

Trade Waste Policy

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the discharge of non-domestic sewerable wastewater to Mareeba Shire Council wastewater system in accordance with Council's Trade Waste Management Plan (TWMP). The Trade Waste Management Plan describes how the Council will manage the discharge of sewerable trade waste in order to protect its infrastructure, the health and safety of employees working in wastewater services, protection of our environment and waterways, and facilitate compliance with Council's environmental authorities. The Trade Waste Management Plan forms the basis for decisions about approving the discharge of sewerable trade waste to sewer, in accordance with the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008.

2. SCOPE

This Trade Waste Policy is administered and implemented by the Building and Plumbing Section of the Development and Governance group and applies to all commercial and industrial Ggenerators discharging sewerable liquid trade waste to any Mareeba Shire Council wastewater system.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

Mareeba Shire Council will ensure the continued protection of our environment and waterways, while providing a service to the commercial and industrial sector, council will conditionally accept trade waste into the sewerage system provided that it:

- Does not contain substances in amounts that are or may be toxic or hazardous to efficient operation of the sewerage system, treatment processes, personnel or the environment; and
- Is not discharged in a quantity that may exceed the system's capacity to collect, transport and treat the trade waste.

Every commercial and industrial activity that requires discharge to a Council sewerage system must apply for a trade waste approval. It is an offence under the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 to discharge trade waste into a local government's infrastructure without a current trade waste approval. ¹

Council will manage trade waste using a combination of instruments, including:

- Trade Waste Management Plan;
- Trade waste approvals;
- Risk management process;
- Cost reflective trade waste charging structure; and
- Compliance and enforcement.

¹ See *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* ss 191, 193(1).

4. REPORTING

No additional reporting is required

5. DEFINITIONS

Generator means a business, trader or manufacturer who may produce sewerable liquid trade waste in the course of business, trade or manufacturing

Sewage means household and commercial wastewater that contains, or may contain, faecal, urinary or other human waste

Sewerage means a sewer, access chamber, vent, engine, pump, structure, machinery, outfall or other work used to receive, store, transport or treat sewage

Sewerable liquid trade waste means water-borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than:

- a) Waster that is a prohibited substance; or
- b) Human waste; or
- c) Stormwater

Trade Waste Approval means a written conditional approval by Council pursuant to the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008, permitting a Generator to discharge trade waste to Council's sewerage system in accordance with conditions specified in the approval.² The conditions pertaining to trade waste approval are dependent upon the category and particular circumstances of the Ggenerator and are based on the Trade Waste Management Plan.

Trade Waste Management Plan means a written plan prepared by Council about how sewerable trade waste will be managed. The plan includes provisions about how Council will classify, manage and approve the discharge of sewerable liquid waste to sewerage systems, and includes pre-treatment requirements, sewer admission limits and calculations for determining trade waste charges.

Wastewater treatment / service means the processes applied to wastewater to remove containments and allow discharge of the treated water to receiving streams under the conditions of relevant environmental authority.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

Trade Waste Plan
Compliance and Enforcement Policy
Enforcement Manual (Building & Plumbing Sub)

Environmental Protection Act 1994
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008

² Ibid ss 180(1)(a), 181.

7. REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Development and Governance to monitor the adequacy of this policy and implement and approve appropriate changes. This policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as required by Council.