

Policy Details

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1. Policy Purpose

The objectives of this policy are:

- (a) to define the requirements and standards for all trade waste connections to the wastewater system;
- (b) to provide a framework for Council officers, property owners, trade waste generators and associated trades (e.g. plumbers) to understand the technical and regulatory requirements for trade waste connections;
- (c) to outline the approval conditions granted to property owners to enable the discharge of trade waste into the wastewater system; and
- (d) to outline the charging framework and rates for all trade waste connections.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Councillors, employees and contractors working for Council regardless of whether they are permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual. For the purposes of this policy, the term contractor includes on-hired temporary labour services (agency staff) and sub-contractors.

This policy applies to all trade waste connections to the wastewater system.

3. Policy Statement

Council provides a wastewater system primarily for the transport and treatment of domestic sewage. However, Council may also accept trade waste where it is satisfied that compliance with all legislative requirements and wastewater treatment plant licence conditions will be maintained.

Trade waste may contain significantly increased organic strength compared to that of domestic sewage and may also contain other substances such as high levels of fats and grease, heavy metals, organic solvents and chlorinated organic substances which can impact the wastewater system.

Council's objectives in managing the discharge of trade waste to the wastewater system are to:

- protect and preserve the health and safety of personnel and the public;
- protect wastewater infrastructure;
- protect wastewater treatment processes;
- protect the environment; and
- facilitate the recycling and reuse of treated effluent and biosolids.

All trade waste connections are required to comply with this Policy. The detailed requirements and standards of Council are contained in the following documents which may be updated from time to time to reflect industry best practices, annual fees and charges adopted by Council, and legislative requirements:

- Sewer Admission Standards;
- Pre-Treatment Requirements;
- Trade Waste Approval Conditions; and
- Charging Framework & Rates.

This policy provides the means for Council to apply its requirements and standards.

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy.

TERM	DEFINITION
Trade Waste	The <i>Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i> defines trade waste as water borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • waste that is a prohibited substance; or • human waste (i.e. domestic sewage); or • stormwater.
Trade Waste Connection	Plumbing connection located on a property which generates, or has the potential to generate, trade waste which is discharged to the wastewater system. This includes individual premises, as well as outdoor facilities such as wash bays and cooling towers.
Trade Waste Generator	Occupant of a premises which generates trade waste.

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