the land where the existing storage tank is located, which is also the site for the new WTP

8.2 Recommendations

The preferred 0.5ML/d capacity treatment process for the Delegate WTP is:

Option 2: Lamella Plate Clarification then MF

The main common works are;

- New raw water pumps
- Repurpose the existing 283 kL tank as a raw water storage to balance out changes in raw water quality and provide some security of supply capability
- UV disinfection then chlorination
- New 800 kL usable volume treated water storage
- Sludge treatment by sludge drying beds
- The main treatment processes located inside a new colour-bond type building
- Allowance in floor area within the treatment plant building for future addition of PAC, potassium permanganate and ammonia dosing

The key benefit of this MF based option is the presence of a physical membrane, which allows occasional suboptimal performance of the coagulation and settling or floatation process to be tolerated. This is important for a run of the river raw water supply system where raw water quality can change rapidly. In addition, Council has experience with MF technology at nearby Dalgety WTP. Also, usually a MF based process requires less operator attendance at site compared to gravity filters based process, as it is more automatic process.

The main benefit of lamella plates clarification is it can handle higher solids loading due to high dose of coagulant for events of high turbidity plus colour.

This treatment process also has a small footprint.

It is also recommended that;

- Land at the existing water tank site be acquired for the new WTP and associated works
- No further groundwater investigations be considered
- assessment of the weir pool, intake structure and raw water pipeline be completed and necessary upgrade works be defined

Appendices

Appendix A – SMRC Delegate Operational Data for storm event period

Appendix B – Plant flows and Chlorine Dose

Refer to following page.

Date	Delegate Pump Station Data Jan 2019					Chlorine dosage (Based on Jan 2020 doses)	
	Hours	Run time	Flow meter	kL/d	L/s	kg/hr	mg/L
Average		4.4		213	14		8.3
Maximum		6.9		451	26		36
1/01/2019	3111.32		734375				
2/01/2019	3114.5	3.18	734536	161	14.06		0.00
3/01/2019	3119.52	5.02	734780	244	13.50	0.25	5.14
4/01/2019	3124.43	4.91	735023	243	13.75	0.25	5.05
5/01/2019	3128.27	3.84	735194	171	12.37	0.2	4.49
6/01/2019	3133.23	4.96	735439	245	13.72	0.2	4.05
7/01/2019	3137.08	3.85	735622	183	13.20	0.3	6.31
8/01/2019	3141.08	4	735817	195	13.54	0.3	6.15
9/01/2019	3143.33	2.25	736173	178	21.98	0.3	3.79
10/01/2019	3148.31	4.98	736173	178	9.93	0.3	8.39
11/01/2019	3150.49	2.18	736287	114	14.53	0.3	5.74
12/01/2019	3153.69	3.2	736346	59	5.12	0.3	16.27
13/01/2019	3157.27	3.58	736512	166	12.88	0.3	6.47
14/01/2019	3161.26	3.99	736805	293	20.40	0.3	4.09
15/01/2019	3167.15	5.89	737091	286	13.49	0.3	6.18
16/01/2019	3171.24	4.09	737292	201	13.65	0.3	6.10
17/01/2019	3176.28	5.04	737538	246	13.56	0.3	6.15
18/01/2019	3181.2	4.92	737873	335	18.91	0.30	4.41
19/01/2019	3184.46	3.26	737943	70	5.96	0.4	18.63
20/01/2019	3189.56	5.1	738190	247	13.45	0.4	8.26
21/01/2019	3195.62	6.06	738461	271	12.42	0.4	8.94
22/01/2019	3200.44	4.82	738912	451	25.99	0.4	4.27
23/01/2019	3206.11	5.67	738975	63	3.09	0.4	36.00
24/01/2019	3212.41	6.3	739171	196	8.64	0.4	12.86
25/01/2019	3218.79	6.38	739614	443	19.29	0.4	5.76
26/01/2019	3225.71	6.92	739827	213	8.55	0.4	13.00
27/01/2019	3230.13	4.42	740132	305	19.17	0.4	5.80
28/01/2019	3234.15	4.02	740327	195	13.47	0.4	8.25
29/01/2019	3238.49	4.34	740537	210	13.44	0.3	6.20
30/01/2019	3241.46	2.97	740690	153	14.31	0.3	5.82
31/01/2019	3243.16	1.7	740763	73	11.93	0.3	6.99

Appendix C – Comparison of treatment processes

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Table 12 Comparison of treatment processes based on treatment of contaminants in raw water from Delegate river

