

On-site Wastewater Management Policy

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Head of Power

The *Planning Act 2016* refers assessment of plumbing and drainage development matters to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* (PDA).

The *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* requires local government to regulate on-site sewerage facilities with a peak design capacity to treat the sewage of less than 21 equivalent persons.

Policy Objective

To ensure through the plumbing application process that on-site sewerage facilities with a peak design capacity to treat the sewage of less than 21 equivalent persons are constructed, installed, modified and operated in a manner that prevents adverse impacts on the environment, human health and safety, and neighbourhood amenity.

Policy Statement

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan, is committed to providing services that deliver our community's shared vision and collective aspirations; *Naturally wonderful lifestyle. Connected communities. Embracing opportunities.* We are a values led organisation and our organisational values encapsulate what we care about, influence how we operate and support our mission: Make a difference, make it count.

Council is committed to:

- Protecting land and water quality and human health and safety, from the impacts of on-site sewerage facilities.
- Facilitating the application and approval process associated with the construction, installation, modification and operation of on-site sewerage facilities.
- Providing guidance for construction, installation, modification and operation of on-site sewerage facilities.
- Providing for a range of on-site sewerage facilities that allow the user to decide on a system that meets their needs.
- Ensuring landowners and occupants are aware that duty of care for on-going maintenance and monitoring of on-site sewerage facilities is the responsibility of the landowner or occupant.
- This policy and associated guidelines are to be used in the assessment of compliance permits under s.66 of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*.

Definitions

Nil

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Associated Documents

WW-002-001-G On-site Wastewater Management Guideline ([A214588](#))

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 Control

Version number	Date	Key Changes
3	May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended reference to Department and Group
4	November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative changes required under policy framework review Changed responsible group from City Planning & Assessment to Environment & Regulation.
5	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative update to include reference to the new Corporate Plan
6	March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative review only. No updates.