

	ON-SITE WASTE WATER SYSTEMS	Version No:	8
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1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the policy of the City of Mount Gambier ('Council') for the connection of South Australian Water Corporation sewer to and/or the installation of wastewater systems on properties within the Council area.

For the purpose of this Policy, refer to the [SA Health On-site Wastewater System Code](#).

2. PLANNING - NEW BUILDINGS, LAND DIVISIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS

(a) Where planning and building consents / Development approval are granted for a new building/development on an existing parcel of land to which the SA Water Corporation sewer system is not available, then sewage disposal shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Extension of the SA Water sewer system;
2. Where (1 as above) is not practical, sewage is to be disposed of by pumping sewage or septic tank effluent from the parcel of land to the nearest SA Water Corporation sewer connection;
3. Where (2 as above) is not practical by pumping sewage to the nearest SA Water Corporation sewer connection, sewage is to be disposed of by installing an approved aerated wastewater treatment system (AWTS), or other appropriate on-site wastewater treatment system (eg. alternate secondary treatment system).

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(b) Where an approved on-site wastewater treatment system is installed in accordance with this policy, the premises must be connected to the SA Water Corporation sewer system within three (3) months of such sewer becoming available to the parcel of land.

3. SEWER CONNECTIONS - EXISTING BUILDINGS

(a) All premises are to be connected to the SA Water Corporation sewer if available to the parcel of land.

(b) All premises to which sewer is not currently available are to be connected to the SA Water Corporation sewer system within three (3) months of such sewer becoming available to the parcel of land.

4. DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER

(a) The minimum disposal area (for irrigation systems of AWTS) is 280m² to minimise storage of wastewater in the soil.

5. (b) Alternative wastewater disposal methods (to 4a), which are designed by a Wastewater Engineer, may be considered in association with an AWTS or other secondary treatment system. However, these solutions must meet requirements in the SA On-site Wastewater System Code and where applicable, the associated Standard, AS/NZS 1547 **ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM**

(a) Approval from Council must be received before installation of the on-site wastewater system commences.

(b) The on-site wastewater system must be on the Department of Health and Ageing (SA Health) approved products list.

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6. DISPENSATION

Council may, in any case in which Council deems it expedient, dispense with the observance of this policy, or any part thereof, either absolutely or on such terms and conditions as the Council deems proper.

7. REVIEW & EVALUATION

This Policy is scheduled for review by Council in August 2028; however, will be reviewed as required by any legislative changes which may occur.

8. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council’s principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Council’s website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council’s Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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