LEGEND

- preferred process
- optional process
- Additional process if shown later to be required

Contaminant Removed	Iron & Manganese	Turbidity and floc particles	Colour	pH control	Dissolved Organic Carbon	Pesticide chemicals	MIB& Geosmin	Virus	Bacteria	Protozoans	THMs	Algae	Comment
Treatment Process													
Potassium Permanganate	✓✓✓✓												Best at pH >7.5 – 8.5 in high DOC water as if prevents overdose risk
Powder activate carbon					✓		✓✓✓						Best if MIB/Geosmin is intermittent
Alchlor (ACH)		✓✓✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓								Preferred for high turbidity/low colour(DOC) water and where high coagulation pH is preferred
Alum		✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓		✓✓								Preferred for high colour(DOC)/ low to high turbidity water and where low coagulation pH 5.8-6.2 is preferred for maximum DOC removal
Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF)		✓✓	✓✓✓✓									✓✓✓✓	Best for high colour/low turbidity water and good for confined site
Sedimentation by Lamella Plates		✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓									✓✓	Good for confined site and best for high turbidity /low to moderate colour conditions
Sedimentation by Reactivator		✓✓✓✓	✓✓										Best for high turbidity low colour water and less confined site
Gravity Dual Media Filtration	✓✓ (greensand)	✓✓✓								✓			Requires polymer dosing & air scour + water backwash & filter to waste
Microfiltration (MF)		✓✓✓✓	✓							✓✓✓			Pore size 0.3 – 0.5 µm, lower power and raw water plus air scour backwash
Ultrafiltration (UF)		✓✓✓✓	✓✓							✓✓✓			Pore size 0.1 – 0.2 µm, higher power and raw water plus air scour backwash
Nano Filtration (NF)					✓✓✓		✓?			✓✓ ✓(if no bypass)			Get about 50% DOC removal and recovery 85-90%
Nanofiltration (SW)					✓✓✓✓✓		✓?			✓✓ ✓(if no bypass)			Get about 90% DOC removal and recovery 80%
MIEX					✓✓✓✓								Proprietary design & high OPEX risk
Ozone/GAC					✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓			✓✓ (if CT correct)			ozone mainly for MIB/geosmin present most of the time
GAC/BAC					✓✓	✓✓	✓✓						DOC removal drops from 50% to 20-30% over 1 year then drops to 15-25% over 10 year
Chlorine	✓✓✓							✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓				Need to have treated water DOC < 4 to 6 mg/L to avoid THMs >250 µg/L
Chloramine								✓	✓✓			✓✓✓	Stops further THMs production
Caustic Soda				✓✓✓✓									Dangerous good but lower dose required compared to soda ash
Soda Ash				✓✓✓✓									Not a dangerous good
UV Disinfection										✓✓✓✓			Installed power increases a lot as UVT in filtered water reduces from >90% to < 80%
PAX type aeration in Treated water tank											✓✓✓		Removes > 35% of THM's when water temp <15oC

Appendix D – Comparison of DAF and Settling

The following Figure 10.1, based on International Water Treatment experience, shows the normal operating range for a Dissolved Air Flootation (DAF) process. The TOC is related to colour and in turn alum dosage, which adds to the solids load. This figures show that, for water that has a high TOC (or DOC or true colour) and a low turbidity, the preferred treatment process is DAF then filtration. At Delegate the true colour (from NSW Health results) can reach 40Hu in the water canurDOC can be up to about 24mg/L and the turbidity is almost all the time <10NTU in all raw water data.

Settling processes, such as the existing reactivator clarifier or lamella Plate clarifier, are not preferred until the raw water turbidity exceeds about 40 NTU (Degremont-Suez). This is consistent with experience by GHD at several plants such as Hamilton in Victoria, where only the combination of high turbidity with high colour caused de-rating of the DAFF process.

