

# LIQUID TRADE WASTE

## Does your business or tenant have a Liquid Trade Waste Approval?

- Manage your sink and drain waste responsibly and sustainably.
- Reduce your impact on our local community and environment.
- Apply for a Liquid Trade Waste Approval today and meet your legal requirements with Council.

## What is liquid trade waste?

Any liquid that goes down a sink or drain that has been generated by any business, trade, service or manufacturer is liquid trade waste. It does not include domestic sewage from toilets, showers, baths or hand wash basins.

## Do I need a Liquid Trade Waste Approval?

Every business that disposes waste into sinks and drains (other than domestic sewage) must register and be assessed by Council for a Liquid Trade Waste Approval.

Commercial activities carried out at residential premises also require a Liquid Trade Waste Approval.

## What is a Liquid Trade Waste Approval?

The Approval is a legal contract between a property or business owner and Byron Shire Council.

The Approval contains the terms and conditions under which the liquid trade waste will be accepted into the Council sewer.

Conditions may include pre-treatment equipment. For example, cafes require sink screens and floor drain screens in the kitchen. Additionally, if the premise has a grease arrestor installed, it will require regular pump-out servicing by an authorised waste disposal contractor.

FATS, OILS  
AND GREASE  
IN SEWERAGE  
SYSTEM



BLOCKAGE  
(FATBERG)



HYDROGEN  
SULPHIDE  
BUILD UP



BAD ODOURS  
AND  
COMPLAINTS



SEWERAGE  
SYSTEM  
BREAKDOWN



INCREASED  
MAINTENANCE  
COSTS



ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT





An overloaded grease arrestor overdue for service

### Why does liquid trade waste need to be regulated?

If not managed properly, liquid trade waste can damage the sewerage system, affect the health of sewer operators and impact the local environment.

Unmanaged liquid trade waste disposed of down the sink or drain will result in expensive blockages. These build ups will also increase hydrogen sulphide (rotten egg) odours and create acids that damage sewerage infrastructure.

### What happens if I don't have an Approval?

It is an offence to discharge liquid trade waste into a Council sewer without a Liquid Trade Waste Approval.

It is a legal requirement under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 to manage your liquid trade waste correctly to protect the environment, community infrastructure and the health and safety of your staff and the public.

If the property or business owner fails to comply with Approval conditions or operates without an Approval, both parties may be subject to non-compliance charges under the *Local Government Act 1993* or fines under the *Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997*.

Council may recover costs for damages incurred to infrastructure as a result of an illegal liquid trade waste discharge.

### How long does an Approval last for?

A Liquid Trade Waste Approval is valid for a maximum of five years. You must then apply for a new Approval.

If you are uncertain about the expiry of your Approval, contact Council to confirm the current status of your business.

### Who should apply for a Liquid Trade Waste Approval?

Either the property or business owner must apply for an Approval.

The business owner must have written consent from the property owner if they are applying.

### What if the property or business ownership changes?

Notify Council of any change to property or business ownership.

A new application must be lodged if there is a change of Approval holder or business activity.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

**1. Complete the Liquid Trade Waste Registration form online:**

[www.byron.nsw.gov.au/trade\\_waste\\_form](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/trade_waste_form)

**2. Lodge the completed form at:**

Byron Shire Council  
70 Station Street, Mullumbimby  
or  
Email: [council@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@byron.nsw.gov.au)

**3. Pay the processing fee.**

**4. The Liquid Trade Waste Officer will contact you to arrange an inspection.**

**5. The Liquid Trade Waste Officer will finalise your Liquid Trade Waste Approval.**

#### More information:

**Phone Customer Service:** 02 6626 7000

**Email Council's Trade Waste Officer:**  
[liquidtradewaste@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liquidtradewaste@byron.nsw.gov.au)

**Search:** *liquid trade waste* on Council's website.

