



LIQUID TRADE WASTE REGULATION

Summary:

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction to ensure the proper management of liquid trade waste discharges to Council's sewerage system.

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Delegations of Authority	Chief Executive, Directors, Managers

1. Overview

Sewerage systems are generally designed to cater for waste from domestic sources that are essentially of predictable strength and quality.

This Policy serves to ensure the integrity of Councils sewage reticulation and treatment systems by ensuring businesses and industry comply with discharge conditions.

2. Policy Principles

The principle of this policy is to ensure Council may accept trade waste into its sewerage system as a service to businesses and industry.

3. Policy Objectives

The objective of this Policy is to ensure the proper management liquid trade waste discharges to Council's sewerage system under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

4. Policy Statement

A person wanting to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system must, under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993, obtain the prior approval from Council.

Failure to obtain Council's approval to discharge liquid trade waste or comply with the conditions of approval is an offence under Section 626 and 627 of the Act for which penalties apply.

Council has developed a comprehensive Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Procedure to support this Policy. The Procedure is concerned with the approval, monitoring, and enforcement process for liquid trade waste discharged to Council's sewerage system and the levying of commercial sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

5. Scope

This Policy has therefore been developed to ensure the proper management liquid trade waste discharges to Council's sewerage system to:-

- protect public health;
- protect the health and safety of Council employees;
- protect the environment from the discharge of waste that may have a detrimental effect;
- protect Council assets from damage;
- assist Council to meet its statutory obligations;
- provide an environmentally responsible liquid trade waste service to the non-residential sector;
- encourage waste minimisation and cleaner production in the commercial and industrial sectors;
- promote water conservation, water recycling and bio-solids reuse;
- ensure compliance of liquid trade waste dischargers with Council's approved conditions;
- provide operational data on the volume and composition of industrial and commercial effluent to assist in the operation of the sewerage system and the design of augmentations or new sewerage systems; and
- ensure commercial provision of services and full cost recovery through appropriate sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

6. Accountability, Roles & Responsibility

Elected Council

Adopt and support the Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

General Manager, Executive and Management Teams

Continue to support the Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

Management Oversight Group

Continue to support the Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

Individual Managers

Responsible for ensuring compliance with Policy, Regulation and guidelines.

7. Definitions

Liquid Trade Waste means all liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature.

8. Related Documents, Standards & Guidelines

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Procedure – May 2016

9. Version Control & Change History

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