

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 Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines 2022 provides a framework for managing wastewater to a sewerage system.

Policy Objective

To ensure the effective and sustainable management of commercial and industrial wastewater discharged into the sewerage system, in a way that safeguards public health, ensures employee safety, and aligns with Council's legal responsibilities and obligations.

Additionally, this Policy aims to establish a transparent framework for the application of Trade Waste related charges, as determined in the annual budget meeting, ensuring responsible and accountable financial contribution towards Council's wastewater management.

Policy Statement

Redland City Council is committed, as outlined in its Corporate Plan, to delivering services that realise our community's shared vision and collective aspirations *Naturally wonderful lifestyle. Connected community. Embracing opportunities.* As a values-led organisation, our core values guide our operations and support our mission: Make a difference, make it count.

Council is dedicated to developing, implementing and resourcing a Trade Waste plan in line with the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* which fulfils all Council's legal requirements and obligations under this Act. This plan will include: Adequate controls, systems, objectives, policy instruments and discharge standards consistent with the Australian Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines 2022, aiming to minimise environmental risks.

Recovering commercial and industrial service costs, including conveyance, treatment and sewerage system maintenance, by applying a fair, consistent and transparent Trade Waste charging methodology, aligned with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Australian Wastewater Quality Management Guidelines 2022 and Council pricing models.

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.

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Associated Documents

WW-004-001-G 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 the 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.
6	July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative update to numbering classification of policy from WST to WW
7	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative update to include reference to the new Corporate Plan
8	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative update. Change of group owner to City Water due to internal restructure.
9	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled review and rewording for clarity and flow