

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
COUNCIL POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Policy has been developed to ensure the proper control of liquid trade waste and hence protection of public health, worker safety, the environment, and Council's sewerage system. The Policy also promotes waste minimisation, water conservation, water recycling and biosolids reuse.

In addition, the approval, monitoring and enforcement processes for liquid trade wastes discharged to Council's sewerage system and the levying of commercial sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges are described in this document. The procedure for liquid trade waste approval is governed by Chapter 7 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act").

Under Section 68 of the Act, a person wishing to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system must obtain prior approval from Council. Discharge of liquid waste other than domestic sewage without prior approval is an offence under Section 626 of the Act.

WHAT IS LIQUID TRADE WASTE?

Liquid trade waste is defined in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 as below:

Liquid trade waste means all liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature.

Liquid trade waste discharges to the sewerage system include liquid wastes from:

- ▶ industrial premises;
- ▶ business/commercial premises (e.g. beautician, florist, hairdresser, hotel, motel, restaurant, butcher, supermarket, etc.);
- ▶ community/public premises (including clubs, school, college, university, hospital and nursing home);
- ▶ any commercial activities carried out at residential premises;
- ▶ saleyards, racecourses and stables and kennels that are not associated with domestic households;
- ▶ tankered human waste, ship-to-shore waste from marina pump-out facilities, portable toilet waste and established sites for the discharge of pan contents from mobile homes/caravans; and
- ▶ any other waste tankered to the sewerage facilities, e.g. commercial or industrial waste from un-sewered areas.

Liquid trade waste excludes:

- ▶ toilet, hand wash basin (used for personal hygiene only), shower and bath wastes derived from all the premises and activities mentioned above;
- ▶ wastewater from residential toilets, kitchens, bathrooms or laundries (i.e. domestic sewage);
- ▶ wastewater from common laundry facilities in caravan parks (Note that discharges from common kitchen facilities in caravan parks are liquid trade waste); and
- ▶ residential pool backwash.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives¹ of this policy are:

- ▶ to protect public and workers health and safety and the environment;
- ▶ to protect Council's assets from damage;
- ▶ to minimise adverse impacts on the sewage treatment processes;

¹ The above objectives are consistent with the National Framework for Sewage Quality Management in the Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines, June 2012, Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA).

- › to assist Council meeting regulatory and licence compliance;
- › to promote water conservation, waste minimization, cleaner production, effluent recycling and biosolids reuse;
- › to provide an environmentally responsible liquid trade waste service to the non-residential sector; and
- › to ensure commercial provision of services and full cost recovery through appropriate sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges.

3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to the management of all liquid trade water in the Murray River Local Government Area (LGA)

4. LEGISLATION

- › Government Sector Employment Act 2013
- › Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- › Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)
- › Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)

5. POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy and the subsequent Procedure sets out how Murray River Council will regulate liquid trade waste discharges to its sewerage system.

Sewerage systems are generally designed to cater for liquid waste from domestic sources that are essentially of predictable strength and quality. Council may accept liquid trade waste into its sewerage system as a service to businesses and industry.

Liquid trade wastes may 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.

This Policy is consistent with the Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021 developed by the Water Utilities branch of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/147088/trade-waste-management-guidelines.pdf

5.1 STRUCTURE OF THE FRAMEWORK

The Policy is supported by the Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Procedure. This procedure comprises three parts:

- Part 1** - specifies the circumstances in which a person is exempt from the necessity to apply for an approval to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system
- Part 2** - specifies the criteria which Council will take into consideration in determining whether to give or refuse a liquid trade waste approval
- Part 3** - specifies the application procedure and approval process, liquid trade waste discharge categories and applicable fees and charges, the NSW Framework for Regulation of Liquid Trade Waste, alignment with the National Framework for Wastewater Source Management and other relevant information.

Additional, the Procedure contains Appendix A to G that supports both the Policy and Procedure.

5.2 SEWERAGE AND LIQUID TRADE WASTE FEES AND CHARGES

Council provides sewerage and liquid trade waste services on a commercial basis to non-residential dischargers, with full cost recovery through sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges. Council implements best practice pricing for non-residential sewerage and liquid trade waste services to ensure that dischargers bear a fair share of the cost of providing sewerage services and to facilitate appropriate pre-treatment, waste minimisation and water conservation

The current sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges are provided on Council's website:
<https://www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/>

Council's liquid trade waste fees and charges may include:

- ▶ general fees and charges (application fee, annual liquid trade waste fee, inspection and/or re-inspection fees and renewal fee)
- ▶ category specific charges (trade waste usage charges for Charging Category 2 discharges, excess mass charges for Charging Category 3 discharges, charges for Charging Category 2S discharges and non-compliance charges)
- ▶ other charges related to the nature of waste (eg. charges for the discharge of stormwater from large areas)

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

CEO

To lead staff (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy and related Procedures.

Directors, Managers and Supervisors

To communicate, implement and comply with this policy and related Procedures.

All Council Employees

To be aware of and ensure compliance with this Policy.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Water and Wastewater, to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as needed, whichever comes first.

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Associated Documents

- ▶ Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines 2021
- ▶ NSW EPA - Practice Note, titled Managing Run-off from Service Station Forecourts, June 2019,
- ▶ NSW Government's Best-Practice Management of Water Supply of Sewerage Guidelines, 2007
- ▶ National Framework for Wastewater Source Management.
- ▶ WSAA - Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines, June 2012,

Definitions:

Term	Definition
LGA	Local Government Area
The Act	Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
The Regulation	Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)

See Appendix A of the Procedure for Glossary of species term related to Liquid Trade Waste

9. DOCUMENT CONTROL

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This Policy is scheduled for review before 2026

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