

POLICY AM05 STORMWATER CONNECTION

DEPARTMENT:	Works and Infrastructure
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Manager Infrastructure and Development Services
LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:	To provide quality infrastructure which enhances the liveability and viability of our communities for residents and visitors
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:	Urban Drainage Act 2013
OBJECTIVE:	To ensure uniformity in the provision of property connections into council's stormwater infrastructure.
POLICY INFORMATION:	Adopted 19 March 2012; Minute 03/12.15.4.069. Amended 19 October 2015; Minute 10/15.12.6.276. Amended 17 December 2018; Minute 12/18.13.3.301 Amended 20 December 2021 Minute No 12/21.14.5.270 Amended 16 December 2024 Minute No 12/24.14.4.512

POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

Council provides stormwater connection points for private properties to connect to council's stormwater infrastructure where a public system is available in accordance with the Urban Drainage Act 2013.

2. STORMWATER CONNECTIONS

- 2.1 Council is the Responsible Authority for the management of public stormwater infrastructure for the municipality.
- 2.2 If a property at its nearest property boundary point is located within 30 metres of a public stormwater system, and it is reasonable to make a connection, Council will provide the property with a connection point for the disposal of stormwater.
- 2.3 If the owner of a property that is permitted to connect to a public stormwater system requests to do so, Council will ensure that a single separate stormwater connection point is constructed.
- 2.4 Council may set an appropriate fee for the cost of providing a stormwater connection point to a property and the property owner is to pay the fee outlined in Council's Fees & Charges before the work is undertaken.
- 2.5 Connections must be made by Council or by a contractor approved by Council.

3. STORMWATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

- 3.1 It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the stormwater drainage infrastructure within their property is maintained and operational.
- 3.2 The property owner is responsible for stormwater drainage from their property until it reaches a point of connection with Council's drainage infrastructure, including if the property's stormwater drains to the roadside kerb, roadside table drain or council's underground stormwater pipe.

4. VEGETATION AND STRUCTURES

- 4.1 Property owners and residents must not plant invasive plant species over or near stormwater mains or manholes.
- 4.2 Manholes shall not be buried during gardening or landscaping activities. In the event that a stormwater pit cover needs to be altered to accommodate these activities the cost shall be borne by the property owner. The exception is where a pre-existing buried pit cover is found in which case Council will investigate and advise the property owner of modification requirements.
- 4.3 A person must not discharge, or cause or permit to be discharged, anything other than stormwater into a public stormwater system.
- 4.4 A person must not discharge, or cause or permit to be discharged stormwater into a sewer main or sewer fitting such as an overflow gully. Where there may be an existing problem, advice is available from Council staff.

5. MONITORING AND REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed every three (3) years in line with the Council's Policy Framework or earlier in the event of major changes to legislation or related policies, procedures or if deemed necessary by the General Manager.