



# **BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **POLICY NO 14/009**

### **ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN RETICULATED AREAS**



**INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT**

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**Further Document Information and Relationships**

<b>Related Legislation</b>	NSW Local Government Act 1993 NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
<b>Related Policies</b>	Council Policy 07/100 - Water And Sewer  Policy 4.20 "Building over pipes and other underground structures.  Council Policy 4.23 – Liquid Trade Waste Policy
<b>Related Procedures/ Protocols, Statements, documents</b>	Byron Shire Council Design Guidelines for On-Site Sewage Management Systems



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## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1 To encourage demand management, the reuse of water and self sufficiency.
- 1.2 To define the parameters for the design, installation and operation of on-site sewage management systems within reticulated sewer areas.
- 1.3 To protect the environment and public health.

## **2. POLICY STATEMENT**

- 2.1 ***Applications proposing an on-site sewage management system, either as a stand alone system or as a combination system, will be assessed*** in accordance with Council's Policy No. 07/100 - Water And Sewer.
- 2.2 The assessment of the proportion of sewage load to the on-site system and to the sewer will be calculated, using fixture units as defined in the plumbing standards AS3500. The proportions as determined in this manner will be applied to the total equivalent tenement value determined for the development.
- 2.3 For land capability and effluent field assessments design purposes, on-site sewage management systems will meet the requirements of Council's 'Byron Shire Council Design Guidelines for On-Site Sewage Management Systems'.
- 2.4 On any allotment Council may accept a combination of an on-site system and connected to the Council sewer in accordance with the following requirements:
  - 2.4.1 Council does not allow the use of holding tanks or pump-out tanks as a sewage management system within the reticulated sewer areas of the Shire except for the use of temporary ablution facilities for temporary events, such as Festivals.
  - 2.4.2 An on-site sewage management system must deal with all its liquid within the allotment. No liquid will be allowed to be either pumped out and/or removed from the site or to be discharged to the Council sewer.
  - 2.4.3 The periodical removal of treated sludge will be allowed as part of this policy.
  - 2.4.4 Council will limit on-site sewage management systems, within sewer catchments, to a maximum of 1 equivalent tenement on any allotment or for any development.
  - 2.4.5 A buffer of five (5) metres will apply from any buried service conduit, sewer or stormwater that is owned or operated by Council or a service utility and in accordance with Council Policy – 'Building Over Pipes and Other Underground Structures'.
  - 2.4.6 Council will require the incorporation of the Section 88E positive covenant be placed on that title regarding the On-Site Sewage Management System to ensure any incoming purchaser is aware of their environmental responsibilities regarding the on-site system.
- 2.5 On-Site Sewage Management Systems in Reticulated Sewer Areas are not to be pump out systems except for short term events.



- 2.6 An approval to operate the On-Site Sewage Management System must be obtained prior the commencement of use of the on-site sewage management system.