

**TREATMENT PLANT APPROVAL 27/2023**  
*Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019, part 4.*



**Approval**

1. The **BioCycle Maxi 5000 Concrete** (“the System”) described in the Specifications and Drawings in the attached Schedule and manufactured by **ECO - Septic Pty Ltd (Trading as Econocyle)** (ABN 80 086 310 474) (“the manufacturer”) has been assessed in accordance with the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code (QPW Code).
2. Approval is granted for the system as an **advanced secondary** quality wastewater treatment system, subject to compliance by the manufacturer with the requirements of the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019, part 4* and the conditions of approval detailed below.
3. This approval, the conditions of approval and the Schedule comprise the entire Chief Executive Approval document.
4. Any modification by the manufacturer to the design, drawings or specifications scheduled to this approval must be approved by the Chief Executive.

**Conditions of approval**

5. The manufacture, installation, operation, service, and maintenance of the systems must be in conformity with the conditions of this Treatment Plant Approval.
6. The system when tested by a certification accreditation body in accordance with AS1546.3:2017 was found to comply with the **advanced secondary 28 EP/4200L** level criteria and must continue to meet the following requirements:

**Table 2.1 (Abrev) AS1546.3:2017 Advanced secondary effluent compliance criteria for an STS**

Parameter	Advanced secondary effluent	
	90% of Samples	Maximum
BOD <sup>5</sup>	≤ 10 mg/L	20 mg/L
TSS	≤ 10 mg/L	20 mg/L
<i>E. coli</i> <sup>*</sup>	≤ 10 cfu/100 mL	30 cfu/100 mL
FAC <sup>p</sup>	Minimum 0.5 mg/L <sup>†</sup>	N/A
Turbidity <sup>§</sup>	N/A	10 NTU

\* Where disinfection is required

p Where chlorine disinfection is required

† Minimum level, not 90% of samples

§ Where UV light is used for disinfection



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7. Each system must be serviced in accordance with the accreditation certificate issued by Global Certification (certificate number 574) on 09 June 2023, and details supplied in the owner's operation and maintenance manual.
8. Each system must be supplied with —
  - a. a copy of this Treatment Plant Approval document.
  - b. details of the system.
  - c. instructions for authorised persons for its installation.
  - d. a copy of the owner's manual to be given to the owner at the time of installation.
  - e. detailed instructions for authorised service personal for its operation and maintenance.
9. At each anniversary of the Treatment Plant Approval date, the supplier must submit to the Chief Executive a list of all systems installed in Queensland during the previous 12 months. Where the Chief Executive is notified of any system failures the Chief Executive may randomly select several installed systems for audit. The Chief Executive will notify the supplier's nominated NATA accredited laboratory which systems are to be audited for BOD<sup>5</sup> and TSS. The sampling and testing of the selected systems, if required, is to be done at the supplier's expense. The following results must be reported to the Chief Executive;
  - a. Address of premises.
  - b. Date inspected and sampled.
  - c. Sample identification number.
  - d. BOD<sup>5</sup> for influent and effluent.
  - e. TSS for influent and effluent.
10. The Chief Executive may, by written notice, cancel this approval if the manufacturer/supplier fails —
  - a. to comply with one or more of the conditions of approval, or
  - b. within 30 days, to remedy a breach, for which a written notice been given by the Chief Executive.
11. This approval may only be assigned with the prior written consent of the Chief Executive.
12. This approval expires on 14 December 2028 unless cancelled earlier in accordance with paragraph 10 above.

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Date approved: 14 December 2023





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**SCHEDULE**

**BioCycle Maxi 5000 Concrete**

- Attachment 1 – BioCycle Maxi 5000 Concrete - CAB Certificate 574
- Attachment 2 – BioCycle - AWTS Owners Manual
- Attachment 3 – BioCycle Maxi 5000 Concrete – Schematic diagrams

