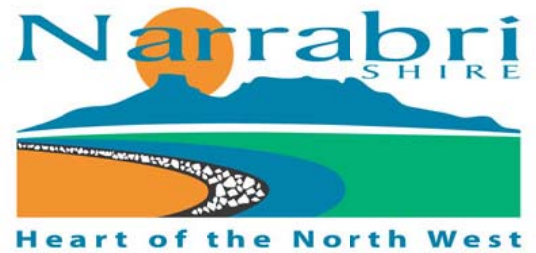


# SEWER JUNCTION CONNECTION POLICY



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

## Objective

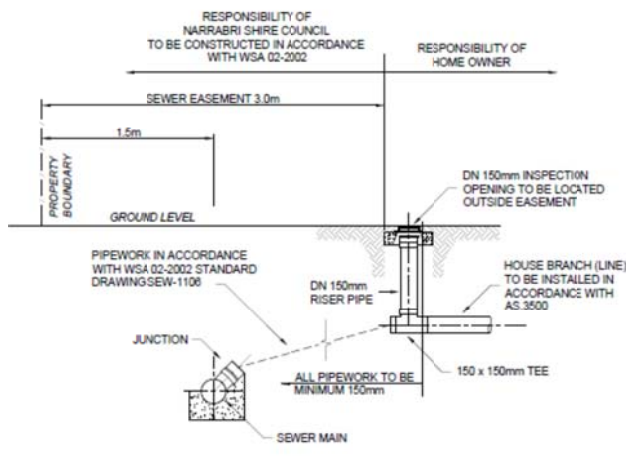
To ensure:

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

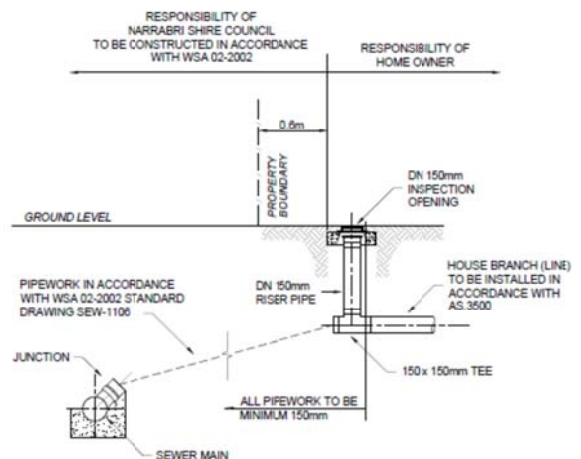
## Introduction

Council’s Sewerage System transports sewerage to Council’s treatment plant. The integrity of the system 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

Connection to Council's Sewerage System will be approved and provided by Council, subject to the following conditions:

1. A Sewerage Service Connection form is completed signed and the appropriate payment is made in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges.
2. The property owner will be responsible for ensuring that:
  - a) No trade waste (liquid or otherwise) enters Council's Sewerage System without Council's approval via a trade waste agreement;
  - b) Stormwater does not enter Council's Sewerage System (ie roof or yard connections);
  - c) Seepage and subsoil water does not enter Council's Sewerage System;
  - d) The Sewerage Service connection and appropriate pipe work and fittings are adequately protected;
  - e) The Inspection Opening is readily accessible at all times and covered by a commercially available screw cap fitted 100mm proud of the ground level.
3. 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.
4. 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 is to be captured and removed from the pipe work and not simply pushed into Council's Sewerage System.
5. Council will recover from the property owner any costs that Council incurs as a result of the following:
  - a) The property owner damaging any pipe work owned by Council;
  - b) Council having to locate an Inspection Opening that is not readily accessible;
  - c) Council having to clear above ground obstructions located above a Sewerage Connection point on private property;
  - d) 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.
6. 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.

## Measure of Success

- Maintain information in Policy to provide guidance to applicant.
- Number of unapproved trade waste entries into system as recorded by non compliance notices or letter of correction.
- Number of storm water diversions to system detected and corrected.
- All services protected and maintained as measured by observed and notified systems failures.

## History

MINUTE NUMBER	MEETING DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
637/2000	19 December 2000	Adopted
565/2003	16 December 2003	Reviewed
212/2010	20 April 2010	Reviewed
26/2012	21 February 2012	Reviewed
607/2013	3 September 2013	Reviewed