
TRADE WASTE POLICY

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OBJECTIVE

Businesses throughout the Isaac Region generate and therefore need to dispose of liquid wastes; this discharge must be managed by Isaac Regional Council's wastewater infrastructure and wastewater treatment facilities. Council must protect its infrastructure and health of its staff by setting guidelines for what can and cannot enter the sewage treatment system. As such businesses must seek approval before discharging wastewater to Council infrastructure or facilities. This policy is to state Council's legislative obligations and Council's position on the matter of trade waste, how the Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure will be upheld and enforced and how this applies to local business' intending to discharge trade wastes to Council infrastructure.

The legislative basis for the implementation of this policy is documented in:

Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all business and industry that generate and discharge liquid trade waste to Isaac Regional Council sewer infrastructure, treatment facilities.

This Policy shall commence 1 July 2019 and remain in place until such time that Council adopts a policy that supersedes this policy.

Limitations of this Policy are as per Isaac Regional Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure 2019.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM

MEANING

Approval Holder	A person, owner, occupier, company or body to whom Isaac Regional Council has granted a trade waste approval.
Business	Economics the sale of goods and services for the purpose of making a profit. Commerce a person, partnership, or corporation engaged in business; an established or going enterprise or concern.
Commercial Business Service Industry Business	A company that operates to make a profit.
Service Industry Business	An industry made up of companies that primarily earn revenue where no goods are produced. These invoice the provision of services to businesses as well as final customers; e.g. Accounting, tourism etc.

Council	Isaac Regional Council.
Discharge	To remove, send forth, or get rid of.
Generator / Trade Waste Generator	Any person, owner, occupier, company or body whose activity produces or has the potential to produce trade waste.
Policy	The Isaac Regional Council “Policy – Trade Waste”.
Pre-treat(ed)	The reduction of the amount of contaminants, the elimination of contaminants, or the alteration of the nature of contaminant properties in trade waste prior to (or in lieu of) introducing such contaminants into Isaac Regional Council’s wastewater infrastructure. This reduction or alteration can be obtained by physical, chemical, or biological processes; by process changes; or by other means (except by diluting the concentration of contaminants with water [potable or stormwater]).
Sewer	A pipe, other than for drainage, for carrying sewage from premises.
Sewage	Household and commercial wastewater that contains, or may contain, faecal, urinary or other human waste.
Trade Waste	Water-borne waste from business, trade, or manufacturing premises, other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Waste that is a prohibited substance; orb. Human waste; orc. Stormwater.
Trade Waste Approval	A Trade Waste Control Document issued by Isaac Regional Council allowing the discharge of trade waste into Isaac Regional Council’s wastewater infrastructure.
Wastewater	Infrastructure used to receive, transport and treat sewage or effluent, including, for example, sewers, access chambers, vents, engines, pumps, structures, machinery and outfalls.

POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy aims to:

- a. Ensure protection and safety of Council personnel, the general public and the environment;
- b. Ensure protection is provided against; structural damage to Council's wastewater infrastructure, and impact on Council's wastewater treatment plant micro-organisms;
- c. Ensure regulatory compliance with legislation and Isaac Regional Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure;
- d. Exclude non-biodegradable, potentially harmful substances that may:
 - i. cause the treatment process to fail;
 - ii. render effluent or sludges unacceptable for reuse or disposal;
 - iii. cause any other detrimental effect to the environment;
- e. Recover the cost of services to commerce and industry including the cost of, transmission, treatment and damage to the wastewater system.

All commercial and service industry businesses that discharge to sewer are required to apply for and hold a Trade Waste Approval. This approval allows businesses to discharge liquid waste to Isaac Regional Council sewer. There are strict acceptance criteria which all discharge must meet, these requirements are listed within the Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure. Discharge which does not comply with the Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure is required to be pre-treated before being discharged. If the Trade Waste Generator fails to pre-treat the discharge or is classed as unacceptable, as per the Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure, it will trigger compliance action against the waste generator.

Council Trade Waste officers conduct site audit inspections of trade waste approval holders at regular intervals as per Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure to ensure continued compliance with this plan. Any business found not to be in compliance with the Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure, will have compliance proceedings commenced against them, this may include the suspension or cancellation of the Trade Waste Approval.

For detailed information on management of trade waste, refer to Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure.

LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- *Environmental Protection Act 1994*
- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*
- *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*
- *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*
- *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019*
- *Public Health Regulation 2005*

REFERENCES

ID	NAME
CORP-PRO-054	Trade Waste Environmental Management Procedure 2019
PECS-FRM-135	Trade Waste Application or Change of Approval Details Form
PECS-FRM-110	Trade Waste Cancellation Form