



## Five Mile Communal Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Maintenance Information Sheet

Your property is connected to the Five Mile CWMS. Five Mile is a gravity sewer system which means that there is no septic tank or pump chamber located on your property. The connection to your property is a IP 100mm PVC near boundary.

### How does the system work?

The sewerage flows (solids and liquids) from the house through a sewer pipe to a communal pump chamber located on common land. Once the sewerage inside the pump chamber reaches a certain level inside the pump turns on and grinds up the sewerage which is then pumped to the treatment plant. The treatment plant then processes the liquid (sewer) which is then aerated, treated with chlorine and pumped to an irrigation site located along East Front Road behind the wastewater treatment plant which is above the floodplain.

### What should not be put down the drains (toilet, sink or hand basins)

- Any stormwater, including roof and rain water tank overflow and surface drainage waters
- Any backflush waters from a swimming pool or water softener
- Any discharge or backflush from a spa bath/pool in excess of 680 litres capacity
- Any sanitary napkins, clothing or plastic material or liner
- Any trade waste
- Any petrol or other flammable or explosive substance whether solid, liquid or gaseous
- Any disinfectant or deodorant, antiseptic or germicide powder or fluid, unless specifically stated to be suitable for use in a septic tank.

Council CWMS Maintenance Officers have attended numerous blockages/pump burn outs in the past to find that people have flushed sanitary products, nappies, clothing and the like down the drains.



This is a photo showing a build up of sanitary products and nappies jamming both valves in the pump ultimately causing the pump to burnout beyond repair. The cost to replace this pump was taken from the maintenance fund for the respective CWMS.

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If you are having problems with your drains i.e. they appear to be blocked please contact the CWMS Maintenance Officer on 0428 813 438.

If you have any other questions relating to the Five Mile CWMS, please feel free to contact the CWMS Maintenance Officers or the Environmental Health Officer at the Cambrai Office on 8564 6020.



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**Please do not dispose of the following into the toilet, basin, bath or shower:-**

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- non biodegradable products
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