

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS3	DRAFT LIQUID TRADE WASTE POLICY
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the response to the public exhibition of the draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy.



The 2004 draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy was on placed on public exhibition, following adoption for exhibition (DSS8 December 14, 2004). The exhibition was for approximately 6 weeks from January 4 to February 11, 2005.

The public were advised of the draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy's exhibition through the media. Notice of the exhibition was placed in the Argus to satisfy statutory requirements, before commencement of the exhibition and during the exhibition. Additional media exposure included a media release (picked up by radio and newspaper), the Mayor's column and Water Happynings monthly page.

Macleay Water has endeavoured to circulate information about the draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy by other means. The Macleay Water website has specific pages relating to the draft Policy and permitting an emailed submissions during the exhibition. The Liquid Trade Waste Officer has been meeting with individual business during January and February and explaining the impact on their business. Where requested, information on the impact of the proposed Sewerage Pricing has been calculated.

Two submissions were tended during the exhibition; one internal and one external submission. The issues raised in the submission and actions taken are shown in [\[Appendix C\]](#).

During the exhibition DEUS (Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability) issued amendments to the Model Liquid Trade Waste Policy, on which Macleay Water's draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy was based. [\[Appendix D\]](#) is a summary of the DEUS changes to the Model Liquid Trade Waste Policy and a summary of changes to the Macleay Water draft Liquid Trade is also included. Macleay Water had already incorporated some of the DEUS changes, as they were applicable to our regional situation. [\[Appendix E -](#)

[Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#), [Part 5](#), [Part 6](#) and [Part 7](#) is the final draft of the Liquid Trade Waste Policy, all amendments incorporated.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS

▪ *Environmental Implications*

The positive environmental implications for the adoption of this draft Policy include reducing the number of surcharges and odours related to grease arrestors and the reduction of undesirable substances and flows entering the sewerage system.

This aids in the efficient operation of Macleay Water's sewage treatment works and helps council remain compliant within EPA guidelines

▪ *Social Implications*

Councils commercial customers who discharge Liquid Trade Waste have and/or will become aware of the implications of the policy to their businesses due to the on going education campaign by Macleay Water's Liquid Trade Waste Officer.

▪ *Economic (Financial) Implications*

Some customers who are non compliant will have a cost associated with up grading and maintaining their liquid trade waste pre-treatment facilities together with charges to discharge liquid trade waste to sewers.

The education campaign and phase in of charges will lessen any financial burden placed upon these customers.

Implementation of charges for the disposal of liquid trade waste to sewers will eliminate some cross subsidies by domestic customers.

▪ *Policy or Statutory Implications*

This is a new policy required by DEUS to meet the new Concurrence Guidelines for 2005 and is part of a water utilities Best Practice Management.

▪ *Director's Review*

Council is urged to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Liquid Trade Waste Policy [[Appendix E - Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#), [Part 5](#), [Part 6](#) and [Part 7](#)] be adopted.

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