



GUIDELINES TO CONNECTING TO A COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Information about Communal Waste Control Systems

Council has many different types of community wastewater management systems located in shack areas along the River as well as some townships. Commonly known as CWMS or Sewer Schemes they all operate on the same principle of collecting, treating (usually by aeration and chlorination) and disposal of waste water to an irrigated site out of the flood plain. At the moment, Council has approximately 25 different schemes in place.

This information sheet provides general information for all of the schemes. New application forms and information sheets on the different types of schemes that are installed have been created for each different area and scheme. If you would like to obtain a copy of these please contact the Council.

If you are unsure whether the area has a communal waste control system and what type, please contact one of Council's Environmental Health Officers at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

Information to be provided to Council to obtain approval

An application form

The application form must be completed and signed by both the owner and applicant.

Application Fee

An application fee is payable to the Council.

New development (excluding transportable dwellings)	\$499.00
New development (transportable dwellings & new shacks)	\$371.00
Shack (existing)	\$243.00

This application fee covers the examination of the application to ensure it complies with the current legal regulations, the approval and inspections of both pre-approval and of the installed system.

Site Layout Plan

A detailed site layout plan drawn to scale of 1 in 500 must be included with your application that details:

- Block dimensions
- Contours indicating natural ground fall
- Proposed location of the building and all other structures including sheds, swimming pools and paving etc
- Position of the proposed septic tank and pump sump showing all setback distances from boundaries, buildings including sheds and paving, irrigation area and swimming pools.
- Details of any site modification eg benching, cutting and filling
- Position of the connection point for the system.

Building Layout Plan (Plumbing plan)

A detailed building layout plan drawn to a scale of 1 in 100 must be included with your application that details:

- The position and description of all sanitary fixtures to be connected to the communal waste control system – e.g. toilets, basin, showers, bath, laundry, kitchen;
- The method of connecting the fixtures to the drainage systems including location of the drains, positions and size of traps – sanitary fixture, floor waste and overflow relief gully, vents and waste pipes
- Whether there is a spa bath that is more than 120 litres or there is a food waste disposal unit installed.
- **Please note:** For all existing shacks and houses that are connecting up to a scheme, a plumbing layout **must** be provided. If you have any problems obtaining this, please contact the Council.

Maintenance of Septic Tank

To ensure your septic system is working properly it is important to look after your system. Septic tanks should:

- Be desludged every 4 years.
- Regularly be checked for any debris, grass or tree roots from around the lid area and removed.
- Strong bleaches or detergents should not be placed down the septic system.

Council cannot issue approval until:

- a completed application form, signed by the owner and applicant, has been submitted;
- an application fee has been submitted;
- a site layout plan has been submitted;
- a building layout plan detailing all plumbing has been submitted.

Failure to provide this information will result in delays in approval.

For further information contact the Development and Environmental Services Section of the Mid Murray Council on 08 8564 6020.

Information Sheets

Information Sheets are available to help answer many of your Planning enquiries.

We also have many Information Guides available regarding Planning and Building Issues.

These Information Guides are available from our Cambrai, Mannum and Morgan offices. You can also see them on our website at www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au



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