



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

10th October 2006

<b>DSS1</b>	<b>LIQUID TRADE WASTE - STATUS REPORT</b>
<b>FILE: 946</b>	<b>CD {Folio No. *}</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the status of the implementation of Council's adopted liquid trade waste policy.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Under the guidelines of the Department of Energy, Utilities & Sustainability, all Liquid Trade Waste dischargers need approval from their local water authority to discharge to the sewerage system.

As at 21 September 2006 the situation in respect to Liquid Trade Waste compliance for all 291 businesses is as follows:

1.	Businesses compliant in all aspects of the Guidelines	
	Category A	<b>83</b>
	Category B	<b>5</b>
2.	Businesses granted exemption from full Application for Approval (deemed Approval)	<b>13</b>
3.	Business issued with Deferred Commencement Approvals	<b>28</b>
4.	Businesses awaiting DEUS Concurrence (Category B)	<b>11</b>
5.	Businesses that have made Application to Council and are in the process of achieving compliance	<b>17</b>
6.	Non-Compliant businesses and/or those businesses that have not made Application to Council	<b>56</b>
7.	Businesses assessed as Non Liquid Trade Waste	

From the above, it can be seen that approximately 80% of businesses are either compliant or in the process of achieving compliance.

In regard to the 20% of non-compliant businesses, Council has made direct contact, both written and verbally, on 4 occasions in order to advise customers of the impacts of the new requirements.

Businesses referred to under Item 6 will be the subject of increased charges effective from 1 July 2006 being Council's adopted charge for inappropriate treatment or unapproved discharge.

In order to encourage businesses to comply with the new Liquid Trade Waste requirements, it is proposed that should any currently non-complying business become compliant or make application prior to the issuing of the 6 monthly accounts in January, then the charge applicable for appropriate treatment (\$1.32 per kl) would apply.

Council will again contact the 56 customers that are currently non-compliant and/or have not made application and advise them of their obligations.

Ongoing non-compliances will necessitate further administrative actions including, but not limited to, the issuing of orders in a sequence generally based on the significance of its impact on Council's sewerage system.

## **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***The above arrangements will encourage businesses to become compliant with Department of Energy, Utility and Sustainability Guidelines and contribute to the efficient and environmentally satisfactory operation of Macleay Water's sewerage systems in meeting DEC requirements.***

- ***Social***

***Implementation of Council's existing Liquid Trade Waste Policy ensures equity across the sewerage customer base.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***The applied fees and charges ensure sustainability of the liquid trade waste portfolio.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*As per DEUS Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines and Council's Liquid Trade Waste Policy.*

- *Director's Review*

*The Liquid Trade Waste Policy is being implemented with the co-operation of the majority of businesses. Council has no alternative but to impose the higher charges on those businesses that are non-compliant.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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