



TRADE WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

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1. VERSION CONTROL

Version No.	Date of change	Person Responsible	Details of Change
1	25/6/2012	Geoffrey Allum	Initial Policy – Replaces Minor & Major Trade Waste Policies [REDACTED]

1 AIM

To aim of this policy is to set out the Corporation’s requirements to allow for the discharge of trade waste into the sewer system. Trade waste, according to the Water Act 1989, is defined as any liquid waste, and any substance contained within it, discharged to the sewerage system, other than normal domestic sewage.

2 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Water Act 1989
Environment Protection Act 1970

3 OTHER REFERENCES & RELATED DOCUMENTS

Trade Waste Customer Service Code – ESC
Statement of Obligations
Trade Waste Customer Charter
Australian Standard AS 3500 Plumbing Regulations
Consent to Discharge Deemed Trade Waste
Consent to Discharge Greasy or Commercial Trade Waste
Standard Trade Waste Agreement
Corporation’s Environmental Management Plan
Water (Trade Waste) Regulations 2012

4 RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

General Manager – Operations

5 KEY DEFINITIONS

Acceptance Criteria criteria applied by Westernport Water to determine whether Trade Waste may be accepted into the sewerage system.

Commission means the Essential Services Commission of Victoria

Customer means a person who is:

- an owner and occupier of a property connected to Westernport Water’s sewerage system; or
- an owner of a property which is connected to Westernport Water’s sewerage system but is not an occupier; or



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- c) an occupier of a property connected to Westernport Water's sewerage system and is liable for water usage charges; or
- d) an authorised representative of the owner or occupier of a property connected to Westernport Water's sewerage system.

Customer Service Code

means the Customer Service Code Metropolitan and Regional Water Businesses published by the Commission.

Discharge Acceptance Point

means the point at which the Trade Waste enters the sewerage system.

Sewage

means any human excreta or domestic waterborne waste, whether untreated or partially treated, but does not include Trade Waste.

Sewerage system

means any sewer, treatment plant, storage or other infrastructure for the acceptance, transport, storage and treatment of sewage and Trade Waste that is the responsibility of Westernport Water.

Trade Waste

means any water borne waste (other than sewage) which is suitable, according to the acceptance criteria, for discharge into the sewerage system or any other matter which is declared by a by law or regulation under water law to be Trade Waste.

Trade Waste Agreement

means permission, consent, permit, agreement or other process to accept Trade Waste discharge.

Trade Waste Code

means the Trade Waste Customer Service Code Metropolitan and Regional Water Businesses published by the Commission.

Trade Waste Customer Charter

means the Trade Waste Customer Charter published by Westernport Water and amended from time to time.

Water Law

means the Water Act 1989 and any regulations or subordinate legislation and guidance made under this act.

6 APPLICATION/PROCESS

7 APPROVING BODY

8 REVIEW DATE

This policy is to be reviewed in **July 2014**

Note : The review date is not a sunset provision. The policy will continue in operation until replaced by a subsequent version or rescinded.



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9 GENERAL

This policy governs the Corporations requirements to allow for the discharge of Trade Waste into the sewerage system.

Nothing in this policy compels the Corporation to accept all or part of any liquid waste product or Trade Waste unless a Trade Waste Agreement is in place.

Generally, sewerage systems and sewerage treatment works have been developed to safely dispose of domestic sewage. In considering the acceptance of trade wastes into the sewerage system there is a need to strike a balance between providing a service to industry with resulting benefits to the community, with the need to protect the asset and the environment and the safety of workers who need to maintain the sewers.

A number of key objectives must be met through establishment of a Trade Waste Management Policy. These are summarised as follows:

- Safety of corporation personnel and public;
- Protection of sewerage system facilities;
- Protection of sewerage treatment processes;
- Ensure the Corporation meets relevant environmental and statutory requirements;
- Encourage safe disposal of liquid wastes to sewer in order to prevent uncontrolled dumping in the environment;
- Promote reduction in waste generation and water use by an Industry as per the waste management hierarchy principle set out in section 11 of the Environment Protection Act 1970;
- Treat our Trade Waste customers with fairness and equity and
- Provide a service to Industry.

Trade Waste will be classified into categories depending on the strength of the Trade Waste, the quantity of the Trade Waste and the similarity of the Trade Waste to sewage and/or residential waste.

Trade Waste will not be accepted into the sewerage system if the waste does not comply with the Acceptance Criteria as published by the Corporation and approved by the Commission in accordance with the Trade Waste Code or cannot to be treated on site to this criteria before the Discharge Acceptance Point.

The Corporation acknowledge the role Trade Waste Customers play in the economic sustainability of our region and are therefore committed to working co-operatively with these customers to achieve the desired outcomes.

The Corporation has issued a Trade Waste Customer Charter to inform its customers on the respective rights and responsibilities of Westernport Water and its customers.



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10 FEES

Trade Waste Charges are set and adjusted according to the Commissions approved price determination.

11 PENALTIES

Failure to have a Trade Waste Agreement or comply with the standards or Agreement as set for the Category of the Trade Waste discharge may result in fines or penalties or Trade Waste Agreement cancellation resulting in cessation of discharge or all of the above.

Penalties shall be administered under the Water Act 1989 Section 178 Protection of Sewers and may apply each and every day on which the breach occurs.