

## 1 Policy History

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## 2 Policy Objective

The objectives of this policy are:

- to protect public health
- to protect the health and safety of the council's employees
- to protect the environment from the discharge of waste that may cause detrimental effect
- to protect council assets from damages
- to assist Council to meet its statutory obligations
- to provide an environmentally responsible liquid waste management 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 biosolids reuse
- to ensure compliance of liquid trade waste discharge with the 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 provide a financial incentive for waste minimisation
- to ensure commercial provision of services and full cost recovery through appropriate sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

### 3 Policy Statement

#### Preamble

Wastes generated by industry, small businesses, commercial enterprises, etc. are often referred to as trade waste. This policy is concerned with liquid wastes discharged into the sewer.

Sewerage systems generally are designed to cater for waste from domestic sources which are essentially of predictable strength and quality. Trade wastes, by comparison, may exert greater demands on sewerage systems and, if uncontrolled, can cause serious problems to a sewerage scheme or the environment.

#### Purpose of Policy

This policy sets out how Griffith City Council will regulate sewerage and trade waste dischargers to its sewerage system in accordance with the NSW Framework for Regulation of Sewerage and Trade Waste. This policy is concerned with the approval, monitoring, and enforcement process for liquid trade wastes discharged to Council's sewerage system.

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. This policy also promotes waste minimisation, water conservation water recycling and biosolids reuse.

Sewerage systems are generally designed to cater for waste from domestic sources that are essentially of a 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 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.

A person wishing to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system must, under section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, obtain the 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, Council may grant an approval under section 68 of the Act to discharge waste (whether treated or not) into a sewer of the Council unless the Director-General of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) has

- concurred with the approval; or
- given Council notice that concurrence may be assumed with such qualifications and conditions that may be specified in the notice.



The “Guideline for the Policy for the Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste into Griffith City Council’s Sewerage System” comprises three parts:

Part 1 specifies the circumstances in which a person is exempt from the necessity for an approval to discharge liquid trade waste to Council’s sewerage system.

Part 2 specifies the criteria, which the 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 approvals, including the NSW Framework for the 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, modification or revocation of approval, prevention of waste of water and contaminated stormwater discharges from open areas.

The “Guideline for the Policy for the Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste into Griffith City Council’s Sewerage System” is a separate document and is available from Council’s Utilities Directorate.

## **4 Definitions**

None

## **5 Exceptions**

None

## **6 Legislation**

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Regulation)

## **7 Related Documents**

Guideline for the Policy for the Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste into Griffith City Council’s Sewerage System.

## **8 Directorate**

Utilities