



Private Sewer Pump Station Policy

1 Purpose

This Policy details:

- Council’s expectations regarding the installation of private pump stations
- Responsibilities of developer/individual property owners regarding construction, maintenance and operation of associated infrastructure
- A basic guide to Council’s requirements for such a system

2 Policy

A private sewer pump station is a sewerage pump system located on private land that discharge to a nominated discharge point in to Council’s sewer main. The following is Council’s policy regarding private sewer pump stations:

1. Council will only permit private sewer pump stations to be installed and to discharge into Council sewerage system where:
 - a) All other opportunities to connect to Council sewer by gravity have been exhausted, and
 - b) A qualified designer demonstrates that a gravity connection is not possible, or
 - c) Where the pump station will have environmental or social benefits.
2. Design, construction, installation and use of a private sewer pump station must meet the:
 - a) Pressure Sewerage Code of Australia WSA - 04
 - b) CHCC Sewer Mains – Building in the vicinity of policy
 - c) CHCC Private Pump Station Procedures
 - d) CHCC Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Policy
3. A private sewer pump station must also:
 - a) Be appropriately designed according to the individual capacity of the property fixtures on each private allotment
 - b) Be specified by a qualified hydraulic designer for the purpose
 - c) Contain a grinder to minimise blockages in the pipe systems.
 - d) Have an alarm system installed to warn the resident that the unit is not operating within pre-set parameters.
 - e) Service only a single title property.
4. Coffs Harbour City Council has different requirements for private sewer pump stations depending on their application. These requirements are further outlined Council’s Private Sewer Pump Station Procedures.

3 Definitions

Refer to the Private Pump Station Procedures for a full list of definitions.

4 Key Responsibilities

Position	Directorate	Responsibility
Mayor	Council	To lead councillors in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy and guidelines.
General Manager	Executive	To lead staff (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy and guidelines.

Position	Directorate	Responsibility
Directors	All Directorates	To communicate, implement and comply with this policy and related guidelines.
Council Leaders	All Directorates	To implement this policy and related procedures.
Technical Officer officials	Council	To comply with this policy guidelines and related procedures.

5 References

- Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005; Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997;
- Sewage Pumping Station Code of Practice (WSSA04)
- Pressure Sewerage Code of Australia (WSAA07)
- New South Wales Department of Health Accreditation Guidelines
- New South Wales Fair Trading (Notice of Works & Certificate of Compliance)
- CHCC Sewer Mains – Building in the vicinity of policy
- CHCC Private Pump Station Procedures
- CHCC Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Policy
- Developer Service Plan – Appendix B – Schedule of Equivalent Tenements Loadings

6 Details of Approval and revision

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Table of amendments

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7 Appendices

Private Sewer Pump Stations are addressed in full by the following Council documents (available on Council's website);

- Private Sewer Pump Station Procedures