

1. Policy Intent

To establish a policy for Trade Waste management in Tablelands Regional Council's (TRC) sewerage service areas in accordance with the relevant legislation and TRC's Environmental Authority (EA).

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all Trade Waste generators discharging Trade Waste into TRC's sewers. The Policy is supported by a Trade Waste Management Plan which contains all operational and management requirements involved in the provision of trade waste approvals.

3. Background/Supporting Information

TRC is bound by the requirements within the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act (WSSRA)* and the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)* to manage Trade Waste discharges to TRC's infrastructure.

4. 4. Definitions

Trade Waste means waterborne waste from business, trade or manufacturing property that is discharged under approval to TRC's reticulated sewerage network other than a prohibited substance or stormwater.

5. Policy Statement

- 5.1 TRC commits to maintain a Trade Waste management system that reflects the requirements of the *WSSRA* and will help protect TRC's sewerage network assets and treatment plants from the discharge of any prohibited substances, provide a safer working environment for TRC's workforce, and assist the sewage treatment plants in meeting the EA requirements.
- 5.2 To achieve this TRC will:
- a. Ensure all businesses that discharge trade waste into TRC's sewers are the holders of a Trade Waste approval
 - b. Continually strive to improve Trade Waste management procedures and performance, reviewing our practices against industry standards and expectations of our stakeholders
 - c. Strive to maintain compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and TRC's sewer admission limits
 - d. Undertake regular inspections of all Trade Waste approval holders and any other potential Trade Waste generators
 - e. Maintain effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information and promote confidence in TRC's Trade Waste management systems and processes
 - f. Participate in appropriate research and development opportunities to improve our understanding of Trade Waste treatment processes and performance

- g. Notify all trade waste approval holders of any changes to their approval conditions, including changes to fees and charges
- h. Equitably recover the cost of services to commerce and industry including the cost of conveyance, treatment and disposal and, maintenance and repair of damage to the sewerage system.

6. Responsibility

Council is responsible for the adoption, amendment and repeal of the Policy and the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the development and amendment of any associated procedures and guidelines relevant to the Policy.

7. Review

It is the responsibility of the Manager Water & Waste to monitor the adequacy of this policy and recommend appropriate changes. This policy will be formally reviewed every three years or as required by Council.

This Policy is to remain in force until otherwise amended/repealed by resolution of Council.