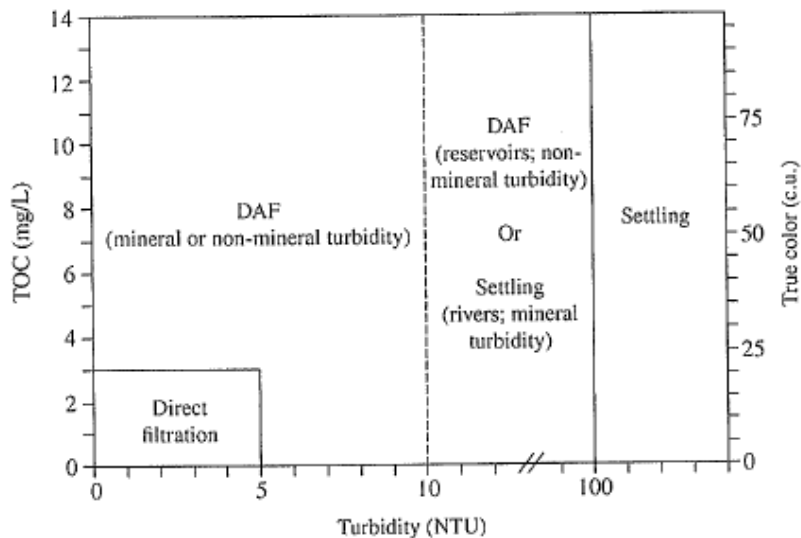


FIGURE 10-1 Process selection diagram based on average raw water quality conditions (Source: reprinted from Valade et al. (2009), *Journal of Water Supply: Research and Technology AQUA*, 58 (6), 424–432, with permission from the copyright holder, IWA Publishing).

Appendix E – Proposed Building Layout

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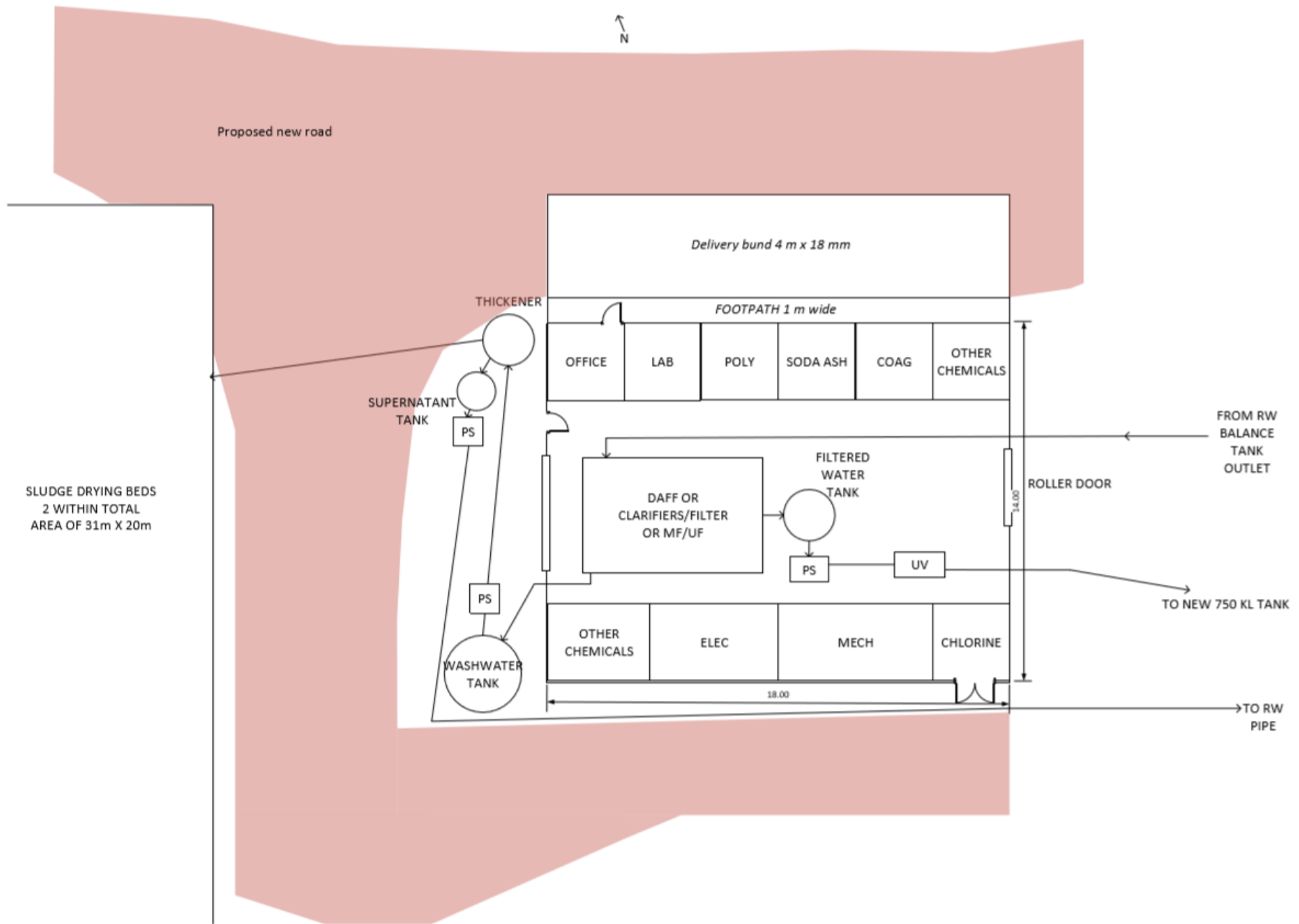


Figure 10: Proposed building layout

Appendix F – Cost Estimates, CAPEX, OPEX, NPC



No.	ITEM	Detail	Rate	Unit	Qty	Option 1 DAF+MF/UF+UV		Option 2 Lamella Plates+MF/UF+UV		Option 3 Lamella Plate+Gravity Filters+UV		Option 4 DAF+Gravity Filters+UV		Comment		
						Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty			
0.0	Site Establishment / Preliminaries (10%)						Subtotal	\$ 624,000	\$ 624,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000			
0.1	Mobilisation and demobilisation	Allow 9% of total cost	\$ 200,000	No.	1.87	\$ 374,000	1.87	\$ 374,000	1.8	\$ 360,000	1.8	\$ 360,000	1.8	\$ 360,000	From Myrning/Lancefield, ~5% total cost.	
0.2	Design and documentation	Allow 6% of total cost	\$ 250,000	No.	1	\$ 250,000	1	\$ 250,000	0.96	\$ 240,000	0.96	\$ 240,000	0.96	\$ 240,000	From Myrning/Lancefield, ~5% total cost.	
0.3	Planning and approvals			No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	To be undertaken by SMRC	
1.0	Site Civil Works					Subtotal	\$ 259,500	\$ 259,500	\$ 259,500	\$ 259,500	\$ 259,500	\$ 259,500	\$ 259,500			
1.1	Earth Works at Site	Assumes relatively flat site with minimal rock	\$ 30,000	No.	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	Based on Small Tassie Plant Tenders	
1.2	Stormwater drainage works	Gutters and pipes	\$ 20,000	No.	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	Based on Small Tassie Plant Tenders	
1.3	New gravel road	New compacted hardstand to WTP site and around CWS	\$ 225	linear m	200	\$ 45,000	200	\$ 45,000	200	\$ 45,000	200	\$ 45,000	200	\$ 45,000	Brogro estimate at \$48/sqm for all weather compacted gravel road	
1.4	Footpaths	1 m wide footpath around 3 sides of 18 x 14 WTP building	\$ 150	per sq m	50	\$ 7,500	50	\$ 7,500	50	\$ 7,500	50	\$ 7,500	50	\$ 7,500		
1.5	Chemical Delivery bund	18 m x 4 m delivery bund	\$ 40,000	No.	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	Based on small Tassie Plant Tenders	
1.6	Sludge drying beds	2 No. clay-lined sludge drying beds, total area of 31 m x 20 m	\$ 60,000	No.	1	\$ 60,000	1	\$ 60,000	1	\$ 60,000	1	\$ 60,000	1	\$ 60,000	Based on Numerka WTP (2014)	
1.7	Overflow dam	Base area of dam 5 m x 15 m	\$ 5,000	No.	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000		
1.8	New site security fence and access		\$ 200	linear m	260	\$ 52,000	260	\$ 52,000	260	\$ 52,000	260	\$ 52,000	260	\$ 52,000	Brogro cost estimate for chain mesh fence and gates (2020)	
2.0	External Pipelines					Subtotal	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350			
2.1	Sludge pipeline	Sludge pipeline from thickener to geobags, DN 75	\$ 230	linear m	10	\$ 2,300	10	\$ 2,300	10	\$ 2,300	10	\$ 2,300	10	\$ 2,300	Based on Brogro cost estimates (2020) and small Tassie Plant tenders	
2.2	Connection from existing raw water tank outlet to new WFP	DN 150	\$ 300	linear m	45	\$ 13,500	45	\$ 13,500	45	\$ 13,500	45	\$ 13,500	45	\$ 13,500	since short distance, higher rate /m	
2.3	Treated Water connection to new treated water tank RC reservoir	DN 150	\$ 300	linear m	35	\$ 10,500	35	\$ 10,500	35	\$ 10,500	35	\$ 10,500	35	\$ 10,500	since very short distance, \$/m escalated by x3.0	
2.4	Extra valves	3 No. DN 150 valves	\$ 3,000	No.	3	\$ 9,000	3	\$ 9,000	3	\$ 9,000	3	\$ 9,000	3	\$ 9,000		
2.5	Wash water to thickener pipeline	DN 75 between supernatant tank, pump station and raw water inlet	\$ 230	linear m	5	\$ 1,150	5	\$ 1,150	5	\$ 1,150	5	\$ 1,150	5	\$ 1,150		
2.6	Supernatant return pipeline	Between wash water pump station and raw water main DN 75	\$ 190	linear m	60	\$ 11,400	60	\$ 11,400	60	\$ 11,400	60	\$ 11,400	60	\$ 11,400	Based on Brogro cost estimates (2020) and Liverpool (2016)	
2.7	Overflow pipeline from new treated water storage to overflow dam	DN 150	\$ 300	linear m	65	\$ 19,500	65	\$ 19,500	65	\$ 19,500	65	\$ 19,500	65	\$ 19,500		
2.8	Overflow pipeline from WTP to washwater tank	DN 150	\$ 600	linear m	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000		
2.9	Overflow pipeline from washwater tank to overflow dam	DN 150 includes pit at overflow dam	\$ 600	linear m	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000	10	\$ 6,000		
