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1. Introduction

This Liquid Trade Waste Management Plan has been developed to ensure the proper control of liquid trade waste and provide protection to public health, worker safety, Council's sewerage system and the environment. The plan also promotes waste minimisation, water conservation, water recycling and biosolids reuse.

This Management Plan also stipulates the approval, monitoring and enforcement process for liquid trade waste discharged to Council's sewerage system. Council as part of approving liquid trade waste discharges to Council's sewerage system will undergo a cost recovery process due to the additional imposed load caused by Liquid Trade Waste discharges. This management plan sets out liquid trade waste fees and charges and how these are calculated.

Under section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA1993), a person wishing to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system must obtain prior approval from Council. Discharge of liquid waste other than domestic sewerage without prior approval is an offence under section 626 of the LGA1993.

1.1 What is liquid trade waste

Liquid trade waste is defined in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 as below:

Liquid trade waste means all liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature.

Liquid trade waste discharges to the sewerage system include liquid wastes from:

- industrial premises;
- business/commercial premises (e.g. beautician, florist, hairdresser, hotel, motel, restaurant, butcher, supermarket, etc.);
- community/public premises (including clubs, school, college, university, hospital and nursing home);
- any commercial activities carried out at residential premises;
- saleyards, racecourses and stables and kennels that are not associated with domestic households;
- tankered human waste, ship-to-shore waste from marina pump-out facilities, portable toilet waste and established sites for the discharge of pan contents from mobile homes/caravans; and
- any other waste tankered to the sewerage facilities, e.g. commercial or industrial waste from un-sewered areas.

Liquid trade waste excludes:

- toilet, hand wash basin (used for personal hygiene only), shower and bath wastes derived from all the premises and activities mentioned above;
- wastewater from residential toilets, kitchens, bathrooms or laundries (i.e. domestic sewage);

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- wastewater from common laundry facilities in caravan parks (Note that discharges from common kitchen facilities in caravan parks are liquid trade waste); or
- residential pool backwash.

Further definitions and glossary are provided as Appendix A.

2. Structure of the Liquid Trade Waste Management Plan

This plan comprises three parts:

- 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;
- Part 2 specifies the criteria which Council will use to determine whether to give or refuse a liquid trade waste approval; and
- Part 3 specifies the application procedure and approval process, liquid trade waste discharge categories and applicable fees and charges, the NSW Framework for Regulation of Liquid Trade Waste, alignment with the National Framework for Wastewater Quality Management and other relevant information.

2.1 Part 1 - Exemptions

The list of discharges exempt from obtaining of Council's approval is provided in Appendix B. These discharges are known as 'Deemed to be approved'. These dischargers must meet the standard requirements specified in Appendix B.

2.2 Part 2 - Criteria for approval to discharge liquid trade waste into Council's sewerage system

Council's decision to accept liquid trade waste into its sewerage system will be based on the discharger satisfying Council's requirements. Therefore, when determining an application to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system, Council will consider the following factors.

- The potential impacts of the proposed discharge on Council's system.
- The adequacy of the pre-treatment process(es) to treat the liquid trade waste to a level acceptable for discharge to the sewerage system, including proposed contingency measures in an event of the pre-treatment system failure.
- The capability of the sewerage system (reticulation and treatment components) to accept the quantity and quality of the proposed liquid trade waste.
- The adequacy of chemical storage and handling facilities, and the proposed safeguards for prevention of spills and leaks entering the sewerage system.
- The adequacy of the proposed due diligence program and contingency plan, where required.

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- Proposed management of prohibited substances and other liquid trade waste not planned to be discharged to the sewerage system and safeguards to avoid any accidental discharge.
- The potential for stormwater entering the sewerage system and adequacy of proposed stormwater controls.
- The potential for growth of the community.

Discharge quality

Council's acceptance limits for liquid trade waste discharges are set out in Table 1. These limits are consistent with the acceptance limits specified in the *Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines*, 2021 by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

<u>Table 1</u> - Acceptance limits for liquid trade waste chemical parameters into the sewerage system

Parameter	Limits
Flow Rate	The maximum daily and instantaneous rate of discharge (kL/h or L/s) is
	determined based on the available capacity of the sewer. Large
	discharges are required to provide a balancing tank to even out the load
	on the sewage treatment works.
BOD ₅	Normally approved at 300 mg/L. Concentrations up to 600 mg/L may be
	accepted.
Suspended	Normally approved at 300 mg/L. Concentrations up to 600 mg/L may be
solids	accepted.
COD	Normally, not to exceed BOD₅ by more than three times. This ratio is
	given as a guide only to prevent the discharge of non-biodegradable
	waste.
Total	Up to 4000 mg/L may be accepted. The acceptance limit may be reduced
Dissolved	depending on available effluent disposal options and may be subjected to
Solids	a mass load limit.
Temperature	Less than 38°C.
pН	Within the range 7.0 to 9.0.
Oil and	100 mg/L if the volume of the discharge does not exceed 10% of the
Grease	design capacity of the treatment works and 50 mg/L if the volume is
	greater than 10%.
Detergents	All detergents are to be biodegradable. A limit on the concentration of 50
	mg/L (as MBAS) may be imposed on large liquid trade waste discharges.
Colour	Colour must be biodegradable. No visible colour when diluted to the
	equivalent dilution afforded by domestic sewage flow.
	Specific limits may be imposed on industrial discharges where colour has
	a potential to interfere with sewage treatment processes and the effluent
	management.
Radioactive	If expected to be present (e.g. lodine 131 from ablation), acceptance
Substances	requirements will be set on a case-by-case assessment.



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Table 2 - Acceptance limits for inorganic and organic compounds

Acceptance limits for inorganic compounds		Maximum concentration (mg/L)
Inorganic compounds	Ammonia (as N)	50
	Boron	5
	Bromine	5
	Chlorine	10
	Cyanide	1
	Fluoride	30
	Nitrogen (total Kjeldahl)	100
	Phosphorus (total)	20
	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	500
	Sulphide (as S)	1
Organic compounds	Benzene	< 0.001
	Toluene	0.5
	Ethylbenzene	1
	Xylene	1
	Formaldehyde	30
	Phenolic compounds non-	1
	halogenated	
	Petroleum Hydrocarbons ¹	
	C ₆ -C ₉ (flammable)	5
	Total Recoverable	
	Hydrocarbons (TRH)	30
	Pesticides general (except	0.1
	organochlorine and	
	organophosphorus)	
	Polynuclear Aromatic	5
	Hydrocarbons (PAH)	

<u>Table 3</u> - Discharge acceptance limits for metals

Acceptance limits for metals	Maximum concentration (mg/L)	Allowed daily mass limit (g/d)
Aluminium	100	
Arsenic	0.5	2
Cadmium	1	5
Chromium ²	3	10
Cobalt	5	15
Copper	5	15
Iron	100	
Lead	1	5

¹ Always ask a laboratory to carry out a silica gel clean up, if other than petroleum products are expected to be present in a liquid trade waste sample, e.g. animal fats, plant oil, soil, etc.

² Where hexavalent chromium (Cr⁶⁺) is present in the process water, pre-treatment will be required to reduce it to the trivalent state (Cr³⁺), prior to discharge into the sewer



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Manganese	10	30
Mercury	0.01	0.05
Molybdenum	5	15
Nickel	1	5
Selenium	1	5
Silver	2	5
Tin	5	15
Zinc	1	5
Total heavy metals excluding aluminium, iron and manganese	Less than 30 mg/L and subject to total mass loading requirements	

Notes:

- 1. Acceptance limits for substances not listed in above Tables will be determined on a case by case basis.
- 2. The quality of liquid trade waste from some low risk commercial activities in Classification A and B will exceed acceptance limits listed in above Tables. As a higher level of pre-treatment is not cost-effective, such waste is acceptable if the discharger installs, maintains and properly operates the required on-site pre-treatment. Similarly, septic and pan waste may exceed some acceptance limits.
- 3. The analytical testing methods for the above parameters should be in accordance with Council's requirements

Prohibited or restricted substances and waste

Substances prohibited from being discharged into the sewerage system unless they are specifically approved under section 68 of the LGA1993 are listed below:

- Organochlorine weedicides, fungicides, pesticides, herbicides and substances of a similar nature and/or wastes arising from the preparation of these substances
- Organophosphorus pesticides and/or waste arising from the preparation of these substances
- Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
- Any substances liable to produce noxious or poisonous vapours in the sewerage system
- Organic solvents and mineral oil⁷
- Any flammable or explosive substance⁷
- Discharges from 'Bulk Fuel Depots'
- Discharges from chemicals and/or oil storage areas
- Natural or synthetic resins, plastic monomers, synthetic adhesives, rubber and plastic emulsions
- Roof, rain, surface, seepage or ground water, unless specifically permitted (clause 137A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)
- Solid matter³
- Disposable products including wet wipes, cleaning wipes, colostomy bags, cat litter and other products marketed as flushable
- Any substance assessed as not suitable to be discharged into the sewerage system

³ In excess of the approved limit (refer to table 1 for concentration limits)

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- Liquid waste that contains pollutants at concentrations which inhibit the sewage treatment process – refer to Australian Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines, July 2022, WSAA
- Any other substances listed in a relevant regulation

Refer to Appendix C for a detailed description of substances and discharges either prohibited or restricted.

