

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The District Council of Mount Remarkable is committed to providing safe and suitable Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) collections and the disposal of wastewater.
- 1.2 This is achieved through continuous maintenance, operation and community engagement and the appropriate use of the CWMS.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of this Policy are to:
 - 2.1.1 Achieve risk mitigation through appropriate management and monitoring of CWMS in-line with the Council's statutory requirements.
 - 2.1.2 To ensure continued undertaking and recording of all CWMS plant and infrastructure maintenance, repairs, renewals and water quality outcomes.
 - 2.1.3 Provide for annual reporting to SA Health and others so as to ensure Council meets all consented conditions for the safe operation of a CWMS.

3. Requirements

- 3.1 To ensure the continuous safe operations of Council managed CWMS, this Policy requires:
 - 3.1.1 all wastewater connections made to the CWMS are approved by Council prior to those connections becoming operative;
 - 3.1.2 all alterations, additions and renewals to any residential or commercial on-site wastewater systems are approved prior to continued connection to a CWMS;
 - 3.1.3 no prohibited or restricted substances are allowed to enter the CWMS unless approved by Council;
 - 3.1.4 any approved connections for commercial use or the discharging of prohibited and restricted substances including connections to a swimming pool or spa bath back-flush system may be revoked at any time should Council consider that there is a risk to the integrity of the CWMS;
 - 3.1.5 should a property owner be found to be allowing stormwater to enter the CWMS then that connection approval may be revoked by Council and compliance action taken to resolve the issue;

- 3.1.6 commercial food businesses continue to ensure that prior to CWMS connection that a suitably sized and maintained grease arrester is installed;
- 3.1.7 no connection of a swimming pool and/or spa bath will be approved for discharge into a CWMS where full wastewater treatment works are operating (currently applies to Wilmington Township). In these circumstances then Council may require (subject to conditions) that on-site wastewater disposal system for back-flush relating to a swimming pool or spa bath be installed as per the On-site Wastewater Code of South Australia.

4. Scope

- 4.1 This Policy applies to the following system elements:
 - 4.1.1 Conforming and relating to current Acts, Regulations, Guidelines, standards and policies;
 - 4.1.2 Ensuring appropriate CWMS connection approvals are met;
 - 4.1.3 Complying to all conditions that may be imposed as part of any wastewater approvals;
 - 4.1.4 Ensuring that all properties are connected to any available CWMS within five years of commissioning a CWMS.
- 4.2 These elements are designed to assist to identify, quantify, mitigate and manage the safe and suitable operation on all Council managed CWMS activities in accordance with the Council's commitment under all Acts, Regulatory requirements, standards, guidelines MOU's, strategic plans and policies.
- 4.3 Other elements may be added, amended or removed under this Policy as identified over time.

5. Responsibilities

- 5.1 The Leadership Team and Environmental Health Officer are accountable for checking that adequate resources are identified and provided to enact this Policy and supporting procedures effectively.
- 5.2 Directors are accountable for bringing this Policy and supporting procedures to the attention of affected workers in their area and monitor through their supervisory activities that the policies and procedures are adhered to.
- 5.3 Directors are accountable for checking that workers have had appropriate training to undertake the activities identified within this Policy and supporting procedures.

- 5.4 Affected workers are accountable for adhering to the requirements of this Policy and supporting procedures or report any inability to do so to their respective Director at the earliest opportunity.

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6. Document administration and control

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Applicable legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Australian Public Health Act 2011 • South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013 • South Australian On-site Wastewater Systems Code • Community Wastewater Management Code • Australian Standards 3500.2:2018 • Local Government Act 1999. • Guidelines for Non-drinking Water in South Australia, Office of the Technical Regulator (OTR) • Standard Form for Technical Specifications in the Construction of Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Schemes • South Australian CWMS Design Criteria (July 2019) (as/if applicable) • Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) Codes (as/if applicable)
Related documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWMS and Water Supply Hardship Policy • Refer to SA Health and LGA SA websites for more information on Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines documented across Public Health and Safety • Fact Sheet - Best practice guidance for reducing health risk for workers handling sewage, biosolids or recycled water (Government of Western Australia Department of Health and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general-documents/water/Recycling/Guidance_Workers_Handling_Sewage.pdf)
Consultation required:	No
Availability	<p>This Policy is available for inspection at the Council office and any person may obtain a copy of this Policy upon payment of the fee fixed by Council in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges adopted each financial year. It is also available on Council's website mtr.sa.gov.au.</p> <p>Any grievance in relation to this policy or its application should be forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council.</p>
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