**Treatment Plant Approval**

Approved by: *Lindsay Walker*  
Delegated Authority

Department of Energy & Public Works



**PRODUCT CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**



**Global Certification Pty Ltd**

**Number 574**

Product Performance Testing

**AS 1546.3:2017**

**Advanced Secondary 5000 Litre/day or 33.3EP Level  
without Nutrient Reduction**

Issued to

**ECO – Septic Pty Ltd T/as Econocycle**

65 – 67 Warradale Road, Warragamba, NSW 2752

**Certification Date: - 4/7/2020    Expiry Date: - 3/7/2025**

**Product Certified:**

Model	Disinfection	Average Results over the Test Period	Servicing Frequency	Discharge	Manufactured and assembled
EcoSeptic Maxi 5000	Yes	TSS 6.7mg/l BOD <sub>5</sub> <2mg/l Turbidity 10.3NTU FAC 2.3 mg/l E coli <1CFU/100ml	3 Monthly Service sedimentation pump out 4.8 years or as required	Pumped via disinfection/pump chamber with chlorine dispenser	Manufactured and Assembled: 65 Warradale Road, Warragamba NSW 2752
BioCycle Maxi 5000	Yes	TSS 6.7mg/l BOD <sub>5</sub> <2mg/l Turbidity 10.3NTU FAC 2.3 mg/l E coli <1CFU/100ml	3 Monthly Service sedimentation pump out 4.8 years or as required	Pumped via disinfection/pump chamber with chlorine dispenser	Manufactured and Assembled: 65 Warradale Road, Warragamba NSW 2752

The system took 2 weeks to meet the advanced secondary standard.

**NACE CODES: 3700**

*This Certificate of Conformance to the Product Certificate Scheme remains the property of Global Certification Pty. Ltd. and is granted subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract Application, in respect of the Product certified on this page and the attached schedule to the Certification of Conformance, bearing the same number as this certificate.*

  
Dave Steer – Product Certification Manager

**Date of Issue: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Signed for and on behalf of Global Certification Pty Ltd



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**LEADERS IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT**  
**Maxi 4200-5000**  
**OWNERS MANUAL**



**Your genuine bioCycle journey starts here**

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## OWNERS MANUAL & DETAILS

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- Name .....
- Address .....
- Model .....
- Installation Date .....

Congratulations for purchasing the bioCycle system, which is the genuine product and we believe is the best available. The local environment will also show its appreciation.

Your bioCycle Wastewater Treatment System is designed to treat domestic wastewater to a very high standard. All that is needed are some commonsense household approaches. It is not only hygienically safe but also ideal to discharge above ground with no offensive odours.

It saves water usage (and water rates) by recycling through an automatic irrigation system, water that would under normal circumstance go to waste, adds value to your property and promotes garden growth. The system does all this quietly and is fully automatic. The bioCycle system is a biological filtration treatment system and does not rely on strainer type filters to process household water.

## IRRIGATION REQUIREMENTS

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Irrigation requirements differ from council to council so please ensure that you refer to your site assessment report and/or council approval.

If your requirements are greater than the standard irrigation package supplied by us (ie. 50m ply pipe laid above ground and 4 sprinklers), please contact your bioCycle representative or local irrigation specialist. This may avoid potential hold ups of your final council inspection.

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (Plumbing)**

The following instructions are to enable the proper installation of the bioCycle unit. It is necessary the follow these instructions, so you don't void any warranties. Please ensure you have council permits/ approvals before installation of tank.

Please give minimum of one weeks' notice for your bioCycle unit, more notice is appreciated to ensure truck availability.

Risers, if required, should be ordered with bioCycle before delivery of the unit. If ordered separately, delays and additional delivery charges will be incurred. (Risers raise top of tank if there are drainage issues).

All deliveries are C.O.D payments and are to be given to the driver before unloading, unless other arrangements have been made.

When excavating the hole for the tank/s please ensure the excavation size is correct (if you have any doubt please contact your bioCycle representative). Absolutely free access to the excavation and the area for the truck is critical. The truck must be able to get within 1 metre of the tank excavation and the area for the truck to unload must be firm ground and less than 5% grade. The driver's judgement of the safe unloading and accessibility is final. Failure to comply will incur additional installation costs at your expense.

Ensure that the excavation has a level base. The base of the hole is determined by the height of the inlet pipe (this will also determine the overall height of the tanks/s). The base must be firm and be on a 50mm bed of sand or similar material. Failure to do so will void any tank warranty.

Backfill the tank/s with clean backfill free of large rocks, sharp objects and rubbish, then fill tank/s with clean water immediately. This is best done with a hose. For plastic tanks fill pump out chamber first.

All plumbing and electrical connections must be carried out by licensed contractors in accordance with any government guidelines or council requirements.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (CONT)

### CANCELLATION

If you wish to cancel a delivery, you must do so by 1:00pm the day preceding the delivery.