Other restricted substances from discharge to Council's sewerage system

- Stormwater from open areas
- Contaminated groundwater
- Landfill leachate
- Discharge from float tanks
- Discharge from new service station forecourts and other refuelling points
- Discharge of liquid waste arising from liquefaction and/or pulverisation of solid waste by physical or chemical processes (e.g. garbage grinders/incinerators, macerators, alkaline hydrolysis).
- Discharge from solid food waste processing units (digesters/composters, etc.)
- Use of additives in pre-treatment systems

For further details on limitations and restrictions applicable to above discharges, refer to Appendix C of this plan and Chapter 3 of the *NSW Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines*, 2021.

2.3 Part 3 - Application procedures and approval process

Warrumbungle Shire Council's decision to accept liquid trade waste into the sewerage system is on the basis of a preventative risk management framework for managing risks to the sewerage system within a whole of the water cycle context.

When determining an application to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system, Council will consider a number of criteria including:

- Factors for consideration
- Discharge quality
- Prohibited substances
- Stormwater discharges
- Food waste disposal units
- Devices that macerate or pulverise water
- Use of additives in pre-treatment systems

Council's written approval is required prior to commence discharging liquid trade waste to its sewerage system, under section 68 of the LGA1993. Application forms are available from Council.

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The applicant must lodge a trade waste application providing all requested information.

A trade waste application is not required to discharge liquid trade waste from 'Deemed to be approved' activities listed in Appendix B.

2.3.1 Who can lodge an application

The applicant must be either the owner or the occupier of the premises. If the applicant is not the owner of the premises, the owner's consent to the application is required.

2.3.2 Council's process in determination of applications

Council may request an applicant to provide further information to enable it to determine the application.

2.3.3 Approval of applications

Where an application is approved, Council will notify the applicant including any conditions of the approval and reasons for such conditions. The duration of the approval will be as stated in the approval.

An applicant may make a minor amendment or withdraw an application before it is processed by Council. An applicant may also apply to Council to renew or extend an approval, in accordance with section 107 of the LGA1993.

2.3.4 Refusal

If an application is refused, Council will notify the applicant of the grounds for refusal. Under section 100 of the LGA1993 the applicant may request the review of Council's determination. Under section 176 of the LGA1993, the applicant dissatisfied with Council's determination may appeal to the Land and Environment Court within 12 months.

2.3.5 Change of approval holder

An approval to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system is not transferable. A new application must be lodged, and a new approval must be obtained if there is a change of the approval holder. Council must be notified of change of ownership and/or occupier in all cases, whether a new approval is required or not, to allow updating of records.

2.3.6 Validity of an existing approval

A new approval is required where there is a change of:

- approval holder (either owner or occupier can be an approval holder);
- activity generating the waste;
- the quantity or the nature of liquid trade waste; or
- approval conditions.

2.3.7 Modification and revocation of approvals

Council reserves the right to modify or revoke an approval to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system under the circumstances described in s.108 of the LGA1993.

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2.3.8 Concurrence

If Council supports an application and has a notice stating that concurrence of the Secretary, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment can be assumed for the liquid trade waste relevant to the application, Council will approve the application. Otherwise, Council will seek concurrence to its approval.

For concurrence purposes, liquid trade waste discharges are divided into four classifications:

- Concurrence Classification A liquid trade waste for which Council has been authorised to assume concurrence to the approval subject to certain requirements.
- Concurrence Classification B liquid trade waste for which Council may apply for authorisation to assume concurrence to the approval subject to certain requirements.
- Concurrence Classification S the acceptance of septic tank, pan waste and ship-to-shore pump-out etc. Council may apply for authorisation to assume concurrence to the approval subject to certain conditions.
- Concurrence Classification C all other liquid trade waste that do not fall
 within Concurrence Classification A, B or S, and therefore require Council
 to forward the application for concurrence.

Refer to Appendix E which lists type of discharges that Council have assumed concurrence (i.e. that Council can approve without seeking concurrence from the Department).

3. Sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges

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

The current sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges are provided on Council's website.

Council's liquid trade waste fees and charges may include:

- General fees and charges (application fee, annual liquid trade waste fee, inspection and/or re-inspection fees and renewal fee);
- Category specific charges (trade waste usage charges for Charging Category 2 discharges, excess mass charges for Charging Category 3 discharges, charges for Charging Category 2S discharges and noncompliance charges); and/or
- Other charges related to the nature of waste (e.g. charges for the discharge of stormwater from large areas).

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Detailed description of the liquid trade waste fees and charges and the methodology of calculating them are provided in Appendix D.

3.1. Liquid trade waste charging categories

For charging purposes there are four liquid trade waste charging categories:

- Category 1 discharges requiring minimal pre-treatment, or prescribed pre-treatment but low impact on the sewerage system. These dischargers will only pay an annual fee. If pre-treatment equipment is not provided or maintained, non-compliance charges will be applied.
- Category 2 discharges with prescribed pre-treatment⁴ and other activities listed under this charging category in Appendix D. These dischargers will pay trade waste usage charge and annual trade waste fee. If pre-treatment equipment is not provided or not maintained, then such dischargers will be required to pay non-compliance usage charge.
- Category 2S transporters who tanker human waste to Council's STWs, owners/operators of ship-to-shore pump out facilities and owners/operators of 'dump points' directly connected to sewer
- Category 3 large (>20 kL/d) and industrial discharges (excluding shopping centres and institutions). Such dischargers will pay excess mass charges. If the discharge fails to comply with Council's acceptance limits, dischargers will be required to pay non-compliance excess mass charges and pH charges

Note that these charging categories are different to four classifications that have been established for concurrence purposes (i.e. Classification A, B, C and S). The relationship between Concurrence Classifications and Charging Categories are shown in Figure 1 in Appendix D.

3.2. Non-compliance liquid trade waste charges

In order to encourage compliance, Council will apply non-compliance trade waste charges. Refer to Appendix D for further details of non-compliance charges for different charging categories.

Council will continue applying non-compliance charges until the discharge meets Council's approved quality (or the liquid trade waste policy) limits, within the timeframe determined by Council for remedying the problem. If the discharger fails to rectify the problem within an agreed timeframe, the discharger may be required to cease discharging liquid trade waste into Council's sewerage system. Council may also consider issuing penalty infringement notice to a non-compliant discharger or may prosecute the discharger.

3.3. Other applicable liquid trade waste charges

Additional fees and charges may be levied by Council if wastewater is discharged to Council's sewerage system from the following equipment and or processes, with Council's approval:

⁴ Excludes activities in Category 1.

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- Food waste disposal units (i.e. garbage grinders/incinerators)⁵.
- Solid food waste processing unit.
- Discharge of stormwater to the sewerage system from large open areas or large quantities of groundwater.

Refer to Appendix D for further details.

3.4. Charges for premises with multiple liquid trade waste streams

Examples of premises with multiple waste streams include:

- Shopping centres;
- Commercial strata units;
- Institutions, e.g. hospitals, tertiary educational facilities and correctional centres; and
- Other premises with multiple waste streams.

Refer to Appendix D and Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021 for further details.

3.5. Summary of when category specific fees and charges will be applied

Table 4: Fees and Charges relating to categories

Fee/Charge	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 2S
Application fee	Yes ⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes
Annual non-residential sewerage bill	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
with appropriate sewer usage				
charge/kL				
Annual liquid trade waste fee	Yes ⁷	Yes	Yes	Variable ⁸
Re-inspection fee (when required)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional ⁸
Trade waste usage charge/kL	No	Yes	No	No
Human waste disposal charge/kL	No	No	No	Yes
Excess mass charges/kg	No	No	Yes	No
Non-compliance trade waste usage	Yes ⁹	Yes	No	No
charge/kL				
Non-compliance excess mass/kg and	No	No	Yes	No
pH charges/kL (if required)				

Note: Refer to Appendix D for other applicable charges not included in this Table.

⁵ For existing installations only. New installations are not permitted.

⁶ Not applicable for discharges listed as Deemed to be Approved

⁷ May not be applicable for discharges listed as 'Deemed to be Approved'.

⁸ Refer to Appendix D for guidance on applying annual fees to Category 2S discharges.

⁹ Non-compliance trade waste usage charge, if the discharger fails to install or properly maintain appropriate pre-treatment.

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3.6. Responsibility for payment of fees and charges

Property (land) owners are responsible for the payment of fees and charges for water supply, sewerage and liquid trade waste services. This includes property owners of marinas, caravan parks, etc.

Where another party (lessee) leases premises, any reimbursement of the lessor (property owner) for such fees and charges is a matter for the lessor and the lessee.

In relation to tankered human waste, transporters who collect and discharge waste at the STP are responsible for the payment. A waste transporter who tankers liquid trade waste to the STP may pay only the liquid trade waste fees and charges as non-residential sewerage fees are not applicable.

Note that a liquid trade waste discharger (except for tankered waste) pays both the non-residential sewerage charges and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

4. Alignment with the national framework

The NSW framework for regulation of sewerage and trade waste and the alignment with WSA300 Australian Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines July 2022 are listed in Appendix F.

5. Liquid Trade Waste service agreement

In addition to its approval under the LGA1993, Council may require certain dischargers, including those who wish to discharge liquid trade waste in large volumes (discharge >20 kL/d) or industrial waste (Concurrence Classification C discharges) or some Classification S discharges into its sewerage system to execute a liquid trade waste services agreement. The agreement will set out the conditions associated with the discharge and execution of the agreement will be a condition of the approval issued by Council.

