



## Media Release

### Infiltration and Inflow Study of Sewers

Isaac Regional Council is carrying out an inspection program of sewers and private house drains of all premises, through smoke testing in declared sewer areas pursuant to Section 1098 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council inspectors will inspect all properties in each declared sewer area during the program period. Smoke testing enables the Council to determine locations of illegal stormwater connections into the sewer reticulation system.

To determine these locations the following steps are taken:

- Smoke is pumped into the sewer main via manholes to predetermined areas,
- Inspectors visit properties in the affected area, and
- Inspectors will look at where smoke is escaping.

An indication of an illegal stormwater connection will be, for example, smoke emitting from house gutters via downpipes.

A Notice of Entry will be hand delivered to each property in the area at least 24 hours before smoke testing takes place. Material Safety Data Sheets can be obtained on request from crews conducting the smoke testing.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss this Study further please phone Council's Plumbing Inspector on 07 4941 4500.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Crawley', written in a cursive style.

**MARK CRAWLEY**  
Chief Executive Officer