### CANCELLATION DUE TO OVERNIGHT RAIN

If a site contact person and phone number has been provided by you we will try to contact that person/s between 5:30 – 8:00 am to ensure the delivery is still required. BioCycle cannot accept any responsibility for failure to contact your site person/s nominated.

Late notice of cancellation will incur an UNLOADING FEE or return to site cost or crane costs to your account.

### WHEN YOU ARE READY TO USE YOUR BIOCYCLE

When the bioCycle is ready to be used, contact your representative and notify them that you are ready for the unit to be commissioned. Please give at least one weeks' notice. Please ensure that the plumbing and electrical have been connected and are operational. This commissioning involves the fitting of the irrigation and aeration pumps and the laying out of the irrigation line. It is advisable that the owner / occupier is onsite at this stage to ask any questions you may have on operations of the EcoSeptic unit.

It is now your quarterly service will begin. These services will occur automatically from this date. If prior arrangements must be made to gain access, please notify BioCycle of all your details including work numbers.

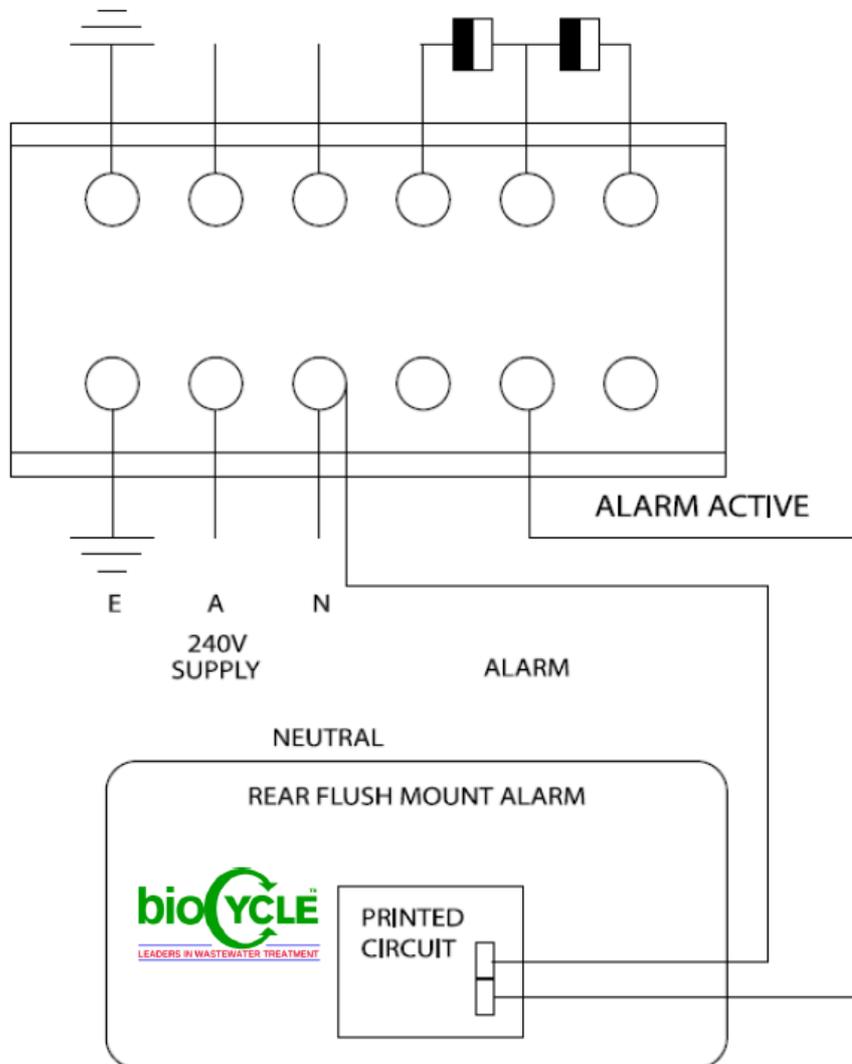
PLEASE NOTE – Follow instructions carefully so you do not void your warranty.





## ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT DETAILS

All electrical work must be performed by a licensed electrical contractor in accordance with the S.A.A. wiring rules, (A.S 3000) and the relevant local supply authority's rules.