6. <u>Enforcement of approvals and agreements</u>

If the discharge is not approved or fails to comply with the approval conditions, the discharger is subject to prosecution and imposition of fines under the LGA1993 (under section 626 and section 627).

Above offences are also prescribed as penalty notice offences under the LGA1993 and Council may issue a penalty infringement notice (i.e. on the spot fine) to such discharger (Refer to Schedule 12 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*).

In addition to fines, Council may recover costs of damages and fines incurred by Council as a result of an unauthorised liquid waste discharge. Temporarily suspension or cease of the discharge may also be required.

Note that sections 628 and 634 to 639 of the LGA1993 also list other offences related to water, sewerage and stormwater drainage.

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Polluting of any waters by a discharger of liquid trade waste who does not have a Council approval or who fails to comply with the conditions of the approval is also an offence under section 120 (1) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. In addition, under section 224 of this Act, Council may issue a penalty infringement notice to such a discharger.

7. Prevention of waste of water

Water must be used efficiently and must be recycled where practicable. It is an offence under section 637 of the LGA 1993 and the *Local Government Regulation 2021* (refer to Appendix G) to waste or misuse water.

Dilution of liquid trade waste with water from any non-process source including Council's water supply, bore water, groundwater, stormwater as a means of reducing pollutant concentration is strictly prohibited.

8. Effluent Improvement Plans

Where the quality of liquid trade waste discharged does not meet Council's requirements, the applicant may be required to submit an Effluent Improvement Plan setting out how Council's requirements will be met. The proposed plan must detail the methods/actions proposed to achieve the discharge limits and a timetable for implementation of the proposed actions. Such actions may include more intensive monitoring, improvements to work practices and/or pretreatment facilities to improve the effluent quality and reliability.

9. Due Diligence Programs and Contingency Plans

A discharger may be required to submit a due diligence program and a contingency plan for some liquid trade waste discharges (generally in Concurrence Classification C, Charging Category 3) where it is considered that the discharge may pose a potential threat to the sewerage system. If required, a due diligence program and contingency plan must be submitted to Council within the time specified in the liquid trade waste approval.

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Appendix A - Glossary

Authorised assumed concurrence - Councils with significant experience in liquid trade waste regulation are encouraged to apply to the Secretary, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment seeking to obtain concurrence for Council's approval for Classification B and Classification S discharges. If granted, Council will no longer need to forward such applications to the department for concurrence, provided that Council complies with the conditions outlined in the notice of concurrence.

Automatic assumed concurrence - Council has been granted assumed concurrence for approval for Classification A discharges, provided that Council complies with conditions outlined in the notice of concurrence. Such applications may be approved by Council without forwarding the application to the department for concurrence.

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) - the amount of oxygen utilised by micro-organisms in the process of decomposition of organic material in wastewater over a period of five days at 20°C. In practical terms, BOD is a measure of biodegradable organic content of the waste.

Biosolids - primarily organic solids produced by sewage processing. Until such solids are suitable for beneficial use, they are defined as wastewater solids or sewage sludge.

Blackwater - wastewater containing human excrement (i.e. faeces, urine).

Bunding - secondary containment provided for storage areas, particularly for materials with the propensity to cause environmental damage.

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) - a measure of oxygen required to oxidise organic and inorganic matter in wastewater by a strong chemical oxidant. Wastewaters containing high levels of readily oxidised compounds have a high COD.

Chemical toilet - toilets in which wastes are deposited into a holding tank containing deodorizing or other chemicals. Stored wastes must be pumped out periodically.

Commercial retail discharge - commercial discharges can be described as wastes that are discharged from businesses dealing directly with the public.

Commercial caterer - a commercial caterer is typically a stand-alone operation and prepares food for consumption off-site. These types of businesses typically cater to wedding functions, conferences, parties, etc. This definition does not apply to a food processing factory supplying pre-prepared meals to a third party.

Council - for the purpose of this document, "Council" refers to a local government body (including Local Water Utility) which provides water supply and sewerage services in regional NSW.

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Contingency plan - a set of procedures for responding to an incident that will affect the quality of liquid trade waste discharged to the sewerage system. The plan also encompasses procedures to protect the environment from accidental and unauthorised discharges of liquid trade waste, leaks and spillages from stored products and chemicals.

Concurrence - under s. 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and cl. 28 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council must obtain the written concurrence of the Secretary of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment prior to approving the discharge of liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system. The department's Water Utilities Branch provides concurrence on behalf of the Secretary.

Due Diligence Program - a plan that identifies potential health and safety, environmental or other hazards (e.g. spills, accidents or leaks) and appropriate corrective actions aimed at minimising or preventing the hazards.

Effluent - the liquid discharged following a wastewater treatment process.

Effluent Improvement Plan (EIP) - the document required to be submitted by a discharger who fails to meet the acceptance limits set down in Council's approval conditions and/or liquid trade waste agreement. The document sets out measures taken by a discharger in order to meet the acceptance limits within the agreed timeframe.

Fast food outlet - a food retailing business featuring a very limited menu, precooked or quickly prepared food, and take-away operations. Premises of this nature include KFC, McDonalds, Red Rooster, Pizza Hut, Hungry Jack's, Burger King, etc.

Galley waste - liquid waste from a kitchen or a food preparation area of a vessel; not including solid wastes.

Greywater - wastewater from showers, baths, spas, hand basins, laundry tubs, washing machines, dishwashers or kitchen sinks.

Heavy Metals - metals of high atomic weight which in high concentrations can exert a toxic effect and may accumulate in the environment and the food chain. Examples include mercury, chromium, cadmium, arsenic, nickel, lead and zinc.

Housekeeping - a general term, which covers all waste minimisation activities connected within the premises as part of its operation.

Industrial Discharges - industrial liquid trade waste is defined as liquid waste generated by industrial or manufacturing processes. Examples are provided in Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021.

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Liquid Trade Waste - all liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature discharged to the sewerage system.

Mandatory Concurrence - for the liquid waste in Classification C, Councils need to obtain concurrence for approval of each discharge. The Water Utilities Branch of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provides concurrence on behalf of the department's Secretary.

Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS) - anionic surfactants. Their presence and concentration are detected by measuring colour change in a standard solution of methylene blue dye.

Minimal Pre-treatment - for the purpose of this document this means sink strainers, basket arrestors for sink and floor waste, plaster arrestors and fixed or removable screens.

Mixed Business - a general store that sells a variety of goods and may also prepare some food.

Open Area - any unroofed process, storage, washing or transport area where rainwater potentially can be contaminated.

Pan - any moveable receptacle kept in a closet and used for the reception of human waste.

PFAS - group of manufactured chemicals, containing a component with multiple fluorine atoms, with many specialty applications. Examples are perfluoro octane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). They are used in a range of products, such as textiles, leather, cosmetics, non-stick coatings in cookware, food packaging, and in some types of fire-fighting foam. These chemicals take a long time to break down in humans and the environment and their persistence and bioaccumulation potential pose concerns for the environment and for human health.

Pit latrines/long-drop toilet/pit toilet - a type of toilet that collects faeces and urine directly into a tank or a hole in the ground.

Portable Toilet - toilet in which wastes are deposited into a holding tank used on construction sites, caravans, motor homes, boats, trains and at outdoor gatherings. If chemicals are used to control odours, it is referred to as a chemical toilet.

pH - a measure of acidity or alkalinity of an aqueous solution, expressed as the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion (H⁺) activity in moles per litre at a given temperature; pH 7 is neutral, below 7 is acidic and above 7 is alkaline.

Premises - has the same meaning as defined in the Local Government Act Dictionary and includes any of the following:

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- a building of any description or any part of it and the appurtenances to it
- land, whether built on or not
- a shed or other structure
- a tent
- a swimming pool
- a ship or vessel of any description (including a houseboat)
- a van.

Prescribed Pre-treatment Equipment - standard non-complex equipment used for pre-treatment of liquid trade waste, e.g. a grease arrestor, an oil arrestor/separator, solids arrestor, cooling pit.

Regional NSW - the areas of the state that are not serviced by the Sydney Water Corporation or the Hunter Water Corporation.

Regulation - Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 under the *Local Government Act* 1993.

Secretary - the head of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Septage - material pumped out from a septic tank during desludging; contains partly decomposed scum, sludge and liquid.

Septic Tank - wastewater treatment device that provides a preliminary form of treatment for wastewater. It provides sedimentation of settleable solids, flotation of oils and fats, and anaerobic digestion of sludge.

Septic Tank Effluent - the liquid discharged from a septic tank after treatment.

Sewage Management Facility - a human waste storage facility or a waste treatment device intended to process sewage and includes a drain connected to such a facility or device.

Sewage of a Domestic Nature - human faecal matter and urine and wastewater associated with ordinary kitchen, laundry and ablution activities of a household, but does not include waste in or from a sewage management facility.

Sewerage System - the network of sewage collection, transportation, treatment and byproducts (effluent and biosolids) management facilities.

Sewage treatment works - this is the facility designed to treat sewage. The level of treatment will vary based on the expected quality of the effluent.

Ship-to-Shore Pump-out - liquid waste from a vessel that may be considered for disposal to the sewerage system. This includes on-board toilet wastes, galley wastes and dry dock cleaning waste from maintenance activities.

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Sludge - the solids that are removed from wastewater by treatment. **Stormwater Run-off** - run-off resulting from rainfall.

