

POLICY REGISTER

DISCHARGE OF LIQUID TRADE WASTE INTO COUNCIL'S SEWER POLICY

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OBJECTIVE

Sewerage systems are generally designed to cater for waste from domestic sources that are essentially of predictable strength and quality. Council may accept trade waste into its sewerage system as a service to businesses and industry.

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.

POLICY

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 Code of Practice (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.

APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to any person and/ or business wanting to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system.

DEFINITION

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

RELATED POLICIES/ DOCUMENTS

Liquid Trade Waste Code of Practice

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

POLICY REVIEW

This Policy should be reviewed every 4 years or within 12 months of a Council election. The Policy may be reviewed at any time at Council's discretion (or if legislative changes occur).