

# House drain connections

## A guide to our responsibilities and yours



### House drains:

**House drains refer to the connection between a private property's building and the council's sewerage infrastructure.**

As a property owner it is your responsibility to maintain house drains to ensure that stormwater and groundwater does not enter the sewerage system.

If any repairs are needed to the house drain, it is paid for by the property owner, except if the damage is caused by another party.

### Combined house drains:

**Combined house drain refers to a drain that is connected to more than one property, such as those connected to apartment buildings.**

In the case of combined house drains for a community or strata title, these are the responsibility of the body corporate.

In other cases of combined house drains, it is the responsibility of all owners that use the drain.

If any repairs are needed to the combined house drain, it is paid for by the property owners.

### Sewer and sewer manholes:

**The sewer and sewer manholes that a house drain connects to are the responsibility of Mackay Regional Council.**

Blockages that are found in council's sewerage system and not the house drain will be cleared by council employees or contractors.

Property owners are not to arrange private contractors to carry out any works in council's sewerage system beyond their house drain's connection to the sewer.

**For more information about sewer connections phone council on 1300 622 529.**