Surfactants - the key active ingredient of detergents, soaps, emulsifiers, wetting agents and penetrants. Anionic surfactants react with a chemical called methylene blue to form a blue-chloroform-soluble complex. The intensity of colour is proportional to concentration.

Suspended Solids (SS) - the insoluble solid matter suspended in wastewater that can be separated by laboratory filtration and is retained on a filter.

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) - total amount of dissolved material in the water.

Total Recoverable Hydrocarbons (TRH) - Both biological and petroleum hydrocarbons which have been extracted (recovered) from a sample. TRH are equivalent to the previously reported Total

Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). TRH is reported in fractions with Carbon chain ($C_6 - C_{40}$). TRH with carbon chain $C_6 - C_{10}$ are flammable.

Waste Minimisation - procedures and processes implemented by industry and business to modify, change, alter or substitute work practices and products that will result in a reduction in the volume and/or strength of waste discharged to sewer.

WSAA - Water Services Association of Australia.



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Appendix B - Deemed to be Approved Activities

The list of discharges exempts from obtaining of Council's approval (i.e. considered as Deemed to be approved) is shown in Table B1. Each such discharger must meet standard requirements specified in this Table.

Table B1 - Discharges deemed to be approved

Activity generating waste	Requirements	
Beautician	Solvents not to be discharged to sewer	
Bed and Breakfast (not more	Sink strainers in food preparation areas	
than 10 persons including	Housekeeping practices (see Note 4)	
proprietor)		
Cooling tower <500L/h	No chromium-based products to be discharged to the sewer	
Crafts ceramic, pottery, etc.		
(including hobby clubs)		
flows <200 L/d	Nil	
flows 200-1,000 L/d	Plaster arrestor required	
Day care centre (no hot food	Sink strainers in food preparation areas	
prepared)	Housekeeping practices (see Note 4)	
	Nappies, wet wipes are not to be flushed into the toilet	
Delicatessen (no hot food	Sink strainers in food preparation areas	
prepared)	Housekeeping practices (see Note 4)	
Dental technician	Plaster arrestor required	
Dental mobile (no amalgam	Nil	
waste)		
Dog/cat grooming/animal wash	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlets and sink strainer	
only	required (see Note 3)	
	Animal litter and any disposable waste products must not be	
	discharged to sewer	
	Organophosphorus pesticides are prohibited to be discharged	
	to sewer	
Florist	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer	
	required	
	Herbicides/pesticides are not permitted to be discharged to	
	sewer	
Fruit and vegetable – retail	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer	
	required (see Notes 3 and 5)	
Hairdressing	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer, hair	
	trap	



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Activity generating waste	Requirements
Jewellery shop	Miniplater vessel to contain no more than 1.5 L of precious metal
miniplater	solution
ultrasonic washing	Nil
precious stone cutting	If: < 1000 L/d plaster arrestor required
	> 1000 L/d general purpose pit required
*Medical centre/doctor	Plaster arrestor required, if plaster of paris casts are used
surgery/physiotherapy	
*(Only if plaster cast are	
made onsite)	
Mixed business (minimal hot	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer
food)	required (see Note 3)
	Housekeeping practices (see Note 4)
Mobile cleaning units	20-micron filtration system fitted to a mobile unit
Carpet cleaning	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet required. Discharge via
Garbage bin washing	grease arrestor (if available)
Motel (no hot food prepared	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer
and no laundry facility)	required (see Note 3)
Next also	Housekeeping practices (see Note 4)
Nut shop	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer required (see Note 3)
Optical service - retail	Solids settlement tank/pit required
Pet shop – retail	Dry basket arrestor for floor waste outlet and sink strainer
	required (see Note 2)
	Animal litter and any disposable waste products must not be discharged to sewer
	Organophosphorus pesticides are prohibited to be discharged to
	sewer
Pizza reheating for home	Housekeeping practices (see Note 4)
delivery	
Venetian blind cleaning	Nil (see Note 2)

Notes:

- 1. Where "required" is used, it means as required by Council.
- 2. If activity is conducted outdoors, the work area is to be roofed and bunded to prevent stormwater ingress into the sewerage system.
- 3. Dry basket arrestors must be provided for all floor waste outlets.
- 4. Food preparation activities need to comply with sound housekeeping practices including
 - Floor must be dry swept before washing
 - pre-wiping of all utensils, plates, bowls etc. to the scrap bin before washing up
- 5. Use of a food waste disposal unit (garbage grinder) and/or a food waste processing unit (food waste digester, composter etc.) is not permitted.

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Appendix C - Prohibited or restricted substances and wastes from discharge to sewer

This Appendix provides additional information regarding substances and waste either prohibited or restricted from being discharged to sewer.

C1 Stormwater from open areas

The ingress of stormwater into the sewerage system can cause operational problems and result in sewer overflows, as the sewerage system does not have the capacity for such flows. Under clause 137A of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the discharge of roof, rain, surface, seepage or groundwater to a sewerage system is prohibited unless specifically approved.

However, it may not be practical or feasible to totally prevent stormwater contamination and ingress into a sewerage system from some non-residential premises.

The discharge of limited quantities of stormwater (generally, 10 mm of rain) from sealed areas can be considered when roofing cannot be provided due to safety or other important considerations. In such instances, the applicant should take measures to minimise the contamination of stormwater and the volume of stormwater entering the sewerage system (e.g. first flush systems, flow separation, bunding, on-site detention, etc.). The discharge from unsealed areas is not permitted.

Refer to *Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021* for further information.

C2 Contaminated groundwater

Similar to stormwater, discharge of groundwater or seepage water to a sewerage system is prohibited under clause 137A of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Accordingly, groundwater extracted during construction activities (e.g. building/road construction activities, vacuum excavation, mining/exploration works, etc.) is not permitted to be discharged to Council's sewerage system directly or indirectly.

However, groundwater previously contaminated by human activities (e.g. service station remediation sites) may be considered for discharge to the sewerage system. Limited quantities of groundwater from remediation projects may be accepted under controlled conditions after appropriate pre-treatment for a limited period.

C3 Discharge of landfill leachate

The discharge of leachate from Council waste landfills to the sewerage system may be considered under controlled conditions, if there is no other viable option of managing this waste and the discharge is within the Council's acceptance limits.

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The proponent when seeking approval to discharge leachate to sewer needs to demonstrate that a sound stormwater management plan has been developed and implemented. The plan needs to address:

- Segregation of potentially contaminated areas from uncontaminated areas;
- Prevention of surface runoff entering leachate collection ponds/dams and to Council sewerage system; and
- Appropriate pre-treatment to meet Council's acceptance limits.

Only the excess leachate after on-site management within the premise will be considered for sewer discharge, if it meets Council's acceptance criteria. On-site pretreatment to reduce ammonia levels (and other substances, e.g. PFAS) may also be required.

C4 Discharge from float tanks

Float tanks, often referred to as floatation pods, iso-pods (isolation tank), sensory deprivation systems, or REST tanks (restricted environmental stimulation therapy tanks) are typically small, enclosed pods containing about 1,000 litres of water. This water usually contains large quantities of Epsom salts (300 - 700 kg of magnesium sulphate), resulting in total dissolved solids concentration up to 700,000 mg/L.

Discharge of such water to sewer is not permitted due to potential adverse impacts associated with the high salt content on the sewer infrastructure and treatment processes. It is also not appropriate to dispose of such waste to septic tanks or on-site soak wells.

If wastewater is proposed to be transported away for off-site management, the operator of such facilities must provide details of liquid waste transporters and written verification from the receival facilities acknowledging and agreeing to receive such wastewater.

C5 Discharge from Service station forecourts and other refuelling points C5.1 New premises

The discharge of wastewater from service station forecourts and other refuelling points (e.g. at bus depot, etc.) is not permitted.

Refer to NSW EPA Practice Note, titled *Managing Run-off from Service Station Forecourts*, June 2019, for options for managing such wastewater.

C5.2 Existing premises

The discharge from existing service stations and other refuelling areas may be permitted, provided appropriate pre-treatment and discharge control requirements are adhered to. Further information is provided in Chapter 3 and Appendix F of the *Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021*.

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If a refuelling area is refurbished, then the discharge from this area must be disconnected from the sewerage system.

C6 Discharges from liquefaction and/or pulverisation of solid waste by physical or chemical processes

The wastewater arising from liquefaction or pulverisation of solid waste by physical (e.g. pulping, macerating) or chemical means (e.g. dissolving solid waste in highly acidic or alkaline solutions) is not permitted to be discharged to the sewerage system.

Accordingly, discharges from the following devices/processes are not permitted.

- Macerators or similar devices that pulverising of solid waste. Solid
 waste includes, but not limited to sanitary napkin, placenta, surgical
 waste, disposable nappy, mache bedpan/urine containers, food
 waste, disposable products and animal waste (dog/cat faeces, cat
 litter).
- Food waste disposal units, also known as in-sink food waste disposers or garbage grinders in commercial premises. Discharges from existing installations in hospitals and nursing homes may be permitted, provided that wastewater is discharged through an adequately sized grease arrestor (additional charges will be applied).

If the kitchen is refurbished, the food waste disposal unit must be removed.

 Alkaline hydrolysis waste, process where a human or animal tissue is broken down using alkaline solutions at elevated temperatures and pH. The process may be used in animal care facilities, veterinary premises, animal research laboratories, funeral parlours etc. The generated wastewater is of a high strength and may exhibit high loadings on the sewerage system. Accordingly, the wastewater generated by this process is not permitted to be discharged to the sewerage system.