2.10	Isolation valve on existing raw water balance tank outlet	DN 150 Isolation of raw water balance tank outlet pipeline for the RC reservoir, includes pit	\$ 5,000	No.	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000		
2.11	Stormwater discharge pipeline	DN100 from building to overflow dam	\$ 5,000	No.	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000		
3.0	Process Equipment, Tanks and associated pipework in building					Subtotal	\$ 763,500	\$ 747,500	\$ 639,100	\$ 659,000	\$ 659,000	\$ 659,000	\$ 659,000			
3.1	Lamella plate clarifier	Sized for 0.5 ML/d	\$ 230,000	No.	0	\$ -	1	\$ 230,000	1	\$ 230,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Based on crescent head and Casterton lamella plate clarifiers and tassie plant tenders	
3.2	DAF tank and recycle system	Sized for 0.5 ML/d	\$ 240,000	No.	1	\$ 240,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 240,000	1	\$ 240,000	Based on Lancefield, Mirani, Myrning, Alexandria, Apollo Bay (2013)	
3.3	MF/UF and associated equipment/tanks	MF/UF process - feed pumps, pipework, membrane and housing, local controls	\$ 250,000	No.	1	\$ 250,000	1	\$ 250,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Based on Crescent Head and small tassie plant tenders, Mole Creek (2015), Rosebury (2014), Apollo Bay (2013)	
3.4	Access walkways to main clarifier/filter systems	Applies to Option 1 and Option 2	\$ 17,000	No.	1	\$ 17,000	1	\$ 17,000	1	\$ 17,000	1	\$ 17,000	1	\$ 17,000	Based on Balmoral (2006), and Mole Creek (2015) and Lady Baron (2014)	
3.5	Air scour blower for MF/UF and gravity filters	Applies to Option 1 and Option 2	\$ 25,000	No.	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	Rosebury	
3.6	Gravity Filters	Sized for 0.5 ML/d	\$ 140,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 140,000	1	\$ 140,000	1	\$ 140,000	Based on small tassie plant tender (Lady Baron, 2014) and GAC filters Ringarooma (2014) & Balmoral (2006)	
3.7	UV	0.5 ML/d	\$ 100,000	No.	1	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 100,000	Bridgewater, Lanacoorie, Heathcote	
3.8	Analysers & sampling system	Raw pH (\$15k) Settled turbidity (\$10k) Filtered turbidity (\$10k, N/A) Final treated water turbidity, pH, & total chlorine (\$30k)	\$ 65,000	No.	1	\$ 65,000	1	\$ 65,000	1	\$ 65,000	1	\$ 65,000	1	\$ 65,000	GHD estimate & Heathcote tender, Cohuna	
3.9	Flow meters	Raw water flowmeter DN 150 (\$5k) Post raw water balance tank flowmeter DN 150 (\$5k) Washwater return flowmeter DN 75 (\$3k) Filtered water flowmeter DN 150 (\$5k) Treated water flowmeter DN 200 (\$10k)	\$ 28,000	No.	1	\$ 28,000	1	\$ 28,000	1	\$ 28,000	1	\$ 28,000	1	\$ 28,000	Based on Brogro cost estimate (2020) \$4k/flowmeter ~DN 150, Cohuna \$10k DN 200	
3.10	Backwash flowmeter from CWS	DN 200	\$ 4,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 4,000	1	\$ 4,000	1	\$ 4,000	Based on Miranie tender (2006) and Forsyth tender (2018)	
3.11	Level control on filtered water tank		\$ 1,500	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	Based on Apollo Bay (2013)	
3.12	Level control on raw water balance tank		\$ 1,500	No.	1	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	Based on Apollo Bay (2013)	
3.13	Service Water system	New service water systems	\$ 7,000	No.	1	\$ 7,000	1	\$ 7,000	1	\$ 7,000	1	\$ 7,000	1	\$ 7,000		
3.14	Compressed air system	New compressor and pipework and controls from plant for service water.	\$ 30,000	No.	1	\$ 30,000	0.8	\$ 24,000	0.67	\$ 20,100	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	Based on Romsey and small tassie plant tenders	
4.0	Building					Subtotal	\$ 504,000	\$ 504,000	\$ 504,000	\$ 504,000	\$ 504,000	\$ 504,000	\$ 504,000			
4.1	WTP Building	ColourBond; covers all of main WTP process units, chemical storage, control room and electrics	\$ 2,000	per sq m	252	\$ 504,000	252	\$ 504,000	252	\$ 504,000	252	\$ 504,000	252	\$ 504,000	Based on Balmoral, Lancefield and Myrning tenders and small tassie plant tenders	
5.0	Electrical and Control (E&C)					Subtotal	\$ 625,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 585,000	\$ 585,000	\$ 585,000	\$ 585,000	\$ 585,000			
5.1	WTP Electrical, instrumentation and control (E&C) (15%)	Allow 15% of total cost, excluding all items for Raw Water pump station as the EIC for this is considered separately (below)	%	0.6	\$ 600,000	0.6	\$ 600,000	0.57	\$ 570,000	0.57	\$ 570,000	0.57	\$ 570,000	0.57	\$ 570,000	Around 15% of contract value based Lanacoorie, Bridgewater/Crescent Heathcote, and Tassie plants
5.2	New power supply to site	Require 25-50 kVA transformer	\$ 25,000.00	No.	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	0.6	\$ 15,000	0.6	\$ 15,000	0.6	\$ 15,000	Estimate significant uncertainty	
6.0	Chemical Systems					Subtotal	\$ 235,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000			
6.1	Coagulant	New Alum dosing system and bulk storage	\$ 40,000	No.	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 40,000	Based on Crescent Head, Casterton, and Tassie (small plants)	
6.2	Polymer	Liquid Poly in bulk storage in separate bund	\$ 30,000	No.	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	Based on Charters Towers & Balmoral (2006)	
6.3	Caustic soda		\$ 45,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Based on Tassie (small plants)	
6.4	Soda Ash	25 kg bag automated batching system. Including batching and dosing system & pumps	\$ 55,000	No.	1	\$ 55,000	1	\$ 55,000	1	\$ 55,000	1	\$ 55,000	1	\$ 55,000	Based on Crescent Head	
6.5	Chlorine gas	New D/S Gas chlorinator with 2x 72kg cylinders	\$ 95,000	No.	1	\$ 95,000	1	\$ 95,000	1	\$ 95,000	1	\$ 95,000	1	\$ 95,000	Based on Crescent Head	
6.6	PAC dosing system	Needed if taste and odour problems occur in supply	\$ 40,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -		
6.7	CIP systems for MF/UF	Includes pipework and CIP preparation tanks, controls, dosing system, bunds	\$ 15,000	No.	1	\$ 15,000	1	\$ 15,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Based on Tassie (small plants)	
6.8	Future Potassium Permanganate dosing and storage		\$ 40,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Crescent Head and small tassie plants	
6.10	Future ammonia dosing and storage		\$ 30,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -		
6.11	Future Trim gas chlorination		\$ 25,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -		
7.0	Pumps and pipework					Subtotal	\$ 147,000	\$ 147,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000			
7.1	New raw water pumps	18.5kW pumps, replace both raw water pumps with a like for like replacement, Mech pumps \$25k + \$10k E&C	\$ 35,000	No.	1	\$ 35,000	1	\$ 35,000	1	\$ 35,000	1	\$ 35,000	1	\$ 35,000	Crescent Head, small tassie plants (2014)	
7.1	Raw water balance tank pumps	7L/s Flow controlled pumps at outlet of raw water balance tank. Includes VSD control	\$ 20,000	No.	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	Based on Mole Creek (2015)	
7.2	Filtered water tank relief pumps to CWS	7L/s Outlet of filtered water tank via level control, includes VSD control	\$ 20,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000		
7.3	MF/UF balance tank pumps	7L/s Includes VSD control	\$ 22,000	No.	1	\$ 22,000	1	\$ 22,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -		
7.4	Self cleaning strainers	Duty/standby	\$ 30,000	No.	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Based on Mole Creek (2015)	
7.5	Backwash pumps from CWS	35L/s from CWS, includes VSD control	\$ 25,000	No.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	Based on Balmoral (2006)	
7.6	Washwater pumps to thickener	1 L/s	\$ 15,000	No.	1	\$ 15,000	1	\$ 15,000	1	\$ 15,000	1	\$ 15,000	1	\$ 15,000		
7.7	Supernatant return pumps (from supernatant tank)	2 L/s includes VSD control	\$ 25,000	No.	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	Based on Mole Creek (2015), Heathcote (\$32-36k), Brogro (2020)	
8.0	Other Tanks					Subtotal	\$ 776,000	\$ 776,000	\$ 768,000	\$ 768,000	\$ 768,000	\$ 768,000	\$ 768,000			
8.2	MF/UF feed pump balance tank	Between clarifier / daf and MF/UF - 10 kL, includes connecting pipework. Pumps on VSD	\$ 15,000	No.	1	\$ 15,000	1	\$ 15,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	Based on Tassie (small plants)	
8.3	CIP															

