

NUMBER: S0069/CCS

ACT: *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (QLD)*
Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 (QLD)
Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2008
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018 (QLD)
Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 (QLD)
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (QLD)

TITLE: TRADE WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.1 To establish a Policy for trade waste management in accordance with the relevant legislation to ensure the long-term sustainable management of Council's sewer infrastructure. This Policy aims to:
- 1) Ensure protection and safety of Council personnel, the general public and the environment
 - 2) Ensure protection is provided against; structural damage to Council's sewerage infrastructure, and impact on Council's sewage treatment plant micro-organisms, and
 - 3) Ensure regulatory compliance with legislation and Charters Towers Regional Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

- 2.1 This Policy will commence from 20 May 2020. It replaces all other Policies relating to the management of trade waste.

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

- 3.1 This Policy is applicable to all industrial, commercial or other premises connected to Council's sewerage system that may discharge trade waste for treatment within this system. The Policy is supported by a Trade Waste Management Plan which contains all operational and management requirements involved in the provision of trade waste permits.

4. DEFINITIONS

Sewerage System	Means Council's sewers, house connection branches, access chambers, vents, engines, pumps, structures machinery, outfalls or any other works used to receive, store, transport or treat sewage.
Trade Waste	Means water-borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) waste that is a prohibited substance; or b) human waste; or c) stormwater.
Trade Waste Permit	Means a permit to discharge trade waste into Council's sewerage infrastructure.

5. POLICY PROVISIONS

- 5.1 All commercial and service industry businesses that discharge to sewer are required to apply for and hold a Trade Waste Permit. This permit allows businesses to discharge liquid waste to Charters Towers Regional Council sewer. There are strict acceptance criteria which all discharge must meet, these requirements are listed within the Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan. Discharge which does not comply with the Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan is required to be pre-treated before being discharged. If the generator fails to pre-treat the discharge or is classed as unacceptable, as per the Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan, it will trigger compliance action against the waste generator.

- 5.2 Council Officers will conduct site audit inspections of trade waste permit holders at regular intervals as per Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan to ensure continued compliance with this plan. Any business found not to be compliant with the Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan, will have compliance proceedings commenced against them, this may include the suspension or cancellation of the Trade Waste Permit.
- 5.3 Council as part of its duties will continually strive to improve trade waste management procedures and performance, reviewing its practices against industry standards and expectations of our stakeholders. Council will also equitably recover the cost of services to commerce and industry including the cost of conveyance, treatment and disposal and, maintenance and repair of damage to the sewerage system.

6. POLICY REVIEW

- 6.1 This Policy is to be reviewed on the earlier of, when key legislation changes occur or every two years. The review will be conducted in accordance with Council's Policy Framework.

7. VARIATIONS

- 7.1 *CTRRC reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time.*

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- STRAT0071/CCS – Trade Waste Environmental Plan Document No. 1306894

WORKPLACE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge:

- *receiving CTCRC's Statutory Policy S0069 – Trade Waste Environmental Management Policy;*
- *that I should comply with the Policy; and*
- *that there may be disciplinary consequences if I fail to comply, which may result in me being dismissed from my position as Councillor.*

Your name:

Signed:

Date:
