

TRADE WASTE POLICY

SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all industrial, commercial or other premises connected to a Banana Shire Council sewerage system that may discharge trade waste to Council's sewerage system/s.

LEGISLATION

Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008
Local Government Act 2009
Environmental Protection Act 1994
Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009
Environmental Protection Regulation 2008
Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002
Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003
Sustainable Planning Act 2009
Radiation Safety Act 1999
Radiation Safety Regulation 1999
Gene Technology Act 2001

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to:-

- provide an environmentally responsible liquid waste disposal system for commercial and industrial waste in a manner which safeguards public health
- prevent harm or injury to employees
- safeguard the sewerage system against damage, blockage or surcharging
- exclude non-biodegradable, potentially harmful substances that may cause:
 - the treatment process to fail
 - render effluent or sludge unacceptable for reuse or disposal; or
 - cause any other detrimental effect to the environment
- recover the cost of services to commerce and industry including the cost of, transmission, treatment and damage to the sewerage system as a result of trade waste discharge
- encourage industrial development but at the same time achieve industry compliance with this policy and the Trade Waste Management Plan
- promote water conservation

- provide operational data on the volume and composition of industrial and commercial effluent to assist in the operation of the sewerage system/s and the design of augmentations or new sewerage systems
- reduce waste by encouraging awareness of a product's life cycle and including environmental costs in the cost of the product

DEFINITIONS

CEO	means the Chief Executive Officer of the Banana Shire Council appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009
Council	means the Banana Shire Council
Employee	means any employee, contractor, volunteer etc of the Council
Reuse	refers 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	refers to Council's sewers, pipes, house connection branches, access chambers, vents, engines, pumps, structures, machinery, ponds, storages, outfalls or any other works used to receive, store, transport or treat sewage
Trade waste	refers to water-borne waste from business, trade, manufacturing or other premises, other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) waste that is a prohibited substance; or (b) human waste; or (c) stormwater

POLICY

1. To ensure the continued protection of our environment and waterways, while providing a service to the commercial sector, Council shall conditionally accept trade waste into the sewerage system provided that it:
 - a) Does not contain substances in amounts that are or may be toxic or hazardous to efficient operation of the sewerage system, treatment processes, personnel or the environment; and
 - b) Is not discharged in a quantity that may exceed the system's capacity to collect, transport and treat the trade waste.
2. Council will manage trade waste in accordance with Council's Trade Waste Management Plan.
3. Council shall provide technical support to promote an appropriate service to industrial and commercial customers and to protect the community, the environment, the sewerage system and the waste water treatment processes from adverse effects.
4. Council approval, including payment of any Council fees and charges, must be obtained before trade waste is discharged from any property to Council's sewerage system.

5. It is the responsibility of the trade waste generator/property owner to obtain approval through Councils' approval process.
6. Council is not obliged to accept trade waste to sewer, but may do so, provided that:
 - a) The proposed discharge meets the criteria stipulated in Council's Trade Waste Management Plan.
 - b) The proposed discharge volumes are such that the system has adequate capacity to collect, transport and treat the waste.
 - c) The trade waste generator has a current Trade Waste Approval and complies with the conditions of that approval, including the payment of any fees and charges to Council.
7. Any waste discharged into Council's sewerage system must comply with the Trade Waste Sewer Admission Limits contained in the Trade Waste Management Plan.
8. To ensure recovery of costs for collection, transport, treatment and administration of trade waste, Council shall levy trade waste fees and charges in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and as specified in the Trade Waste Management Plan and Council's annual fees and charges. These charges shall be levied on the owner of the property from which the trade waste is discharged.
9. Council shall undertake routine inspections of each trade waste generator. Where necessary, Council Officers shall exercise their rights to access as described in the relevant legislation.
10. A trade waste generator who is found to be non-compliant with their Trade Waste Approval, or to not have a Trade Waste Approval, shall be managed in accordance with Council's Trade Waste Management Plan and relevant legislation. This may include the cancellation of a trade waste approval and/or prosecution if appropriate.
11. Council may recover costs of repairing damaged sewerage infrastructure if a person:
 - a) Damages the sewerage system by discharging unauthorised material.
 - b) Makes an unauthorised connection; or
 - c) Interferes with Council infrastructure in any other manner.
12. Council may prosecute any person who commits a breach of the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008, the Local Government Act (2009), or the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and the subordinate legislation or regulation, or who refuses or neglects to comply with any direction or requirement of Council pursuant to the aforementioned legislation or other relevant legislation.
13. The Trade Waste Policy is required in line with State Government legislation. Notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, due to the complexity of many industrial wastes and the need to protect council's sewerage system, employees, and the environment, acceptance of any given liquid trade waste to sewer will always be at the discretion of council. The Council has power to suspend discharge approvals when issues beyond the Council's control will prevent the Council from safely

accepting a discharge. This power is to be recorded in all discharge agreements made under this policy.

PROCEDURE

Refer Trade Waste Management Plan.

CERTIFICATION



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

21/12/2020
DATE