Operating Cost Estimates - Delegate WTP Options Assessment

Base Assumptions			
Electricity Price	\$ 0.23 per kWhr		From SW Rocks estimate
Annual treated water production	70.0 ML/yr		Based on treated Water demand - WTP flows in 2019, 0.5 ML/d
Max flowrate	7 L/s		7L/s for the Clarifier Filters or DAF but 7.5L/s for the Clarifier+MF/UF
Chemicals (as supplied)			
	Cost	% concentration	SG
Coagulant (ACH)	\$1.1 per kg supplied	24% w/w as Al2O3	1.34
Coagulant (Alum)	\$0.45 per kg as pure Alum		
pH adjustment (Caustic)	\$1.2 per kg pure caustic		
pH adjustment (Soda Ash)	\$0.8 per kg		
Pre Chlorine gas as 100% Cl2	\$4.5 per kg	100% w/w (as pure cl2)	
Post Chlorine gas as 100% Cl2	\$4.5 per kg	200% w/w (as pure cl2)	
Polymer - settled water	\$8.0 per kg	100% w/w (powder)	
			Updated to gas with new cost
			UP CIP every month. Based on Ramsey CIP and Upper Yarra CIP. Hypo, citric acid, SMBM, Caustic Soda
CIP for MF/UF	\$4,000 per year		
UV replacement items			
UV lamps	\$4,000 per year		2 lamps at \$1000 each, twice a year
UV Ballast	\$200 per year		\$500 * 2, replaced every 5 years
UV sleeves	\$200 per year		2 UV sleeves replaced every 5 years
UV wiper	\$200 per year		\$750 each, replaced every 5 years
UVI sensors	\$1,100 per year		2 at \$5400 each, replaced every 10 years
Membrane Replacement			
UF Membrane cost	\$2,500 per element		From TasWater plants - Laurie Curran tenders. Replace every 5 years
UF Membrane elements	20 elements		64 units at Ringarooma (20.8 L/s), \$2100 per element, 5 year life, quote from 2015
UF Membrane life	8 years		According to tenders
Annual treated water production	70	70	ML/year
Raw water for dosing	74	74	ML/yr

Operating cost estimate

	Option 1 DAF+MF/UF+UV	Option 2 Lamella Plate +MF/UF+UV	Option 3 Lamella Plate+Gravity Filters+UV	Option 4 DAF+Gravity Filters+UV	
Chemical Doses (mg/L)					basis of dose
Coagulant (Alum)	0	0	25	25	raw water
ACH	15	15	0	0	raw water
pre pH adjustment (caustic)	0	0	0	0	raw water
pre pH adjustment (soda)	0	0	0	0	raw water
Pre Chlorine gas as 100% Cl2	0	0	0	0	raw water
Post Chlorine gas as 100% Cl2	3	3	3	3	treated
Polymer - settled water	0.05	0	0.05	0	raw water
post pH adjustment (caustic soda)	17	17	23	23	treated
Polymer dose to washwater	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	raw water

Variable Costs (\$/yr)

