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On Site Sewerage

Council approval must be gained prior to installing or carrying out any work on an on-site sewage management system.

This section refers to:

- Installing a new on-site sewage management system
- Upgrading or altering an existing on-site sewage management system.

Council approval must be gained prior to carrying out any work on an on-site sewage management system. If approval is related to a new building, approval to install an on-site sewage management system is usually required prior to gaining a construction certificate. There are a number of different treatment and disposal options; all require regular maintenance and operational knowledge by you as the owner. All wastewater from your premises needs to be treated and disposed of, this includes waste from toilets, showers, hand basins, laundry and kitchen.

Which system suits you and your land?

To ensure the system you install is suitable for your site, Council requires the submission of a geotechnical report which outlines the suitability of the soil to accept effluent and recommends the size and location which will be required for the disposal of effluent. The report will also alert Council to any environmental factors that may restrict the disposal of effluent on-site such as proximity to waterways, high water tables, excessive slopes. Some sites may not be suitable for the disposal of effluent on-site and therefore a pump-out system may be the only alternative. These sites are generally small lots with clayey or sandy soil.

Before installing a system, you will need to do the following:

1. Decide which treatment system and land