

	COUNCIL POLICY	
	Trade Waste	
	POLICY NO	056
	DEPARTMENT	Engineering & Commercial Infrastructure
	PROGRAM	Business Services
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1.0 Scope

This policy covers all industrial, commercial or other premises connected to Mackay Regional Council's (MRC) sewerage system that may discharge trade waste for treatment within this system.

2.0 Purpose

The major objectives of the MRC in controlling the discharge of trade waste into the sewerage system are to:

- (a) provide an environmentally responsible liquid waste disposal system for commercial and industrial waste in a manner which safeguards public health;
- (b) prevent harm or injury to employees;
- (c) safeguard the sewerage system against damage, blockage or surcharging;
- (d) exclude non-biodegradable, potentially harmful substances that may:
 - i) cause the treatment process to fail;
 - ii) render effluent or sludges unacceptable for reuse or disposal;
 - iii) cause any other detrimental effect to the environment;
- (e) recover the cost of services to commerce and industry including the cost of, transmission, treatment and damage to the sewerage system;
- (f) encourage industrial development but at the same time achieve industry compliance with this policy and the Trade Waste Management Plan;
- (g) promote water conservation;
- (h) provide operational data on the volume and composition of industrial and commercial effluent to assist in the operation of the sewerage system and the design of augmentations or new sewerage systems;
- (i) reduce waste by encouraging awareness of a product's life cycle and including environmental costs in the cost of the product;
- (j) encourage the management of waste in accordance with the following waste management hierarchy:

- (i) waste avoidance;
- (ii) waste recycling;
- (iii) waste to energy;
- (iv) waste treatment;
- (v) waste disposal;
- (vi) effluent reuse.

3.0 Reference

- The Trade Waste Policy refers to the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008.
- The Trade Waste Management Plan is subject to regular revision to ensure it remains consistent with State Government legislation.

4.0 Definitions

To assist in interpretation the following definitions shall apply:

Council shall mean the Mayor and Councillors of Mackay Regional Council.

MRC shall mean Mackay Regional Council.

Reuse shall mean in relation to recycled water, includes being treated to improve the effluent quality, but does not include merely being discharged into, or disposed of in, the environment.

Sewerage system shall mean MRC's sewers, access chambers, vents, engines, pumps, structures machinery, outfalls or any other works used to receive, store, transport or treat sewage.

Trade waste shall mean water-borne waste from business, trade, manufacturing or other premises, other than:

- (a) waste that is a prohibited substance; or
- (b) human waste; or
- (c) stormwater.

5.0 Background

MRC will manage discharges of trade waste to the sewerage system in accordance with the requirements of the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008.

6.0 Policy Statement

This policy statement and the supporting Trade Waste Management Plan shall provide the technical support to promote an appropriate service to industrial and commercial customers and to protect the community, the environment, the sewerage system and the wastewater treatment processes from adverse effects. The Trade Waste Management Plan aligns with MRC's Risk Management Processes.

MRC is committed to ensuring, where possible, all relevant internal and external stakeholders are communicated to and consulted with prior to the commencement of an inspection program.

7.0 Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related documents are amended or replaced.
2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council

Notwithstanding the above, this policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than three (3) years.

Version Control:

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