C6.1 Discharge from Solid Food Waste Processing Units (digesters/composters)

Discharge from a solid food waste processing unit (digesters/composters, etc.) to a Council's sewerage system is a Concurrence Classification C discharge (i.e. Charging Category 3), hence Council needs to obtain concurrence to its approval from the department for individual applications.

The quality of wastewater from this equipment depends on the type of solid waste feed into it and the effectiveness of the on-site pre-treatment, hence frequent sampling will be required for monitoring and charging purposes.



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Sampling needs to be undertaken by either a Council officer or an independent party acceptable to Council.

Appropriate on-site pre-treatment needs to be provided prior to combining with any other liquid waste stream that discharges to the Council's sewerage system.

Each application will be assessed on a case by case basis.

C7 Use of additives in pre-treatment systems

The use of bacterial, enzyme and/or odour controlling agents in pre-treatment equipment (e.g. in grease arrestors) is prohibited unless specifically approved by Council with the department's concurrence.

C8 Discharge of disposable products marketed as flushable

Any disposable solid products including those marketed as "flushable" (e.g. wet wipes, cleaning wipes, cat litter, etc.) is not permitted to flush down the sewerage system. Contrary to manufacturers' claims, flushable wet wipes do not breakdown in the sewerage system similarly to a toilet paper and may cause blockages within the premises or in the Council's sewerage system and may cause raw sewage overflow to the environment.

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Appendix D - Non-residential sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges

This Appendix provides information on Council's charging criteria for liquid trade waste customers. Some guidance is also provided on the applicable non-residential sewerage charges.

The best practice pricing for non-residential sewerage and liquid trade waste services are to ensure that liquid trade waste dischargers pay a fair share of the cost of sewerage services provided by Council. Appropriate pricing is essential to provide relevant pricing signals to non-residential and liquid trade waste customers to use water and sewerage system efficiently.

D1 Non-residential sewerage pricing⁹

A non-residential sewerage bill is based on a cost-reflective two-part tariff with an annual access charge and a uniform sewer usage charge per kL. The total discharged volume to the sewerage system can be either measured (by a flow meter) or estimated using the customer's total water consumption multiplied by a sewer discharge factor.

The sewerage bill for a non-residential customer is calculated as follows:

$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where:B = Annual non-residential sewerage bill (\$)

C = Customer's water annual consumption (kL)

AC = Annual non-residential sewerage access charge as shown below (\$)

SDF = Sewer discharge factor

UC = Sewer usage charge (\$/kL)

Access charge

The sewerage access charge is proportional to the square of the size of the water supply service connection.

$$AC = \left(AC_{20} \times \frac{D^2}{400}\right)$$

There is an error in the formula on Councils fees and charges.

Where: AC_{20} = Annual non-residential sewerage access charge for 20 mm water service connection (\$)

D = Water supply service connection size (mm)

Sewer Usage charge

The sewer usage charge (\$/kL) is applied for the total volume of wastewater discharged to the sewerage system.

⁹ Detailed guidance for calculation of non-residential sewerage prices are provided in the Department's Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines, 2002, Department of Land and Water Conservation

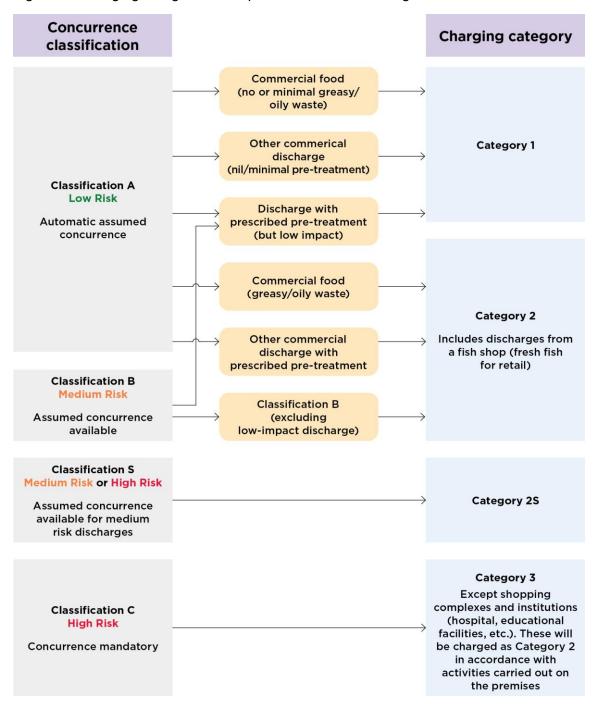


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D2 Liquid Trade Waste fees and charges

This section describes varies fees and charges associated with liquid trade waste and fees and charges applicable to charging categories. Figure 1 shows the relationship between concurrence classifications and charging categories.

Figure 1 - Charging categories for liquid trade waste dischargers



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In summary, Classification A discharges fall into Charging Category 1 or Category 2. Classification B discharges fall into Charging Category 2, except for a few discharges with low impact on the sewerage system which fall into Category 1. Classification S discharges fall into Charging Category 2S and Classification C discharges fall into Charging Category 3.

D2.1 Description of various trade waste fees and charges

The followings sections describe various trade waste fees and charges and the methodology of calculating them.

D2.1.1 Application fee

The application fee recovers the costs of administration and technical services provided by Council in processing a liquid trade waste application. This fee varies for different charging categories to reflect the complexity of processing the application.

D2.1.2 Annual trade waste fee

The purpose of this fee is to recover the costs incurred by Council for ongoing administration and scheduled inspections, in order to ensure that the discharge complies with the approval conditions.

As part of an inspection, Council may undertake monitoring which may include, but is not limited to, flow measurement and the sampling. In general, cost of one inspection is included in the annual fee, for Category 1 and 2 discharges.

Annual liquid trade waste fee varies for different charging categories in order to reflect the complexity of their inspection and administration requirements. In particular, for Category 3 discharges, Council may opt to set the annual fee on a case-by-case basis to reflect the complexity of monitoring requirements and the extent of inspection.

Refer to section D5.3 regarding annual fees applicable to premises with multiple activities.

Council may require a discharger to pay for monitoring (quantity and quality) based on full cost recovery.

D2.1.3 Inspection fee/re-inspection fee

Cost of one inspection is usually included in annual liquid trade waste fee for charging categories 1 and 2.

However, it may be required to conduct un-planned inspections or re-inspections of a premise (e.g. non-compliance with approved conditions, investigating an accident, etc.). Also, more frequent inspections may be necessary for large and industrial discharges.

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Where more than one inspection is undertaken in a financial year and/or the cost of inspections is not included in the annual fee, the cost may be recovered from the discharger as the re-inspection fee.

Council may recover the cost of sample analysis from the discharger, in addition to the re-inspection fee.

D2.1.4 Renewal fee

Council may apply a renewal fee if an existing approval needs to be renewed or modified.

D3 Category specific charges

The following sections describe the charging categories and relevant fees and charges. If a discharge is not listed, Council will determine (with the consultation of the department) the relevant charging category, based on the quality and the quantity of discharge.

D3.1 Category 1 discharger

This charging category includes:

- Classification A discharges (both commercial retail non-oily/greasy food preparation and other commercial discharges, listed below)
- Classifications B discharges identified as low risk.

Some of the above discharges may require prescribed pre-treatment to be installed however, the treated effluent is considered to have a low impact on the sewerage system.

Classification A discharges – commercial retail food preparation activities that do not generate or generate minimal oily/greasy waste: bakery (only bread baked on-site), bistro (sandwiches, coffee only), boarding/hostel < 10 persons, café/coffee shop/coffee lounge (no hot food), canteen/cafeteria (no hot food), community hall/civic centre (minimal food), day care centre (minimal hot food), delicatessen (minimal or no hot food), fruit and vegetable shop, hotel/motel (minimal hot food), ice cream parlour (take away only), juice bar, mobile food van (no hot food), mixed business (minimal hot food), nightclub (no hot food), nut shop, pie shop (re-heating only), pizza no cooking/reheating (pizza heated and sold for consumption off-site), potato peeling (small operation), sandwich shop/salad bar/snack bar (no hot food), take away food outlet (no hot food), school canteen with minimal hot food.

Classification A discharges from other commercial activities: animal wash, beautician/tanning booths/hairdressing, crafts ≤ 1,000 L/d, dental surgery/dental technician (plaster casts), dry cleaning, florist, funeral parlour, jewellery shop, medical centre/physiotherapy (plaster casts), mobile cleaning units, morgue, optical service, pet shop, plants retail (no nursery), non-residential swimming pool/hydrotherapy, veterinary.

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Classification A or B discharges with prescribed pre-treatment and low impact on the sewerage system: boiler blowdown, cooling tower, industrial boilers, laboratory (analytical/pathology/tertiary institution), laundry/laundromat, primary and secondary school¹⁰, vehicle washing/detailing (excluding truck washing).

D3.1.3 Category 1 discharger - Liquid trade waste charges

D3.1.4 "Deemed to be approved" discharges

For a discharger in "Deemed to be approved discharges" (refer to Appendix B), following charges will be applicable

 $TW_D = A_D$

A_D = Annual trade waste fee (\$) for Category 1

D3.1.5 Category 1 discharger, other than "deemed to be approved"

Category 1 discharger who installs recommended appropriate pre-treatment equipment and maintains them regularly will be required to pay **only** the annual fee nominated for Category 1.