## TROUBLE SHOOTING

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The BIOCYCLE AWTS is supplied with a warning panel that alerts of malfunctions in its operations. The alarm panel must be left in the NORMAL position. Should the alarm be activated, switching to MUTE can turn off the buzzer. The alarm indicates high water level or loss of air. Each has a separate light, which will remain on until the fault has been rectified. It is most likely that the system will operate quite satisfactorily for several days even if a problem arises. However, if the warning is activated and none of the following solves the problem, please contact BioCycle as soon as possible.

### PROBLEM

### WHAT TO DO

Water Lights

Check the irrigations line and outlets are clear and not kinked or restricted.

Clear filter (if fitted)

Check power supply.

Allow 30 Minutes for system to catch up after power interruption

Air Light On

Check power supply.

Check that system is still making humming sound / blower working.

Offensive Smell

Check that smell is not coming from another source e.g., dry waste traps, damaged or low vents.

Irrigation not working

Check aeration pump operation

Clear outlets & or filters (if fitter)

Check irrigation Pipework for damage.

### ALARM (Strobe on Tank)

### ALARM (Optional panel in house)



Both alarms have 24-hour push button Mute facility

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## EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION

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The air blower is located under the cover on top of the tank. It provides fresh air to help the purifying microorganisms to carry out their job. The blower runs all the time. Although it is very quiet, a light humming noise can still be heard next to the blower.

Under the cover are the power sockets for the air blower and the submersible pump, as well as a two-pin socket for the high-level float switch.

An automatic submersible pump delivers the treated water to the irrigation system. It is located within the pump-out zone of the tank.

## POWER

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The power should be always left on. Even if you are going on holidays or vacating the premises. If you encounter a blackout or have to switch the power off for a short period of time, always check the blower is running again when the power is restored.

If the blower does not re-start, switch the power off again for 10 minutes before turning on again.

If the power is off for an extended period, say 8 hours, you should keep water usage to a minimum. You can still flush toilets and wash dishes but keep the shower short.

An alarm condition may occur after an extended blackout as the system may fill to high levels.

It should return to normal sometime after power is restored.

If the power is off for too long, the biological activity will die off and the system will need pump out.



## DO'S AND DON'T'S

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- Do** advise us if the system won't be used for more than a month and always leave a contact name.
- Do** use low / no-phosphorus or biodegradable products in their recommended quantities. Overuse is expensive and unnecessary.
- Do** endeavour to spread the washing loads over the week to obtain maximum efficiency.
- Do** contact your accredited service agent or BioCycle head office if your warning device is activated after referring to trouble shooting manual.
- Do** plant suitable flowers and shrubs in the irrigation / disposal area. (see page 13)
- Don't** turn power supply off. If a power failure occurs, limit your water usage until power returns.
- Don't** use or dispose of strong anti-bacterial products, insecticides, herbicides, pesticides or unused medicines into the system. These could damage the system or kill the bacteria that are required to purify the water and bad odours.
- Don't** dispose of disposable nappies, condoms, tampons, sanitary napkins, cotton buds, any plastics, papers, cooking oils or fatty wastes into your system.
- Don't** use any sanitizing agents other than those recommended by the manufacturer. Dangerous chemical reactions can occur.
- Don't** allow unauthorized persons to tamper with your system.

## TECHNIAL PROCESS DESCRIPTION

The BioCycle Wastewater Unit works on the combined principles of primary settling plus aerobic and secondary treatment. The treatment process is followed by nutrient removal through the irrigation system.

All the wastewater flows first into the septic zone where solids are settled out and the anaerobic microorganisms carry out the initial part of the purification process.

Once organic impurities have been absorbed within the aerobic culture of the microorganisms, the water passes to the secondary sedimentation zones.

Clear water flows over into the clarification zone and the occasional film of microorganisms are automatically transferred back to the primary zone to improve its performance. In the disinfection zone, mild controlled chlorinating is applied to complete the treatment process. The treated water is automatically pumped onto areas of your lawn or garden.

Econocycle uses a special grade of chlorine-based compounds so that when pumped onto the garden, any residual chlorine breaks down rapidly and allows for excellent plant growth.

Treated water quality is better than standards set by relevant health authorities on wastewater re-use for irrigation purposes.

