



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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**DSS11 APPLICATION FEES FOR EXISTING LIQUID
TRADE WASTE DISCHARGERS**
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a proposed reduction in the application fee for existing Liquid Trade Waste dischargers to the sewerage system.



Under the new Department of Energy, Utilities & Sustainability's Guidelines all Liquid Trade Waste dischargers require an approval from their local water authority to discharge to the sewerage system.

The 2005/06 Liquid Trade Waste Application Fees for new businesses are

Category A & B Dischargers	\$275.00
Category C Dischargers	\$550.00

It is proposed to reduce this fee for existing businesses, which are presently discharging Liquid Trade Waste into the sewerage system without an approval. This fee was omitted from the Council's Adopted Fees and Charges for 2005 / 06.

It is proposed to charge a fee of \$150.00 for existing customers seeking approval to discharge Liquid Trade Waste. This will relieve the financial burden of complying with the Liquid Trade Waste requirements.

The \$150.00 for existing dischargers has been benchmarked against other regional utilities charging for Liquid Trade Waste Discharge.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental Implications***

This reduced fee will help existing businesses to become compliant with Department of Energy, Utility and Sustainability Guidelines and thus aid in the efficient operation of sewerage treatment works and helps Council remain compliant within EPA guidelines.

- ***Social Implications***

Council's existing Liquid Trade Waste dischargers will become aware of the reduced application fee as part of the Liquid Trade Waste Officer's initial site visits and education campaign.

- ***Economic (Financial) Implications***

This is a reduced fee to aid in easing the financial burden on existing Liquid Trade Waste dischargers who seek an approval. Some may also require an upgrade to their pre-treatment systems to comply with the new DEUS guidelines.

This fee covers the administration cost of processing the application.

Policy or Statutory Implications

This fee was mistakenly omitted from Councils adopted Fees and Charges.

- ***Director's Review***

This is only a minor variation to Council's adopted Fees and Charges and Council is asked to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the fee of \$150.00 for Applications for existing Liquid Trade Waste dischargers in categories A, B & C be included in the fees and charges schedule.

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