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Salt sales from Lake Suzi were minimal, and only to one purchaser being the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and the Environment which purchased just 46 tonnes of sodium chloride for another road test strip near Tilmouth Well on the Tanami Road. The latest test involved four by one kilometre sections of different road building materials. The salt section appears to be the only one that has not broken up. Peter Lockett, the Southern Area Manager for road reconstruction, has reported that no more funds are available this financial year.

No harvesting has been undertaken this year because of no prospect of sales and if the salt is stockpiled for several months it cakes and makes handling very difficult. The contractors prefer free flowing salt as it is easier to handle.

Several site inspections were carried out during the year. The salt lake was in very good condition and it was disappointing that no harvesting was planned. Disappointingly, for the first time since operating at the lake our property was interfered with, resulting in a break and entry and some items being stolen. We suspect a previous worker, but have no proof Eridunda Station was concerned that people were wandering about a remote part of the station.