Liquid trade waste bill for Category 1 discharger (TW₁)

 $TW_1 = A_1$

 A_1 = Annual liquid trade waste fee (\$) for Category 1

D3.2 Category 2 discharger

Category 2 liquid trade waste dischargers are those discharging waste generated by an activity listed below:

Classification A discharges – commercial retail food preparation/serving activities that generate oily/greasy waste: bakery (pies, sausage rolls, quiches, cakes, pastries with creams or custards), bistro, boarding house/hostel kitchen (exceeding 10 persons), butcher, café/coffee shop/coffee lounge (with hot food), cafeteria/ canteen (with hot food), chicken/poultry shop –fresh/roast, retail BBQ/charcoal chicken, day care centre with hot food, club, civic centre/community hall¹¹, commercial kitchen/caterer, delicatessen with hot food, fast food outlet, fish shop (retail and cooking on-site), function centre, hotel, ice cream parlour, mixed business (hot food), mobile food van (base), motel, nightclub, nursing home, patisserie, pizza

 $^{^{\}rm 10}$ If significant hot food preparation is carried out, Category 2 charges may be levied by Council.

¹¹ If the type and size of kitchen fixtures installed enable catering for large functions.

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cooking, restaurant, sandwich shop/salad bar/snack bar (with hot food), supermarket, take away food outlet with hot food, school canteen with hot food.

Classification A discharges – other commercial discharges: car detailing, craft activities > 1000 L/d, lawnmower repairs, mechanical workshop, stone working, surfboard manufacture (wet process only).

Classification B discharges: auto dismantler, bus/coach depot, bakery (wholesale), butcher (wholesale) construction equipment maintenance and cleaning, boutique or artisan foods, engine reconditioning, equipment hire, maintenance and cleaning, fish co-op, graphic arts, hospital, micro-brewery, oyster processing – shucking, panel beating, radiator repairer, screen printing, service station forecourt, shopping complex, truck washing (platforms/flat beds) and truck washing (external).

D3.2.1 Category 2 discharger - Liquid trade waste charges

Category 2 discharger who installs appropriate pre-treatment equipment and maintains them will pay annual fee nominated for Category 2 plus the trade waste usage charge.

Liquid trade waste bill for Category 2 discharger (TW₂),

 $TW_2 = A_2 + Q_{TW} \times C_2$

A₂ = Annual liquid trade waste fee (\$) for Category 2 Q_{TW} = Total liquid trade waste discharge volume (kL)

 C_2 = Trade waste usage charge (\$/kL)

The liquid trade waste discharge volume is generally estimated by applying a Trade Waste Discharge Factor (TWDF) to the total water consumption unless a discharge meter is installed.

D3.3 Category 2S discharger

Category 2S dischargers include:

- transporters who tanker human waste to Council's STPs septic tank waste (effluent and septage), ablution block waste (blackwater and greywater), portable toilet waste, sludge from on-site aerated wastewater treatment systems (AWTS) for single households, waste from pit toilets, night soil.
- owners/operators of 'dump points' directly connected to the sewer for disposal toilet waste and/or grey water from a bus or a recreation vehicle (RV), e.g. caravan, motor home.

D3.3.1 Category 2S discharger - Liquid trade waste charges

D3.3.2 Transported human waste

The transporters of human waste will be required to pay waste disposal charge (\$/kL).

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Liquid trade waste bill for Category 2S waste transporter (TW_{TW}),

 $TW_{TW} = A_{TW} + Q_{TW} \times C_{TW}$

 A_{TW} = Annual fee (\$) for transported waste Q_{TW} = Transported human waste volume (kL)

 C_{TW} = Charging rate (\$/kL) for the transported waste (may vary

based on the type of waste transported)

D3.3.3 Waste dump points

Dump points are often located in public places (roadside), hence the monitoring of discharge volumes is not practical. Accordingly, only an annual fee is applied for standalone dump points.

Liquid trade waste bill for dump point operator (TW_{DP}) (if applicable),

$$TW_{DP} = A_{DP}$$

 $A_{DP} = Annual fee for dump point ($)$

D3.4 Category 3 discharger

Category 3 liquid trade waste dischargers are those conducting an activity which is of an industrial nature and/or which results in the discharge of large volumes of liquid trade waste to the sewerage system. Any Category 1 or 2 discharger whose volume exceeds the limits shown below becomes a Category 3 discharger (excluding shopping centres and institutions):

- Classification A discharge greater than 20 kL/d; or
- Classification B discharge greater than maximum allowable discharge as shown in
- Chapter 5 of the Guidelines.

Classification C discharges include: abattoir, acid pickling, adhesive/latex manufacture, agricultural and veterinary drugs, anodising, bitumen and tar, bottle washing, brewery, cardboard and carton manufacture, carpet manufacture, caustic degreasing, chemicals manufacture and repackaging, contaminated site treatment, cooling towers, cosmetics/perfumes manufacture, cyanide hardening, dairy processing* (milk/cheese/yoghurt/ice cream, etc.), detergent/soaps manufacture, drum washing, egg processing, electroplating, extrusion and moulding (plastic/metal), feather washing, fellmonger, felt manufacture, fertilisers manufacture, fibreglass manufacture, filter cleaning, foundry, food

processing*, food waste processing unit (digester/composter), fruit and vegetable processing, flour milling, galvanising, glass manufacture, glue manufacturer, ink manufacture, laboratories (excluding those in Category 1 & 2), liquid wastewater treatment facility (grease trap receival depot and other pump-out waste depot), metal finishing, metal processing (refining/rumbling/non-cyanide heat treatment/phosphating/photo engraving/printed circuit etching/sheet metal fabrication etc.), mirrors manufacture, oil recycling (petrochemical) and refinery, paint stripping, paint manufacture, paper manufacture, pet food processing, plants nursery (open



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areas), pharmaceuticals manufacture, plaster manufacture, powder coating, potato processing, poultry processing, printing (newspaper, lithographic), saleyards, sandblasting, seafood processing, slipway, soft drink/cordial manufacture, starch manufacture, sugar refinery, tanker washing, tannery, timber processing (joinery and furniture/plywood/hardwood), textile manufacture (wool dyeing/spinning/scouring), tip leachate, transport depot/ terminal, truck washing (internal), waxes and polishes, water treatment backwash, wholesale meat processing, winery, distillery, wine/spirit bottling.

* Excluding small boutique, craft or artisan food industries not exceeding the discharge volume shown in the *Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines*, 2021.

D3.4.1 Category 3 discharger - Liquid trade waste charges

D3.4.2 Excess mass charges

Category 3 discharger will be required to pay the annual liquid trade waste fee plus excess mass charges.

Liquid trade waste bill for Category 3 discharger (TW₃),

 $TW_3 = A_3 + EMC$

 A_3 = Annual liquid trade waste fee (\$)**

EMC = Excess mass charges (\$)

Note: **Annual fee may vary for different business activities, depending on the complexity and time taken for inspection.

How excess mass charges are calculated

Excess mass charges will be applicable for substances discharged in excess of the 'Deemed Concentrations' in domestic sewage. For the purpose of excess mass charge calculation, the deemed concentrations of substances in domestic sewage are listed in Table D1.

Table D1 - Deemed concentration of substances in domestic sewage

Substance	Concentration (mg/L)
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅)	300
Suspended Solids	300
Total Oil and Grease	50
Ammonia (as Nitrogen)	35
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	50
Total Phosphorus	10
Total Dissolved Solids	1000
Sulphate (SO ₄)	50#

^{*}The concentration in the potable water supply to be used if it is higher than 50 mg/L.



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NB. Substances not listed above are deemed not to be present in domestic sewage. For excess mass charge calculation, equation (1) below will be applied for all parameters including for BOD_5 up to 600 mg/L (but excluding COD and pH).

EMC (\$) =
$$\frac{(S - D) \times Q_{TW} \times U}{1,000}$$

Where:S = Concentration (mg/L) of substance in sample

D = Concentration (mg/L) of substance deemed to be present in domestic sewage

Q_{TW} = Volume (kL) of liquid trade waste discharged to the sewerage system

U = Unit charging rate (\$/kg) for the substance (note that this rate varies from substance to substance. Refer to Council's Revenue Policy Fees and Charges for charging rates for various substances)

D3.4.3 Excess mass charges for BOD

BOD up to 600 mg/L

Equation (1) applies for BOD_5 up to 600 mg/L. Note that there are no excess mass charges if the BOD does not exceed 300 mg/L (deemed concentration of BOD in domestic sewage).

Excess mass charges for BOD exceeding 600mg/L

If Council approves the acceptance limits for BOD_5 higher than 600mg/L, an exponential type equation will be used for calculation of the charging rate U_e (\$/kg) as shown in equation (2). This provides a strong incentive for dischargers to reduce the strength of waste. Note that equation (5) will be used where the discharger has failed to meet their approved BOD limit on more than two instances in a financial year.

U_e is the excess mass charging rate U_e (\$/kg) for BOD is calculated as:

Ue =
$$2C \times \frac{\text{(Actual BOD - 300mg/L)}}{600mg/L} \times 1.05 \frac{\text{(Actual BOD - 600mg/L)}}{600mg/L}$$
 (2)

Where: $C = Charging rate (\$/kg) for BOD_5 600mg/L$

Actual BOD = Concentration of BOD₅ as measured in a sample

D3.4.4 Tankered Category 3 waste

In some instances, liquid waste that falls into Charging Category 3 is transported to the STP. Examples of such waste may include tankered landfill leachate or dairy waste

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from un-sewered areas. In such instances, Council will determine the appropriate approval holder (waste generator or the transporter) and invoice accordingly.