Chemicals (\$/year)	Option 1 DAF+MF/UF+UV	Option 2 Lamella Plate +MF/UF+UV	Option 3 Lamella Plate+Gravity Filters+UV	Option 4 DAF+Gravity Filters+UV	
Coagulant (Alum)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 827	\$ 827	raw water
ACH	\$ 1,181	\$ 1,181			raw water
pre pH adjustment (caustic)					raw water
pre pH adjustment (soda)					raw water
Pre Chlorine gas as 100% Cl2					raw water
Post Chlorine gas as 100% Cl2	\$ 945	\$ 945	\$ 945	\$ 945	treated
Polymer - settled water	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ -	raw water
post pH adjustment (caustic soda)	\$ 952	\$ 952	\$ 1,288	\$ 1,288	treated
Polymer dose to washwater	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	treated
CIP for MF/UF	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000			dose for 5% of raw water
Sludge Removal	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TOTAL CHEMICALS	\$6,110	\$6,080	\$5,091	\$5,062	Each geobag suitable for 1.2 m3 of sludge \$150/bag + removal costs twice a year at \$500/removal

Energy (\$/year)	Option 1 DAF+MF/UF+UV	Option 2 Lamella Plate +MF/UF+UV	Option 3 Lamella Plate+Gravity Filters+UV	Option 4 DAF+Gravity Filters+UV	
TOTAL ENERGY	\$13,144	\$11,206	\$9,923	\$11,862	See calculations below
Total Variable Costs (\$/yr)	\$ 19,254	\$ 17,286	\$ 15,015	\$ 16,924	
Total Variable Costs (\$ / ML)	\$ 275	\$ 247	\$ 214	\$ 242	

Fixed Costs (\$/yr)

	Option 1 DAF+MF/UF+UV	Option 2 Lamella Plate +MF/UF+UV	Option 3 Lamella Plate+Gravity Filters+UV	Option 4 DAF+Gravity Filters+UV	
Operations labour	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	Assumed 3 hour/day x 5 days/week for MF/UF options, and 3.5 hours/day x 5 days/week for gravity filters at \$80/hr. Based on other plants of similar size and complexity, the operations labour and associated transport and waq testing costs is set at \$60,000/yr, based on Lockington, Pyamid Hill, Gornong and Letchville (2014) 2% of M&E CAPEX cost - linked to CAPEX calculation page
Maintenance (Labour & equipment)	\$ 35,410	\$ 35,090	\$ 31,682	\$ 32,080	
UV total	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	
UF Membrane replacement cost	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250			
CIP waste removal for MF	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000			
Total Fixed Costs (\$/yr)	\$ 109,360	\$ 109,040	\$ 107,382	\$ 107,780	Annualised cost 2 x 10kL removals by truck each year, 0.2 kl per ML, 20kL waste removal, \$500/waste removal. Tyers WTP AQM estimate

Totals

Total Operating Costs	\$ 129,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 125,000
Contingency (10%)	\$ 12,900	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,200	\$ 12,500
TOTAL OPEX (\$/year)	\$ 141,900	\$ 138,600	\$ 134,200	\$ 137,500
TOTAL OPEX (\$/year)	\$ 142,000	\$ 139,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 138,000

Electricity estimates

Type of operation	Power (kW)	Hours per day	Option 1: DAF +MF/UF+UV kWh/day	Option 2: Lamella Plate+MF/UF+UV kWh/day	Option 3: Lamella Plate +Gravity Filters+UV kWh/day	Option 4: DAF +Gravity Filters+UV kWh/day
Raw water pumps	7.5	20	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Raw Water feed pump to lamella plate or DAF	0.75	22	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5
Flash mixer	0.25	22	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Flocc mixers	0.15	24	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
DAF & sludge roller	1.6	22	35.2	0.0	0.0	35.2
Air compressors - Clarifier	2.5	8	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
Air compressors - DAF	3	15	45.0	0.0	0.0	45.0
MF/UF feed pump	3.2	22	70.4	70.4	0.0	0.0
Air Scour Blower for MF/UF	2.2	1.5	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0
Air Scour Blower for Gravity Filters	2.2	0.15	0.0	0.0	0.33	0.33
Filtered water pump	1.5	22	0.0	0.0	33.0	33.0
Backwash pump for Gravity Filters	5.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.55	0.55
UV	0.5	22	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Supernatant return pumps	1.3	22	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6
Washwater tank mixer	0.25	22	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Washwater pump to thickener	1.3	12	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
Miscellaneous (WTP)	1.5	12	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
			408.2 kWh/day	348.0 kWh/day	308.2 kWh/day	368.4 kWh/day
			816 kWh/ML treated water	696 kWh/ML treated water	616 kWh/ML treated water	737 kWh/ML treated water
			13144 \$/year	11206 \$/year	9923 \$/year	11862 \$/year

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