

Solid Food Waste Digester/Composter Units

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Dear General Manager

I am writing to clarify the position of the Department of Industry, Water (the Department), in relation to solid food waste digester/composter units discharging liquid waste to sewerage systems in regional NSW.

The following is provided in relation to food waste digester/composter units:

- A solid food waste digester/composter unit was trialled at an aged care facility in Casino in 2016. The results were presented at the Department's Trade Waste Seminar in Sydney in 2016.
- There is one other unit approved by council for discharge of waste to sewer in regional NSW.

The following advice is provided in relation to the Department's role in trade waste approvals:

- The Department does not approve or endorse any pre-treatment equipment or products related to liquid trade waste discharges.
- Councils are the determining authority for approval to discharge liquid waste to its sewerage systems, other than domestic sewage, under s.68 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act).
- Councils need to obtain the Department's prior concurrence to their approval under s.90 of the *Act* and its Regulations (cl.28) for trade waste discharges including from any upstream solid waste processing equipment.
- Councils are not required to refer any application to the Department if it does not have their support.

Further information on this should be directed to Mrs Padmini Vitharana, Trade Waste Coordinator on 9842 8484 or padmini.vitharana@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Best regards

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