Council will apply mass based charges, based on the quality and volume of the waste, e.g. high nitrogen concentrations in leachate from a landfill transported to the STW, using the equations as listed under Charging Category 3.

D4 Non-compliance liquid trade waste charges

Non-compliance charges for Category 1 and 2 dischargers

If the discharger has not installed or maintained appropriate pre-treatment equipment, the following non-compliance trade waste usage charges will be applied for the relevant billing period.

If a discharger enters into an Effluent Improvement Plan with reasonable milestones and is demonstrating that they are satisfying Council requirements, this may allow for continued lower charges.

D4.1 Category 1 discharger - non-compliance charges

The trade waste usage charge (\$/kL) as per Council's Revenue Policy Fees and Charges will be applied.

D4.2 Category 2 discharger – non-compliance charges

For Category 2 discharger, a non-compliance charge will be seven times the trade waste usage charge as outlined in the Council's Community Strategic Plan

Dischargers who have an undersized grease arrestor and improved the effluent quality by other means (e.g. increased pump-outs, installing additional pre-treatment equipment, etc.) will pay a trade waste usage charges in accordance with a Category 2 discharger.

Dischargers who cannot install a grease arrestor or those who have an arrestor with capacity significantly less than the required size and are unable to improve the effluent quality by means described above will have to pay non-compliance trade waste usage charges, as per Category 2 non-compliance charge above.

D4.3 Non-compliance charges for Category 3 discharger

If a discharger in charging Category 3 fails to comply with the acceptance limits specified in Council's approval conditions, the following non-compliance charges will be applicable.

D4.3.1 Non-compliance pH charge

If the pH of the waste discharge by Category 3 discharger is outside the approved range, equation (3) is used for the calculation of non-compliance pH charges. This



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equation provides an incentive for dischargers to install and properly maintain a pH correction system, so their waste remains within the approved pH limits.

Charging rate for pH, if outside the approved range =

K x | actual pH – approved pH |
$$^{\#}$$
 x 2 | $^{|actual pH - approved pH|}$ $^{\#}$ (3)

Absolute value to be used.

K = pH coefficient in \$

Example 4:

Council has approved the pH range 7.0 to 9.0 for a large discharger. pH coefficient (K) listed in Council's Management Plan is \$0.45

Case 1: pH measured 6.0

Charging rate for pH (\$/kL) = 0.45 x | 6 - 7| * x 2 | 6-7| * = \$0.90/kL

Case 2: pH measured 11.0

Charging rate for pH (\$/kL) = 0.45 x | 11 - 9| # x 2 | 11 - 9| # = \$3.60/kL

Absolute value to be used.

D4.3.2 Non-compliance excess mass charges

Equation (4) shall apply for non-compliance excess mass charges for various substances, except for BOD₅ where equation (5) shall apply to calculate the charging rate.

Non – compliance Excess Mass Charges (\$) =
$$\frac{(S-A) \times Q \times 2U}{1000} + \frac{(S-D) \times Q \times U}{1000}$$
 (4)

Where:S = Concentration (mg/L) of a substance in sample

A = Approved maximum concentration (mg/L) of pollutant as specified in Council's approval (or liquid trade waste policy)

Q = Volume (kL) of liquid trade waste discharged for the period of non-compliance

U = Excess mass charging rate (\$/kg) for the substance, as shown in Council's annual Management Plan

D = Concentration (mg/L) of the substance deemed to be present in domestic sewage

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D4.3.3 Non-compliance excess mass charges for BOD

The non-compliance excess mass charging rate (U_n) for BOD₅ is calculated by using equation (5):

U_n is the BOD₅ non-compliance excess mass charging rate in (\$/kL).

$$U_{\rm n} = 2C \times \frac{(\text{A - 300mg/L})}{600\text{mg/L}} \times 1.05 \frac{(\text{A - 600mg/L})}{600\text{mg/L}} + 4C \times \frac{(\text{Actual BOD - A})}{600\text{ mg/L}} \times 1.05 \frac{(\text{Actual BOD - A})}{600\text{mg/L}}$$
(5)

D5 Other applicable liquid trade waste charges

D5.1 Solid food waste processing unit

Discharge of waste from a solid food waste processing unit (digester/composter) is classified as Concurrence Classification C and is in charging Category 3.

Excess mass charges for all parameters in excess of the deemed concentrations in domestic sewage and non-compliance charges, above the Council's acceptance limits, will be applicable to the waste stream from such equipment (refer s. D3.4.2 or D3.4.3 for further information).

In addition, the discharger needs to bear the cost of frequent sampling as the quality of wastewater dependent on the solid waste input to the processing unit and the effectiveness of the on-site pre-treatment equipment.

D5.2 Discharge of stormwater from large open areas or large quantities of groundwater to the sewerage system

The discharge of roof, rain, surface, seepage or ground water to the sewerage system is prohibited under clause 137A of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Consideration will be given to the acceptance of limited quantities of contaminated stormwater (first flush stormwater) based on a case-by-case assessment.

If stormwater run-off from a large areas or groundwater is approved for discharge to sewer for a Category 3 discharger (e.g. saleyards), a volume based charge similar to the non-compliance usage charging rate (\$/kL) for Category 2 will be applied (e.g. 5 to 10 times of Usage charging rate listed in Council's Revenue Policy Fees and Charges. Excess mass charges may be also applied to such discharges.

D5.3 Charges for premises with multiple liquid trade waste streams

Examples of premises with multiple waste streams include:

- shopping centres
- commercial strata units
- institutions, e.g. hospitals, tertiary educational facilities and correctional centres
- other premises with multiple waste streams, e.g. premises comprising food cooking/serving activities and "Boutique/artisan food" businesses.

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For example, a liquid trade waste application may include a restaurant or a hotel, a microbrewery, a chocolate making and/or a cheese making shops, all located on the same site.

D5.3.1 Shopping centre

Council will generally issue a liquid trade waste bill to the management of the above premises.

The annual fee will be charged to centre management as per the Revenue Policy Fees and Charges for Category 2. This includes shared pre-treatment equipment (e.g. grease arrestor, oil separator, cooling pit, general-purpose pit).

Council will apply trade waste usage charge based on the estimated trade waste discharge volume.

D5.3.2 Commercial strata title units

Councils will issue individual liquid trade waste bills to each owner of the strata title unit.

D5.3.3 Hospitals, tertiary educational facilities and correctional centres

Council will generally issue a liquid trade waste bill to the management of the above premises.

The annual fee will be charged to management of the premises as per the Community Strategic Plan for Category 2 dischargers. This is for shared pre-treatment equipment (e.g. grease arrestor, oil separator, cooling pit, general-purpose pit)

Council will apply trade waste usage charge based on the estimated trade waste discharge volume.

If food preparation activities are carried out by an outside contractor, e.g. take away food outlets in the educational facilities. Council may issue a separate liquid trade waste bill to such individual shops, where practical. It may require an individual water meter or a check meter to be installed at the relevant service line.

D5.3.4 Other premises with multiple waste streams

There are some premises where various "boutique type" businesses are located on the same site as restaurants, café, etc. For example, a premise may include a restaurant, a microbrewery, a chocolate making shop and a cheese making business, all owned by the same owner. When a liquid trade waste application includes a few different activities on the same site, Council will assess the application and determine the relevant charging categories and applicable fees and charges.

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Appendix E – List of discharges Council may approve

Discharges from activities that Warrumbungle Shire Council can process without seeking Department of Planning and Environment concurrence, subject to businesses complying with certain requirements.

E1 Classification A

Food preparation/serving, generating	Other Activities generating liquid
liquid waste, up to 16 kL/day	waste, up to 5 kL/day
Bakery (retail)	Animal wash (pound, stables, racecourse, kennels, mobile animal wash)
Bed and Breakfast (<10 persons)	Beautician
Bistro	Boiler blowdown
Boarding house/hostel kitchen	Car detailing
Butcher (retail)	Cooling towers
Café/coffee shop/coffee lounge	Craft activities (pottery, ceramics, cutting and polishing of gemstones or making of jewellery)
Canteen	Dental surgery
Cafeteria	Dental technician
Chicken/poultry shop (fresh chicken/game,	Dry-cleaning (separator water, boiler)
retail, barbeque/roast chicken)	
Club (kitchen wastes)	Florist
Commercial kitchen/caterer	Funeral parlour/morgue
Community hall/civic centre/function centre (kitchen waste)	Hairdressing
Day care centre	Jewellery shop
Delicatessen	Laboratory (pathology/analytical)
Doughnut shops	Laundry or laundromat (coin operated)
Fast food outlets (McDonalds, KFC, Burger King, Hungry Jack, Pizza Hut, Red Rooster, etc.)	Lawnmower repairs
Fish shop (retail—fresh and/or cooked)	Mechanical repairs/workshop
Fruit and vegetable shop (retail)	Medical centre/doctor surgery/physiotherapy— plaster of paris casts, laboratory
Hotel	Mobile cleaning units
Ice-cream parlour	Nursing home (other than food-related activities)
Juice bar	Optical services
Mixed business	Per shop (retail)