### PRIMARY CHAMBER

Influent enters the chamber via the source whereby scum and solids capable of settling are separated from the raw influent. Primary treated effluent flows through a transfer port to the aeration tank. This tank will also act as a Storage Chamber for sludge returned via the Clarification Chamber.

### AERATION CHAMBER

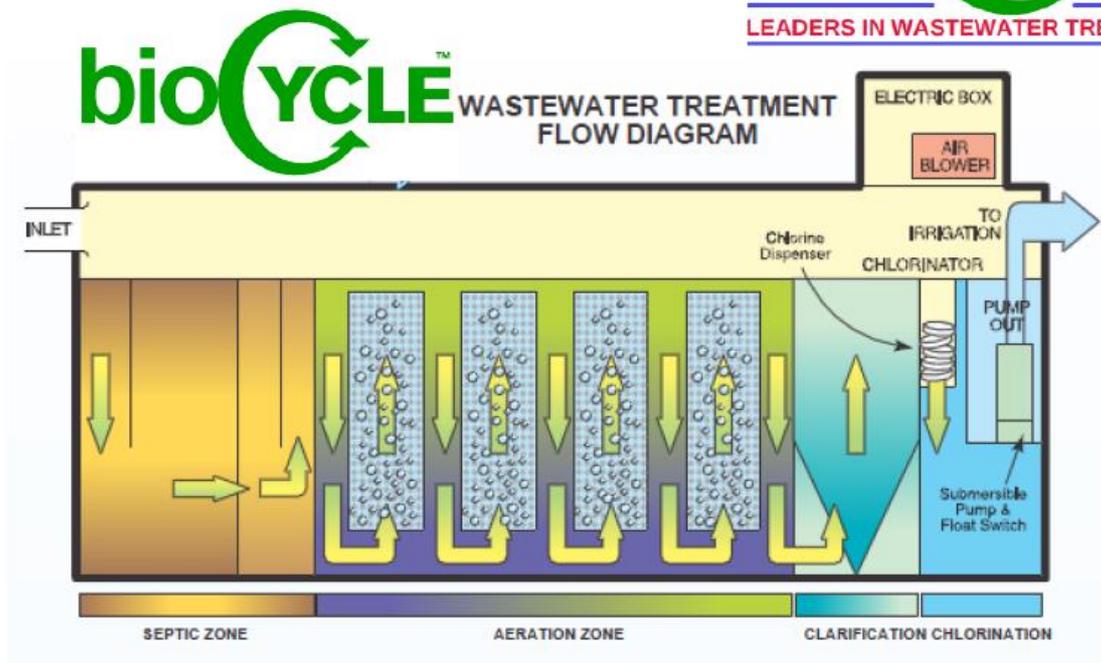
Water enters via the Primary Chamber. Air is introduced into this chamber via an air blower to create an environment for aerobic bacteria and other helpful organisms to consume the organic matter present. The aeration tank is designed in a manner to help prevent short circuiting of the wastewater to ensure extended aeration. Media is also present in the tank to support the growth of bacteria.

### CLARIFICATION CHAMBER

The Clarification Chamber is essentially a quiescent zone where suspended particles/solids are settled out of the water. These particles are returned to either the septic or aeration chambers via a sludge return which aids in further biological reduction, de-nitrification and providing a constant food supply rich in microbes supporting the system through periods of limited flows.

### DISINFECTION

Disinfection is achieved via low doses of Chlorine to kill off any remaining harmful organisms. This process is achieved through an automatic chlorinator with sufficient doses to last between maintenance visits.



## PUMP OUT (Septic Tank)

Depending on the individual usage of your septic system, a slow but gradual accumulation of non-biodegradable matter may lead to the need for pump-out.

This applies to any septic tank and our service technician will advise you if a pump out will be required.

BioCycle will be happy to advise and assist in this matter. Pump-out of the system is not a standard service procedure and incurs an additional cost.

### PLEASE NOTE

NEVER ALLOW PUMP OUT IN WET WEATHER OR SOON AFTER DUE TO THE RISK OF TANK FLOATATION.

## IRRIGATION AREA

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Your irrigation / disposal area will operate more efficiently and have less wet areas if covered with vegetation. The following is a list of some of the plants and shrubs that are suitable for planting in wet conditions. Consults your local nursery for the particular species that will suit your area and soil conditions.

