

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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DSS8 DRAFT LIQUID TRADE WASTE POLICY FILE: S8-1 RWB

SUMMARY:

Presenting Kempsey Shire Council's Draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy.



A Draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy has been developed for Council by Macleay Water.

The intention of this policy is to provide a basis for compliance of Council, and its commercial customers, with the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability's new concurrence guidelines for Liquid Trade Waste discharges to sewerage systems.

Initially Macleay Water proposes to work within the guidelines of the Draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy to inform and educate Council's commercial customers of their individual responsibilities to comply and the reasons why liquid trade waste needs to be considered separately from domestic sewage discharges. Compliance by businesses will also mean that, as the new Sewerage and Liquid Trade Waste charging structure is phased in, penalty charges will not apply.

The draft Policy is attached as [\(Appendix D - Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 and Part 6\)](#).

Council's approval is required for placement of the Draft Policy on public exhibition for receipt of comments or objections. Following this, Council needs to formally adopt the policy, with any amendments arising from submissions, before submission to the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability for approval and registration.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

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 sewerage treatment works and helps Council remain compliant within EPA guidelines.

- **Social**

Council's commercial customers who discharge liquid trade waste will become aware of the implications of the required policy to their businesses.

This will be addressed as part of the Liquid Trade Waste Officer's role and the ongoing education campaign.

- **Economic (Financial)**

Some customers who are non compliant will have a cost associated with upgrading 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 of disposal of liquid trade waste to sewers will eliminate some cross subsidies by domestic customers.

- **Policy or Statutory**

This is a new policy required by DEUS to meet the new Concurrence Guidelines for 2004 and is part of a water utilities Best Practice Management.

- **Director's Review**

Council is asked to support the Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy be placed on public exhibition.
2. That the use of this draft Policy by the Liquid Trade Waste Officer in the interim for education and public awareness, until final approval by the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, be approved.

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