

Figure 1. Cross-sectional view of three layered TFC membrane



Figure 2. Schematic Diagram of the Bench-scale Experimental Setup



Figure 3. Flow chart for investigation of resistances due to various fouling mechanisms



Figure 4. Flux Decline Curve for different hours of precompaction in NF90 membrane



Figure 5. Change in membrane resistance due to precompaction



Figure 6. Flux Decline Curve for synthetic waters with different Calcium concentrations



Figure 7. Resistances due to various fouling mechanisms in NF90 membranes



Figure 8. Behavior of gel layer formation with increasing Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration



Figure 9. AFM Measured Mean Plane Surface Roughness of NF-90 membrane





**(b)** 





(c)



(**d**)



**(e)** 

Figure 10. AFM Images of NF-90 membrane surface (a) Non-precompacted (b) Precompacted (c) 50 mg/L Ca as CaCO<sub>3</sub> (d) 200 mg/L Ca as CaCO<sub>3</sub> (e) 350 mg/L Ca as CaCO<sub>3</sub>



Figure 11. Retention on NF90 membranes (a) DOC (b) Hardness



**Treated Water** 

Figure 12. NF stages (Stage 1: NF270 and Stage 2 & 3: NF90) in pilot-scale filtration setup in Stephenfield

**Regional WTP** 



Figure 13. Flux Decline Curve for natural water (Boyne river Stage 1 effluent - Stephenfield Pilot Plant)