### PERENNIALS

Agapanthas  
Canna  
Gazania  
Umbrella Grass  
Helleborus (Christmas rose)  
Hosta (Plantain Lilly)  
Shasta Daisy  
Marguerite Daisy  
Mazus

### SHRUBS

Aucuba  
Bauera  
Callistemon  
Bottlebrush  
Coprosma  
Cordyline  
Flax  
Strelitzia  
Photinia  
Viburnum

### GROUND COVERS

Grevillea  
Bougainvillea

### GRASSES & CLIMBERS

Kikuyu  
Buffalo  
Kennedy  
Hardenbergia

The treated effluent from domestic wastewater treatment systems should not be used for human consumption or to irrigate vegetables or fruit. The irrigation area should not be used for recreational purposes.

## WHICH CLEANING PRODUCTS

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### WASH POWDERS, LIQUIDS & SOFTENERS

Add Soft	Blue	Blue Gum	Snow Care	Castle
Cuddly	Dynamo Embassy	Fab	Fluffy	Omo
Gows	Launda	Love & Care Lux	More	Surf
Pree	Purelitle	Rinso	Softly	Ease Hurricane
Woolmix	Topwash	Cold Power	Parrys	Sunlight

### DISHWASHING

Bushland	Finish	Greenapple	Kit Palmolive	Sunlight	Trix
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### SURFACE CLEANING

Jif or similar cream cleansers / Spray & Wipe

### TOILET CLEANING

Hot water is an effective disinfectant and can be used with a little cream cleanser like JIF.

Bleaches and antibacterial products are a NO NO!

Avoid all products with bleach or ammonia.

NOTE: these are our recommendations, and they are based on product knowledge at the time of writing. We do not intend to discredit any product or favour others, we are concerned primarily with the function of your unit.

If you accidentally put the wrong products in your system, don't hesitate to call us. We will advise on ways you can remedy the situation or suggest ways to recommence the bacterial activity.

## **SERVICE & MAINTENANCE**

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It is a requirement of State and Local Government Authorities that the bioCycle domestic wastewater treatment system receive quarterly maintenance, by an authorised service contractor.

The owner or tenant of the property will be obliged to enter a service contract with bioCycle, your agent or another authorised service company.

During the initial service period and subsequent service contract, our service technician will perform the following and the company will forward a written service report to the household and the local council authority.

- Sample water through the system for quality testing
- Measure residual chlorine & replenish chlorine supply.
- Record water usage
- Inspect the septic tank.
- Inspect the pump & blower operations.
- Make any necessary adjustment, inspect the treatment tank including scum & sludge return, water & airflow.
- Inspect operations and conditions if irrigation system.
- Replenish the supply of disinfectant.

# WARRANTY

BioCycle products are manufactured under licence to (ECOSEPTIC PTY LTD). BioCycle warrants bioCycle tanks for a period of 15 years products and (*Pump, Electrics, Internals, Pipework and fittings*) against imperfections in materials and workmanship for a time of 2 years from the date of the first retail purchase (warranty period).

Warranty work will be done as per the accompanying terms and conditions. This warranty benefits the original purchaser of the products.

Any replacement or repaired parts or system replacements shall be covered under the original warranty. An extension of the warranty period by full days or weeks shall be granted for said days or weeks in the event of delays due to company (EcoSeptic Pty Ptd).

BioCycle Products covered by our Warranty.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office on [1800 808 135](tel:1800808135) or drop us a line to our [Service Department](#)

THIS WARRANTY COVERS ONLY DEFECTS IN MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Normal wear and tear to perishable parts inclusive but not limited to filters and seals.
2. Failure of or damage to the system due to actions or activities undertaken to operate the system in accordance to the instructions originally supplied at the installation of the system.
3. Failure of or damage to the system due to actions or activities because of mishap, misuse, abuse, or use for other than designed purposes, Act of God.
4. Failure of or damage parts or to the system due to actions or activities which results in incomplete or incorrect installation or modification to any part of the system or the system as a whole.
5. If the system or any parts are purchased from an unauthorised reseller or supplier.
6. Damage caused by power surges, floods, electrical storms, incorrect power supply, bug or vermin invasion or damage caused by domestic animals or wildlife.
7. Damage or failure of any system or its parts if required or serviced by an unauthorised Bicycle repairs provider.
8. The warranty is offered to the original purchaser of the system and its parts.

