

## LIQUID TRADE WASTE POLICY

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### POLICY OBJECTIVE

This official Council Policy deals with the way in which Council regulated sewerage and trade waste discharge.

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is set 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. POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to all of Council's sewerage and trade waste discharge management systems.

### 3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure.

### 4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Word	Definition
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### 5. POLICY CONTENT

Sewerage systems are designed to cater for waste from domestic sources that are essentially of predictable strength and quality. Council may accept trade waste into its sewerage system as a service to businesses and industry. Liquid trade wastes exert much greater demands on sewerage systems than domestic sewage and, if uncontrolled, can pose serious problems to public health, worker safety, Council's sewerage system and the environment.

Impacts of poor liquid trade waste regulation include: grease, oil and solid material causes sewer chokes and blockages and the discharge of untreated sewage to the environment and strong waste may cause sewage odour problems and corrosion of sewer mains, pumping stations and sewage treatment works.

It is the policy of this Council to ensure: -

- 5.1 A person wishing to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system must, under section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, obtain prior approval from Council. Discharging liquid trade waste without an approval is an offence under section 626 of the Act. The procedure for approval is governed by Chapter 7 of the Local Government Act and is subject to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.
- 5.2 Under clause 28 of the Local Government (General) Regulation, a council must not grant an approval under section 68 of the Act to discharge trade waste into a sewer of the council unless the Director-General of the Department of Planning & Environment (DPIE) has concurred with the approval.

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

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION**

- Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021
- NSW Government Act 1993 – Liquid Trade Waste.

**7. ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL**

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on [Click here to enter a date..](#) All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council’s record management system and Reliansys.

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24 May 2022

**General Manager Wentworth Shire Council**

**Date**