

Title: LIQUID TRADE WASTES

WWS-POL-4

Service: WASTE WATER SERVICES

Responsible Officer: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Objective

1. To protect public health.
2. To protect infrastructure and the environment from damage.
3. To promote water conservation and waste minimisation.
4. To ensure that liquid trade wastes discharge under approved conditions.
5. To provide a commercial basis for liquid trade waste discharges.
6. To ensure there is cost recovery through appropriate sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

Policy

1. Definitions

1.1. Liquid Trade Waste

Liquid trade or factory wastes of chemical impurities from any business, trade or manufacturing premises other than domestic sewage from a hand wash basin, shower, bath and toilet. It also excludes stormwater and unpolluted water.

1.2. Procedure for Management of Liquid Trade Wastes

The procedure accompanying this policy that provides the mechanisms for administration and management of the approvals process for the discharge of liquid trade wastes into Council's Sewerage System.

2. Scope of Policy

2.1. Provide for Exemptions

Exemptions will be allowed as identified by the Director-General of DEUS e.g. dental surgery, community hall, florist, etc. (refer Procedure – "Part 1").

2.2. Identify Criteria for Liquid Trade Waste

Liquid trade wastes applications will be considered for approval or rejection based on the nature of the waste - including consideration of volumes, prohibited substances and acceptable concentrations of substances (refer Procedure – “Part 2”).

2.3. Approval Process for Liquid Trade Waste

2.3.1. Approvals shall be determined in accordance with the Procedure (refer Part 3).

2.3.2. Concurrence of the Director-General, DEUS may be “assumed” where applications are identified as “Low Risk” or “Medium Risk” by meeting the guidelines identified in the Procedure.

2.3.3. Where an application is High Risk, Council will seek the concurrence of the DEUS in accordance with Section 90(1) of the Local Government Act.

2.4. Fees and Charges

2.4.1. Trade waste charges shall be determined in accordance with “Guidelines for Best Practice Management Water and Sewerage, May 2004”.

2.4.2. Annual Trade Waste Fees shall be identified in Council’s “Fees and Charges”.

2.4.3. Trade waste fees shall be based on water consumption as per “Best Practice” and calculated on a three (3) year rolling average basis.

3. Liquid Trade Waste Agreements

3.1. All discharges of liquid trade waste will be required to execute a liquid trade waste agreement. The agreement will set out the conditions under which discharge is permitted to Council’s sewer.

3.2. Agreements shall be current for five (5) years.

4. Effluent Improvement Plans

Where an existing trade waste discharge does not meet Council’s requirements, the applicant will be required to submit an ‘improvement plan’ identifying how Council’s requirements will be met and the proposed timetable for achievement.

5. Enforcement

- 5.1. Any person who fails to comply with the conditions of approval may be liable to a penalty under the Local Government Act (Sections 626, 628, 634 to 639).
- 5.2. Council may issue SEINS penalty notices under Section 222 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act to any discharger of liquid waste that fails to comply with the agreement or who does not hold a Council approval for discharge.
- 5.3. Where there is a breach of an agreement, Council will be required to be indemnified by the offender against any losses or claims resulting from the breach.
- 5.4. In the case of a breach, the ability to discharge to Council sewer may be suspended and may include a notice to cease discharge.

Other Relevant Policies/Procedures

Previously know as Policy T.2.

- Procedure – Management of Liquid Trade Wastes.
- Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage & Trade Waste Pricing (*Department of Land and Water Conservation, December, 2002*).
- Guidelines for Best Practice Management Water and Sewerage (*Department of Energy Utilities and Sustainability, May, 2004*).

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· Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines (*Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, 2005*).

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