Signed by

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Date of Purchase

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Delegated Authority  
Department of Energy & Public Works



## CONTACT DETAILS

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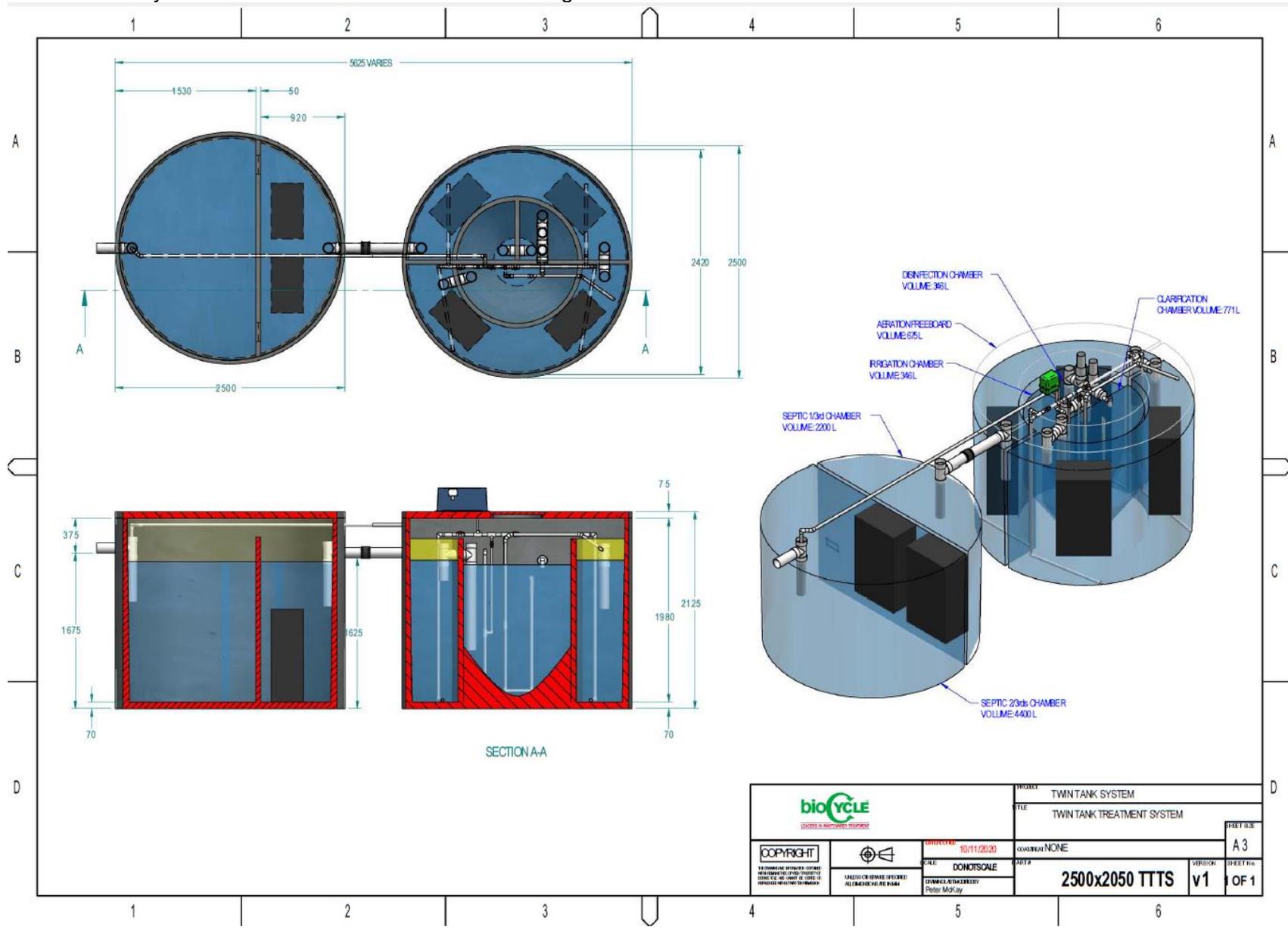
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**If you didn't buy a bioCycle  
You didn't buy a genuine bioCycle**

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Attachment 3 – BioCycle Maxi 5000 Concrete – Schematic diagrams



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		TITLE: TWIN TANK TREATMENT SYSTEM	
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