

Purpose

This policy sets out how Council will regulate sewerage and trade waste discharges to its sewerage system in accordance with the NSW Framework for Regulation of Sewerage and Trade Waste. The policy is concerned with the approval, monitoring and enforcement process for liquid trade wastes discharged to Council's sewerage system and the levying of commercial sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges. It has been developed to ensure the proper control of liquid trade waste and hence protection of public health, worker safety, the environment, and Council's sewerage system. The policy also promotes waste minimisation, water conservation, water recycling and bio-solids reuse.

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.

Liquid trade wastes may exert much greater demands on sewerage systems than domestic sewage and, if uncontrolled, can pose serious problems to public health, worker safety, Council's sewerage system and the environment.

Impacts of poor liquid trade waste regulation include:

Grease, oil, solid material, if not removed on-site, can cause sewer chokes and blockages and the discharge of untreated sewage to the environment.

Strong waste may cause sewage odour problems and corrosion of sewer mains, pumping stations and sewage treatment works.

A person wishing to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system must, under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993, obtain prior approval from Council. Discharging liquid trade waste without an approval is an offence under section 626 of the Act.

The procedure for approval is governed by Chapter 7 of the Local Government Act and is subject to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Under clause 28 of the Local Government (General) Regulation, a Council must not grant an approval under section 68 of the Act to discharge trade waste (whether treated or not) into a sewer of the Council unless the Director General of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has concurred with the approval.

Under section 90 (2) of the Local Government Act, the Director General, DPI, may give the Council notice that the concurrence may be assumed (with such qualifications or conditions as are specified in the notice).

Scope

This policy comprises three parts:

- Part 1 specifies the circumstances in which a person is exempt from the necessity to apply for an approval to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system
- Part 2 specifies the criteria which Council will take into consideration in determining whether to give or refuse a liquid trade waste approval

- Part 3 specifies the framework for regulation of liquid trade waste, including the NSW Framework for Regulation of Sewerage and Trade Waste, alignment with the National Framework for Wastewater Source Management, application procedures, liquid trade waste discharge categories, liquid trade waste services agreements, monitoring of liquid trade waste discharges, liquid trade waste fees and charges, modification or revocation of approvals, prevention of waste of water and contaminated stormwater discharges from open areas.

Definitions

Policy Content

The objectives of this policy are:

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

Links to Policy

Links to Procedures

Council has developed Liquid Trade Waste Policy Procedures based on the Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Guidelines to achieve the objectives of its Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

References

Responsibility

Director Engineering

Director Environment and Planning

Relevant Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Associated Records

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