

Trade Waste Policy

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Head of Power

The *Local Government Act 2009* allows for the levying of utility charges and general charges.

The *Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008* includes powers for regulating trade waste discharges to sewerage systems.

The Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines provide a framework for managing sewage to a sewerage system.

Policy Objective

To ensure the effective management of commercial and industrial wastewater discharged to the sewerage system which is in accordance with the principles of environmental sustainability and is in a manner which safeguards public health and employee safety and is consistent with Council's legal responsibilities and obligations.

To establish the framework for applying charges determined at the annual budget meeting.

Policy Statement

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan is committed to enriching community lifestyles and making a positive difference in our customers' lives through the services we provide. We are forward thinking, engaged and strive to maintain the highest standards of service to ensure we are delivering real value.

Council is committed to:

- Developing, implementing and adequately resourcing the administration and enforcement of a trade waste plan which:
 - Is prepared in accordance with the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* and fulfils all Council's legal requirements and obligations under this Act.
 - Establishes adequate controls, systems, objectives, policy instruments and discharge standards consistent with the Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines.
 - Minimises its environmental liability.
- Recovering the cost of services to commerce and industry, including the cost of conveyance, treatment and any damage to the wastewater system.
- Applying a fair, consistent and transparent trade waste charging methodology which is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines and Council pricing models.

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Definitions

Term	Definition
Trade waste	Water-borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than waste that is a prohibited substance; or human waste; or stormwater.

Associated Documents

Trade Waste Plan Guideline ([A703706](#))

Document Control

Only Council can approve amendments to this document by resolution of a Council Meeting, with the exception of administrative amendments which can be approved by the relevant ELT member. Refer to *Policy Instrument Development Manual* for an explanation on administrative amendments ([A4063988](#)).

Any requests to change the content of this document must be forwarded to relevant Service Manager(s). Approved documents must be submitted to the Corporate Meetings and Registers Team for registration.

Version Information

Version number	Date	Key Changes
3	November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to Head of Power Removal of procedural detail
4	October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled review with no changes.
5	September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative changes to formatting.