**Purpose**

The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidance on the installation, maintenance, operation and costs of private sewage pumping stations.

**Background**

**What are Private Sewer Pump Stations?**

1. A private sewer pump station consists of a pump and rising main substantially located on private land which discharges to a council manhole.
2. Private sewage pump stations and rising mains are not Council assets.

**Application**

1. A property is eligible for connection to Council’s reticulated sewerage system if:
   a. The property is located within the Development Servicing Plan area for Sewerage Services.
   b. The property owner provides engineering details supported by survey information indicating the reasons why a connection cannot be achieved utilising a gravity sewerage system option.
   c. A suitable point of discharge into Council’s reticulated sewerage system utilising a manhole is achievable.
   d. The Manager of Water and Sewerage Services approves the connection.
2. If a property is eligible for connection to the reticulated sewerage system, the following requirements apply:
   a. An application for installation of a private sewer pumping station shall be submitted to the Manager of Water and Sewerage Services for approval. The application shall contain supporting documentation including surveyor’s location plan, rising main route, manhole discharge point and all other relevant technical documentation.
   b. Where the proposed rising main traverses other properties, the property owner has the responsibility of acquiring the necessary easements and approvals.
   c. The location of the manhole discharge point and the discharge flow rate must be approved by the Manager of Water and Sewerage Services.
   d. Construction of all works including new manholes shall be carried out by a suitably accredited contractor in accordance with Council’s current Construction Specifications or other relevant standards.
   e. Council will not permit shared private sewer pumping stations or associated rising mains.
   f. Private sewer pumping stations, rising mains and associated infrastructure shall be inspected and approved by Council’s Building Services Manager prior to commissioning. A Section 60 approval shall be obtained by the property owner prior to connection to Council’s reticulated sewerage system.
   g. Operation, maintenance and renewal of private sewer pumping stations is the responsibility of the property owner.
h. Discharge of sewage to environment from the private sewer pump stations or rising mains is the responsibility of the property owner.

3. Construction of Private Sewer pumping stations is to be carried out in accordance with the following documents:
   a. Water Services Association of Australia - Sewage Pumping Station Code of Practice (WSA-04)
   b. Water Services Association of Australia - Pressure Sewerage Code of Australia (WSA-07)

Cost

The following costs are the responsibility of the property owner

1. Development Application and inspection costs as detailed in Council’s adopted Fees and Charges.
2. Section 64 charges.
3. Access, usage and liquid trade waste charges.
4. Legal costs.
5. Insurance costs.
6. Operation, maintenance and renewal costs.
7. All other costs.