



Private Pumping of Sewage Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This policy is to outline the requirements for the approval of the private pumping of sewage into Council's reticulation system.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Australian Standard AS 3500

POLICY STATEMENT

Council may grant Development Consent / approval allowing the private pumping of sewage into the reticulated system on a temporary or permanent basis, after it has considered the following:

- (a) The nature of the proposed development, likely loads and risk to the environment and public health should the system fail
- (b) The availability of a suitable alternative such as a re-design or re-siting of the building or application of minimum plumbing standards for pipe gradient and coverage
- (c) Whether council has a planned augmentation of the reticulated system that would permit a gravity connection in the foreseeable future
- (d) Whether an appropriate condition of consent and bond is necessary to facilitate a gravity connection once the reticulated system is augmented
- (e) Whether appropriate provisions have been incorporated into a Community Plan to permit proper operation and maintenance of the private system by a body corporate (if applicable)

Council will only permit pumping of sewage where pumping is confined to the subject lot – i.e. the pumping station discharges to a junction via a riser on the same lot.

Council will not permit the private pumping of sewage into Council's reticulated sewer system where a suitable easement could be created by negotiation with an adjoining landowner to permit construction of a gravity connection.

Once a private pump station has been approved for installation by Council, the following requirements must be met:

1. The design, construction and materials must comply with Section 10 of Australian Standard AS3500.2 and must be approved by Council
2. The wet well must have a storage capacity of 8 hours Average Dry Weather Flow
3. A performance test of the pump station must be carried out during commissioning to the requirements of Council
4. The operation and maintenance of the pump station is the responsibility of the property owner. An Operation and Maintenance Manual must be provided to Council for records
5. The system must have in place a failure warning system
6. Arrangements must be made to provide backup power and the control panel must be capable of receiving back-up power
7. Evidence must be provided of a maintenance contract with a qualified contractor
8. Pump station must comply with Council's Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Policy.
9. The pump station must comply with Councils Liquid Trade waste policy.
10. For temporary private pump stations, once augmentation of the reticulated system has been completed and is available to the property, the private pump station must be decommissioned and removed and the development connected directly into the reticulated system at no cost to Council and in accordance with Council requirements

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