

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FROM MANAGING FOOD, FATS, OILS & GREASE FROM FOOD PREMISES

Project outcomes contribute to the following UN Sustainable Development Goals:



For more information about the water industry's contribution to the UN SDGs see [Global Goals for Local Communities: Urban water advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Background

The Australian urban water industry owns and operates millions of dollars' worth of assets. Protection and extension of the life of those assets and ensuring the safety of its workers are key parts of best practice in managing operations.

The aim of this project was to develop a framework for specifying and managing pre-treatment requirements for the retail food sector, consistent with the Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines. The report provides guidance for specifying and managing the pre-treatment of waste from food premises before it enters the sewerage system.

The Guideline will be periodically reviewed and will need to evolve as further scientific evidence is gathered and new issues or technologies emerge.

Outcomes and Benefits

The principles outlined in these national Guidelines can be applied to a broad range of food enterprises that discharge wastewater to a sewerage system including:

- retail food businesses ranging from small-scale home catering operations to large restaurants to food courts in major shopping centres.
- food manufacturing and wholesale food businesses.

The report provides utilities with a set of principles that can easily be applied to new and existing applications for a licence to discharge FFOG to the sewer. This national approach



provides an opportunity for consistency and transparency for determining the size and type of grease trap required as well as monitoring and maintenance requirements.

Availability

This project was completed in November 2016. It was funded by the following WSAA members:

Barwon Water	MidCoast Water	TasWater
Central Highlands Water	Power and Water	Townsville
City West Water	Queensland Urban Utilities	Unitywater
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Gippsland Water	South East Water	Watercare NZ
Goulburn Valley Water	South Gippsland Water	Water Corporation
Melbourne Water	Sydney Water	Yarra Valley Water

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