Policy 4.06 Sewerage Services

Department | Transport and Utilities Group
Responsible Officer | Group Manager

Scope
Bega Valley Shire Council is committed to providing our customers with high quality Water and Sewerage services. The Water and Sewerage Services section manages the collection, treatment and distribution of water in the Bega Valley Shire. It also collects, treats, reuses and disposes of effluent safely back into the environment.

This policy and procedure manual describes the processes implemented by Council to facilitate delivery of services to residents who are connected to reticulated sewerage.

Purpose
- To provide sewerage services inclusive of Liquid Trade Waste management in accordance with adopted Strategic Business Plan objectives and levels of service
- To provide sewerage services in accordance with adopted Development Servicing Plan objectives
- To manage assets in a financially sustainable manner
- To provide sewerage services in accordance with NSW Government regulatory requirements relating to environmental health, public health and workplace safety
- To reuse treated effluent where it is beneficial and financially feasible to do so.

Definitions
Sewage
Water-carried waste, in solution or suspension that is intended to be removed from a community. Also known as wastewater, it is more than 99% water and is characterized by volume or rate of flow, physical condition, chemical constituents and the bacteriological organisms that it contains. The terms ‘sewage’ and ‘sewerage’ are sometimes interchanged.

Legislative requirements
Local Government Act 1993
Public Health Act 1991
Soil Conservation Act 1938
Public Works Act 1912
Contaminated Land Management Act 1997
The Environmentally Hazardous Chemical Act 1985
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992
Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will provide Sewerage Services in areas defined in Development Servicing Plans by:

- Ensuring all works are provided in accordance with BVSC and other relevant Engineering Standards.
- Providing agreed services to property owners connected to sewerage systems.
- By controlling sewage quality from commercial and non-residential properties.
- Permitting the erection of structures over or in the zone of influence of gravity sewer mains or over drainage facilities, easements, reserves or natural water courses, subject to approval of the Group Manager | Transport and Utilities Group.
- Providing connection to reticulated sewerage via the installation of private pump-up systems to single properties within existing sewer service areas which cannot be cost-effectively connected using conventional gravity arrangements.
- Not permitting shared pump-up systems, nor assuming responsibility for the acquisition of easements and/or maintenance of private pump-up systems.
- Reusing treated effluent where it is beneficial and financially feasible to do so.
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