

Trade Waste Bylaw Review 2022

Project Brief



What is Trade Waste?

Trade Waste is liquid waste generated by any industrial or commercial premises. This wastewater usually goes into the Napier City Council waste water network (the sewers) to be treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Awatōtō, before being pumped into the ocean through a pipe on the sea floor (together with all Napier's wastewater).

Why do we need a Bylaw?

Trade Waste can contain substances that damage our infrastructure and our marine environment. To make sure the system can cope and the impact on the environment is minimal, the Bylaw regulates the quality and quantity of Trade Waste going into the NCC network. The Bylaw also allows NCC to set limits on wastewater, which often require businesses to do some treatment, and also to charge those businesses for the cost of conveying and treating the Trade Waste.

Bylaw Review

NCC are reviewing the Trade Waste Bylaw to improve the management of Trade Waste in Napier with the ultimate goals of:

- Improving environmental outcomes by increasing treatment of wastewater
- Making sure NCC meets quality and quantity limits set for the treated waste water going into the ocean
- Change attitudes towards wastewater: 'The drain is not a bin'

- Making things fairer for everyone. Businesses are charged the actual 'cost to treat' and contribute a fair share of the costs of the wastewater network
- Preventing issues in the network, for example sewer blockages
- Incorporate 'Te mana me te mauri o te wai' and the vital importance of water.

Who is directly affected by the Bylaw?

- Wet industries
- Premises with grease traps
- Any businesses that generate more wastewater than a 'household equivalent'.

Who can have a say about how we manage Trade Waste in Napier?

Everyone will be given a chance to have their say during the Bylaw Review process:

- Targeted workshops will be held with industries and commercial businesses
- Workshops will be held with mana whenua and iwi groups
- Community consultation will begin in January 2022 where anyone can submit feedback about the Statement of Proposal for the new Trade Waste Bylaw.



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