

SEWER JUNCTION CONNECTION POLICY

Responsible Department: Infrastructure Delivery
Responsible Section: Water Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Water Services

Objective

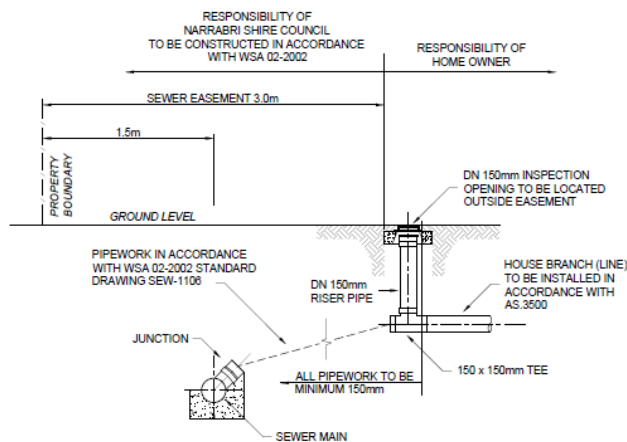
To ensure:

- Clear, concise, and easy to follow advice in undertaking Sewer Connections;
- Current applications records are accessible on or via Council's record management system.

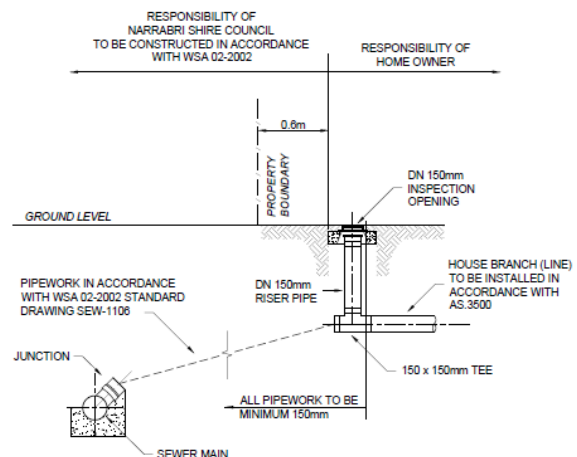
Introduction

Council's Sewerage System transports sewerage to Council's sewerage treatment plants for Narrabri, Wee Waa and Boggabri sewer schemes. The integrity of these systems allows council to manage its Public and Environmental Health responsibilities.

The sections of pipework that are Council's responsibility are identified in the following two diagrams.



Sewer Main Located Inside the Property



Sewer Main Located Outside the Property

Policy

1. Approval and Conditions

- 1.1. Connection to Council's Sewerage System will be approved and provided by Council, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) A Sewerage Service Connection form is completed signed and the appropriate payment is made in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges.
 - (b) The size of the Sewerage Service Connection will be determined entirely by the customer or developer in line with appropriate guidelines and plumbing standards.
 - (c) It is illegal for anyone other than Council to undertake work on Council sewerage infrastructure.
 - (d) The property owner will be responsible for ensuring that:
 - (i) No liquid trade waste enters Council's Sewerage System without Council's approval via a trade waste agreement;
 - (ii) Stormwater does not enter Council's Sewerage System (ie roof or yard connections);
 - (iii) Seepage and subsoil water does not enter Council's Sewerage System;
 - (iv) The Sewerage Service connection and appropriate pipe work and fittings are adequately protected;
 - (v) The Inspection Opening is readily accessible at all times and covered by a commercially available screw cap fitted 100mm proud of the ground level.
 - (vi) All internal plumbing and drainage is installed and maintained according to AS/NZS3500.1.
 - (vii) The property has appropriate development consent to discharge sewage to the sewerage system.
 - (e) The property owner will (at their cost) engage a licensed plumber to repair or replace any pipework, that is not the responsibility of Council as outlined in the diagram above.
 - (f) The property owner will (at their cost) engage a licensed plumber to clear all blockages of any pipework, that is not the responsibility of Council as outlined in the diagram above. All debris from any blockage are to be captured and removed from the pipe work and not simply pushed into Council's Sewerage System.
 - (g) Council will recover from the property owner any costs that Council incurs as a result of the following:
 - (viii) The property owner damaging any pipe work owned by Council;
 - (ix) Council having to locate an Inspection Opening that is not readily accessible;
 - (x) Council having to clear above ground obstructions located above a Sewerage Connection point on private property;
 - (xi) Council having to clear its Sewerage System as a result of debris being cleared from a property owners blocked pipeline and that debris ending up in Council's Sewerage System.
 - (h) Should Council decide to provide a new connection point due to damage from tree roots or other causes emanating from the property, the property owner will be required to adjust their own pipework at their own cost.

2. Review

- 2.1. This policy will be reviewed within 12 months of an Ordinary Council Election or from time-to-time on an as-needs basis.

History

Minute Number	Meeting Date	Description of Change
637/2000	December 19, 2000	Adopted
565/2003	December 16, 2003	Reviewed
212/2010	April 20, 2010	Reviewed
26/2012	February 21, 2012	Reviewed
607/2013	September 3, 2013	Reviewed
164/2017	August 15, 2017	Reviewed
	September 1, 2021	Rebranded
336/2022	October 18, 2022	Adopted