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Incident Number	WR 8/26/0074
Incident Title	Milky/Cloudy appearance in waterway Gardrum Road Belcoo
Investigation Date	04/08/2026 13:00:00

Investigation Details

• On Tuesday 04th August '26 at 12:45, [redacted] received a report of water pollution, Gardrum Road, Belcoo. [redacted] phoned the complainant at 13:20 and explained that [redacted] was going to investigate the incident that afternoon.
• At 13:45, [redacted] checked the waterway and there was a white discoloration in the waterway below [redacted] discharge point (see photo 1 [redacted]). [redacted] called to [redacted] and met with [redacted] was unaware there had been a potentially [redacted] earlier. [redacted] checked the [redacted] and waterway. There had been a number of heavy rain showers that morning (see attached weather warning [redacted]), suspended solids had entered the [redacted] As a result of the heavy rainfall, the retention time in the [redacted] was reduced and some of the suspended material had discharged [redacted] When [redacted] inspected the [redacted], the flow at the [redacted] was clear .
• Immediately, [redacted] the [redacted] and placed some straw bales at the [redacted] (see photo b, [redacted] to reduce the risk of any further suspended solids entering the waterway if the heavy rain showers continued.
• No samples of the waterway or substrate were collected.
• On the 06th August '26, [redacted] revisited the area. There was a flow in the waterway, and it was running clear ([redacted] there was some sediment in parts of the waterway substrate (photo a [redacted]).
• [redacted] will continue to monitor the waterway and will liaise with [redacted] to reduce the risk of this happening again after heavy rainfall.

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[redacted] met with the [redacted]. The [redacted] at the [redacted] were inspected and the discharge appeared clean. The waterway downstream was also clean. The importance of routine maintenance of the [redacted] was discussed.

Photographs for 4th & 6th August '26 saved on CM

Pollution Confirmed	Yes	**Source**	[redacted]
Pollutant Category	Suspended Solids	**Pollution Severity**	Low
PCA	8	**Fishkill Figures From**	
Fish Kill Severity			
Kill Count			

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