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Food preparation/serving, generating	Other Activities generating liquid	
liquid waste, up to 16 kL/day	waste, up to 5 kL/day	
Mobile food van	Photographic tray work/manual	
Wobile 1000 vali	development	
Motel	Plants retail (no nursery or open space)	
Nightclub	School (other than kitchen waste)	
Nursing home kitchen	Stone working	
Nut shop	Surfboard manufacturing (wet process	
Nut Shop	only)	
Patisserie	Swimming pools/spas/hydrotherapy pools	
	Vehicle (car) washing (by hand/wand,	
Pie shop	automatic car wash/bus wash/external	
i le shop	truck wash or underbody/engine degrease	
	only)	
Pizza shop	Venetian blind cleaning	
Restaurant	Veterinary surgery	
Salad bar		
Sandwich shop		
School – canteen, home science		
Snack bar		
Supermarket		
(with butcher/bakery/delicatessen/seafood or		
roasted chicken)		
Take away food shop		

E2 Classification B

Activity	Maximum daily discharge volume (kL)
Auto-dismantler	20
Bus/coach depot with an existing refuelling point and/or a dump point	20
Bakery (wholesale) – bread only	20
Boutique or artisan food (for example, honey processing, confectionary, jams, pickles, juices, cheese)	1 (not to exceed 5 kL/week)
Butcher (wholesale)	20
Construction equipment, agricultural equipment and equipment hire maintenance and cleaning	20
Cooling towers over 500 L/h (non-industrial)	20
Educational facilities—tertiary institution (TAFE, university, etc.)	No limit
Engine reconditioning	5



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Activity	Maximum daily discharge volume (kL)
Fish co-op	20
Hospital	No limit
Laboratory—tertiary Institution, except animal health or agricultural research, PC2 and PC3 laboratories	5
Microbrewery	5 (not to exceed 10 kL/week)
Oyster processing—shucking	20
Panel beating	20
Photographic—graphic arts	5
Radiator repair	5
Screen printing	20
Service station covered forecourt/other refuelling points (existing only)	5
Shopping complex	No limit
Truck washing—truck platforms/flatbed/garbage truck	20

E3 Classification S

Discharges from activities that Warrumbungle Shire Council can process without seeking Department of Planning and Environment concurrence, subject to complying with certain requirements.

- Human waste tankered to Council's facility:
 - septic tank waste (effluent and septage);
 - o ablution block waste (blackwater and grey water;
 - o portable toilet waste;
 - sludge from on-site aerated wastewater treatment systems for single households;
 - o waste from pit toilets; or
 - o night soil.

Waste from dump points – dump points receiving toilet waste and/or greywater from facilities (toilets and kitchen) on a bus or recreation vehicle (RV), such as a caravan, or motor home.

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Appendix F - Framework for regulation of liquid trade waste

F1 The NSW framework for regulation of sewerage and trade waste

The NSW framework is driven by the NSW Government's *Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines*, 2007. Sound regulation of sewerage and liquid trade waste is a key element of the 2007 guidelines, and requires each Council to implement all the following integrated measures.

- Preparation and implementation of a sound trade waste regulation policy, assessment
 of each trade waste application and determination of appropriate conditions of
 approval. The conditions must be consistent with the LWU's Integrated Water Cycle
 Management Strategy and demand management plan. In addition, execution of a
 liquid trade waste services agreement is required for large dischargers to assure
 compliance.
- 2. Preparation and implementation of a sound *Development Servicing Plan*, with commercial sewerage developer charges to ensure new development pays a fair share of the cost of the required infrastructure.
- 3. Full cost recovery with appropriate sewer usage charges and trade waste fees and charges in order to provide the necessary pricing signals to dischargers. These charges must include non-compliance trade waste usage charges and non-compliance excess mass charges in order to provide the necessary incentives for dischargers to consistently comply with their conditions of approval.
- 4. Monitoring, mentoring and coaching of dischargers in order to achieve cleaner production and assist them to comply with their conditions of approval.
- 5. Enforcement, including appropriate use of penalty notices in the NSW legislation. Orders may also be issued under the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 6. Disconnection of a trade waste service in the event of persistent failure to comply with the LWU's conditions of approval.

Together, the above six measures comprise the NSW framework for regulation of sewerage and trade waste. The framework involves a preventive risk management approach, which has been developed to address the use of common pool resources by providing economic incentives for dischargers to minimise their waste and to consistently comply with their conditions of approval.

F2 Alignment with the national framework for wastewater quality management

The NSW framework for regulation of sewerage and trade waste is outlined in section 3.1. The NSW framework is driven by the NSW Government's *Best-Practice Management of Water Supply of Sewerage Guidelines*, 2007 and is consistent with that in *WSA Australian Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines July* 2022¹²

In particular, under the *Best-Practice Management Guidelines* each LWU is required to achieve the following outcomes.

¹² The 12 elements of the *National Framework for Wastewater Quality Management* are set out on page 15 of the *Australian Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines, July 2022*, WSAA

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- Prepare and implement a strategic planning documentation, demand management plan, pay-for-use water supply pricing and community and customer involvement (Elements 1, 6, 8).
- Annual performance monitoring, including an annual triple bottom line (TBL) Performance Report and Action Plan to identify and address any areas of under-performance (Elements 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12).
- Achieve full cost recovery for water supply, sewerage and trade waste services and apply an appropriate non-residential sewer usage charge (Elements 3, 8)
- Prepare and implement a sound trade waste regulation policy and issue an appropriate approval to each trade waste discharger, including waste minimisation and cleaner production (Elements 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8).
- Appropriate trade waste fees and charges (including incentives to comply with LWU's approval conditions through non-compliance trade waste usage charges and non-compliance excess mass charges) (Elements 3, 8).
- Trade waste services agreement for large dischargers to assure compliance (Elements 3, 8).
- Appropriate training of LWU staff and monitoring, mentoring and coaching of trade waste dischargers (Elements 1, 4, 5, 7, 8).
- Enforcement, including appropriate use of penalty notices or orders (Elements 3, 8).
- Disconnection of a trade waste service in the event of persistent failure to comply with the LWU's conditions of approval (Element 8).

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Appendix G – Legislative provisions

Provisions in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* in regard to acceptance of liquid trade waste into the sewerage system.

Clause 25 Matters to accompany applications relating to discharge into sewers

An application for approval to discharge trade waste into a sewer under the control of a Council or that connects with such a sewer must be accompanied by the information required by Table 1 to the *Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines (2021)*.

Clause 28 Approval to discharge waste into sewers: concurrence required

A Council must not grant an approval under section 68 of the LG1993 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 (or that Director-General's nominee) has concurred with the approval.

Note: Section 90 (2) of the LGA1993 permits any person or authority whose concurrence is required before an approval may be granted to give the Council notice that the concurrence may be assumed (with such qualifications or conditions as are specified in the notice).

Clause 32 Disposal of trade waste

- (1) An approval to dispose of trade waste into a sewer of the Council is subject to such conditions (if any) as the Council specifies in the approval.
- (2) In imposing any such conditions, the Council is to have regard to the matter set out in Table 5 to the *Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines* (2021).

Clause 159 Prevention of waste and misuse of water

The owner, occupier or manager of premises to which water is supplied by the Council must:

- (a) Prevent waste of water by taking prompt action to repair leaking taps, pipes or fittings located on the premises, and
- (b) Take any other action that is reasonable to prevent waste and misuse of water.

137A Substances prohibited from being discharged into public sewers

- (1) For the purposes of section 638 of LGA1993 (Discharge of prohibited matter into sewer or drain), roof, rain, surface, seepage or ground water is prescribed as prohibited matter.
- (2) This clause does not apply in relation to:
- (a) A discharge that is specifically approved under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993. or
- (b) A discharge into a public drain or a gutter of a Council

143 Inspection of pipes and drains and measurement of water and sewage

- (1) The Council may, at any reasonable time:
- (a) inspect any service pipe connected to a water main, and

In accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*, this is the Secretary of the NSW Department of Industry.

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- (b) inspect any drain connected to a sewer main, and
- (c) install meters or other devices for measuring the quantity of water supplied to, or the quality and quantity of sewage discharged from, premises, and
- (d) measure the quantity of water supplied to, or the quality and quantity of sewage discharged from, premises, and
- (e) inspect any pre-treatment devices connected to the Council's sewerage system.
- (2) The occupier of the relevant premises must provide to the Council such information as it requires to enable it to estimate the quantity of water actually supplied to, or the quality and quantity of sewage actually discharged from, the premises.
- (3) In this clause, **"pre-treatment device"** means any device used to reduce or eliminate contaminants in trade waste, or to alter the waste's nature, before it is discharged into a sewer.

SCHEDULE 12 – Penalty notice offences

Column 1	Column 2
Offence under Local Government Act 1993	Penalty
Section 626 (3)-carry out without prior approval of Council an activity specified	As per
in item 4 of Part C (Management of waste) of the Table to section 68	legislation
Section 627 (3)-having obtained the Council's approval to the carrying out of	As per
an activity specified in item 4 of Part C (Management of waste) of the Table	legislation
to section 68, carry out the activity otherwise than in accordance with the	
terms of that approval	

[&]quot;Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines" means the Guidelines of that name produced by the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability in March 2005, as in force from time to time. The 2005 Guidelines have now been superseded by *Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines*, 2021.