

## **Policy 1.10      Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Connection Guidelines**

Following Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Connections guidelines be adopted:

1. Connection to the STEDS drain is compulsory.
2. Council approval must be obtained before connection.
3. Connecting drains on private property must be of 100mm PVC pipe.
4. All waste water (sullage or grey water) not passing through a septic tank must be connected to an approved sullage trap before discharge into the STEDS drain. Minimum capacity of the sullage trap shall be 450 litres.
5. All waste septic tanks may be connected directly to the STEDS drain after approval has been granted by the Council.
6. Existing soakage wells or pits must not be connected to the STEDS drain. It is not necessary to backfill disused soakage wells or pits unless they are dangerous or create an insanitary condition. If soakage wells or pits require backfilling they should be pumped dry and filled with friable soil or equivalent.
7. Septic Tanks to be located to allow for easy connection to the STEDS connection point.
8. The drain connecting the septic tank to the STEDS drain shall conform with the requirements of Council and:
  - be laid with an even fall
  - have a minimum gradient of 1 in 100
  - be 100mm diameter unless otherwise approved
  - be inspected before it is covered
  - where an inspection opening is not provided at the connection point a riser shall be provided to surface level and finished with an approved threaded access cap and concrete block and cover
  - where the connecting drain exceeds 30m in length, additional inspection openings shall be provided and equally spaced at intervals not exceeding 30m. Additional inspection openings are required to be raised to the surface
  - induct vents are not required on drains connecting the septic tank to the STEDS drain
  - existing induct vents on soakage trenches, wells or pits may be removed, and the opening either sealed or used as a inspection point if within 2500mm of the waste septic tank

- connecting drains on private property must be inspected by Officers of the Council before covered
- connecting drains may be installed privately or by a Contractor, but all work must be carried out in a workman-like manner and in accordance with the approved plan and Council requirements
- septic tanks must be exposed and opened for inspection, be cleaned out and repaired where necessary as determined by the inspecting Council Officer
- after cleaning out and inspection, the septic tank should be filled with water to at least a level above the transfer holes located in the division wall

9. Stormwater or roof water cannot be discharged into the STEDS drain.