

DIGESTER HEAT EXCHANGE UPGRADE FOR MAROOCHYDORE STP

CASE STUDY



THE CLIENT

The Maroochydore STP operated by Unitywater includes a mesophilic anaerobic digester.

OVERVIEW

In order to maintain the correct temperatures within the digester, between 35—38°C, a heat exchanger is used on a portion of the sludge stream.

The heat system was upgraded by Hydroflux Epco to include the design, supply, installation and commissioning a new heat exchange system.

The heat exchanger is provided with necessary temperature sensors & control valves that control the heat transfers between the hot & cold media.

The temperature sensors are located upstream & downstream of the sludge heat exchanger in the sludge re-circulation line to continuously monitor the inlet and outlet temperature of the sludge heat exchanger.

Item	Value
Recirculation Pumps	33 L/s
Heat Exchanger	Tube in Tube type
Sludge Muncher	Inline

The hot water to be used for heating the sludge is supplied at 85 to 90°C from the existing boiler. The hot water from the boiler shall be mixed with the cooler return water from the sludge heat exchanger by an actuated 3-way temperature control valve.

Key Benefits:

- Extensive expertise in sludge digestion equipment with over 80 references.
- Self contained unit.
- Maintaining optimum digester temperatures
- Full design and install turnkey package



