

1. Purpose

The 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.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

- To protect public health and the health and safety of Council's employees as well as the environment from discharge of waste that may have a detrimental effect;
- To protect Council's assets from damage;
- To assist Council meet its statutory obligations in relation to acceptable sewerage discharges;
- To provide an environmentally responsible liquid trade waste service to the non-residential sector;
- To encourage waste minimisation and cleaner production in the commercial and industrial sectors;
- To ensure compliance of liquid trade waste dischargers with Council's approved conditions;
- To ensure commercial provision of services and full cost recovery through appropriate sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

3. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all dischargers who discharge liquid trade waste to Warrumbungle Shire Council's sewerage systems. This includes connected customers and other dischargers that can discharge to Council's sewerage system.

4. Legislation and Associated Documents

ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> • <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i>
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Industry Developed Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021</i> • <i>Warrumbungle Shire Council Liquid Trade Waste Management Plan</i> • <i>Warrumbungle Shire Council Liquid Trade Waste FAQs</i>

5. Definitions

Term	Definition
Sewerage System	A system of infrastructure that conveys sewerage from the connection at the point of generation, to the discharge point at the catchment outlet.
Liquid Trade Waste	All liquid waste other than sewerage of a domestic nature.
Domestic Sewerage	Liquid wastewater that is generated from domestic activities.

6. Policy Statement

Warrumbungle Shire Council will regulate liquid trade waste discharges to its sewerage system in accordance with the NSW Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines. Council's sewerage systems are designed to cater for domestic liquid discharges that are predictable in terms of strength and quality.

Liquid trade waste discharges impose much greater loadings and demand on Council's sewerage system in comparison to domestic sewerage. If liquid trade waste discharges are uncontrolled and not managed appropriately they can pose serious issues to public health, worker safety, Council's sewerage system and the environment.

A discharger must lodge an application to Council for assessment under section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993* prior to any permission being granted by Council for discharge of liquid trade waste to its sewerage system.

Council will provide sewerage and liquid trade waste services to approved dischargers on a commercial basis to non-residential dischargers, with full cost recovery through sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

Council will implement best practice pricing for non-residential sewerage and liquid trade waste services to ensure that dischargers bear a fair share of the cost of providing sewerage services and to facilitate appropriate pre-treatment, waste minimisation and water conservation.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with Council's associated documents being *Warrumbungle Shire Council Liquid Trade Waste Management Plan* and *Liquid Trade Waste FAQs*. These documents outline Council's management, approval, compliance and enforcement processes in relation to liquid trade waste.

7. Responsibilities

The Manager Warrumbungle Water will hold responsible over this policy.

8. Getting Help

The staff member/s who can assist with enquiries about the policy
 Position: Manager Warrumbungle Water, Supervisor Reticulation
 Department: Environment and Development Services

9. Version Control

DEPARTMENT	ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
RESPONSIBILITY	MANAGER WARRUMBUNGLE WATER
VERSION CONTROL	

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