



## SEWERAGE – SEPTIC TANK CONNECTIONS

### Summary:

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction to ensure the proper connection and management of septic tank sewer discharges to Council's sewerage system

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<b>Related Legislation</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i> <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i> <i>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979</i> <i>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Regulation 2000</i> <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> AS3500 National Plumbing and Drainage Code
<b>Delegations of Authority</b>	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 Septic tank effluent connections to urban sewerage systems for none rateable land.

## **2. Policy Principles**

The principle of this policy is to ensure Council may accept Septic tank effluent connections to urban sewerage systems for none rateable land under *Local Government Act 1993*.

## **3. Policy Objectives**

The objective of this Policy is to ensure the proper management of Septic Tank Connections under AS3500 National Plumbing and Drainage Code.

## **4. Policy Statement**

Septic tank effluent connections to urban sewerage systems where the subject land is not rateable will be permitted on the following basis:

- a) that a capital contribution equal to the minimum sewerage rate for the time being be paid as a contribution towards the capital cost of the sewerage treatment plant and reticulation system generally;
- b) that the owner be required to meet all costs attributable to such connection including the maintenance of any pipeline from Council's main to the property, and
- c) that such premises be subject to an annual charge equal to the minimum rate.

## **5. Scope**

The Policy has therefore been developed to ensure the proper management and connections of private domestic 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 service to the residential sector;
- ensure compliance of connections with Council's approved conditions;
- ensure provision of services and full cost recovery through appropriate sewerage fees and charges.

## **6. Accountability, Roles & Responsibility**

### **Elected Council**

Adopt and support the Septic Tank Connections Policy.

### **General Manager, Executive and Management Teams**

Continue to support the Septic Tank Connections Policy.

### **Management Oversight Group**

Continue to support the Septic Tank Connections Policy.

### **Individual Managers**

Responsible for ensuring compliance with Policy, Regulation and guidelines.

## 7. Definitions

Septic Tank Connections to sewerage reticulation means the discharge of domestic sewerage from an existing privately owned septic tank system to Councils reticulated sewerage system.

## 8. Related Documents, Standards & Guidelines

*Local Government Act 1993*

*Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*

*Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*

*Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000*

*Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*

AS3500 National Plumbing and Drainage Code

## 9. Version Control & Change History

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