



**BYRON
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Liquid Trade Waste

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Further Document Information and Relationships

Related Legislation	Local Government Act 1993 Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
Related Policies	NSW Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021 Fees and Charges Policy Local Approvals Policy
Related Standards, Procedures, Statements, documents	Byron Shire Council Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines E2014/66468

Note: Any reference to Legislation will be updated in the Policy as required. See website <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/> for current Acts, Regulations and Environmental Planning Instruments.

1. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- a) protect public health
- b) protect the health and safety of Council employees
- c) protect the environment from the discharge of waste that may have a detrimental effect
- d) protect Council assets from damage
- e) assist Council to meet its statutory obligations
- f) provide an environmentally responsible liquid trade waste service to the non-residential sector
- g) encourage waste minimisation and cleaner production in the commercial and industrial sectors
- h) promote water conservation, water recycling and biosolids reuse
- i) ensure compliance of liquid trade waste dischargers with Council's approved conditions
- j) 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

2. Statement

2.1 Policy

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, NSW Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021 and the requirements of the NSW Office of Water.

The Policy and Guidelines are 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.

The Policy and Guidelines have 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 enhances 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 also 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:

- a) Grease, oil, solid material, if not removed on-site, can cause sewer chokes and blockages and the discharge of untreated sewage to the environment.
- b) Strong waste may cause sewage odour problems and corrosion of sewer mains, pumping stations and sewage treatment works.

2.2 Regulations

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 2021*.

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 Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) has concurred with the approval.

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

2.3 Scope of Council's Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines

This Guideline comprises three parts:

- a) 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.
- b) Part 2 specifies the criteria which Council will take into consideration in determining whether to give or refuse liquid trade waste approval.
- c) 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 service agreements, monitoring of liquid trade waste discharges, liquid trade waste fees and charges, modification of revocation of approvals, prevention of waste of water and contaminated stormwater discharges from open areas.