# Water (Trade Waste) Regulations 2014

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PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1 Objectives

The objectives of these Regulations are—

(a) to prescribe certain waste as trade waste for the purposes of the Water Act 1989; and

(b) to prescribe a condition to be included in agreements for the receipt and disposal of trade waste by a water corporation.

2 Authorising provision

These Regulations are made under section 324 of the Water Act 1989.

3 Commencement

These Regulations come into operation on 1 July 2014.
4 Definitions

In these Regulations—

*desalination process* means any process (whether using reverse osmosis or otherwise) by which salts and minerals are removed from water;

*emergency* has the same meaning as in section 159A(3) of the Act;

*the Act* means the Water Act 1989.
PART 2—TRADE WASTE

5 Trade waste for the purposes of the Act

The following waste is prescribed as trade waste for the purposes of the Act—

(a) any superfluous matter derived from, or that is a by-product of, a trade, industrial, commercial, medical, dental, veterinary, agricultural, horticultural or scientific activity;

(b) any waste matter (other than waste matter that is discharged from private residences)—

(i) that consists solely or partly of food; or

(ii) which results from any process connected with the preparation of food;

(c) any waste matter discharged from a laundry—

(i) used for the purposes of a private or public hospital, school or other institution; or

(ii) used for the purposes of a hotel, motel or similar establishment; or

(iii) where use of the laundry is subject to the payment of a fee; or

(iv) used for any other commercial purpose;

(d) any waste matter discharged from—

(i) any cooling, refrigeration or air-conditioning system installed on premises on which any activity referred to in paragraph (a) occurs; or

(ii) a ship's ballast; or
(iii) municipal or commercial swimming pools, including filter backwash effluent; or

(iv) any primary, secondary or tertiary educational establishment where the matter is a by-product of a scientific, artistic or photographic activity or any trade based training activity;

(e) any superfluous matter derived from, or that is a by-product of, a desalination process or that is discharged from works used in a desalination process, whether on residential or non-residential premises;

(f) any superfluous matter derived from, or that is a by-product of, a groundwater quality monitoring system, a groundwater extraction and disposal system or a groundwater treatment system;

(g) any superfluous matter derived from, or that is by-product of, construction activities;

(h) run-off from water used to extinguish a fire or to deal with any other hazard or emergency on premises on which an activity referred to in paragraph (a) occurs;

(i) leachate from any private, commercial or municipal landfill or from a commercial composting or vermiculture facility;

(j) sewage sludge from a facility for the disposal of septic tank sludge or sewage treatment plant sludge.

Note
Trade waste services are provided if the water corporation so decides—see sections 173(1)(a) and 178(1)(b) of the Act.
PART 3—TRADE WASTE AGREEMENTS

6 Condition of trade waste agreements

It is a condition of a trade waste agreement that a water corporation may disconnect a trade waste connection—

(a) during an emergency; or

(b) during a period where there is a threat of damage to any system used by the water corporation for the conveyance, treatment, re-use or supply, of treated wastewater; or

(c) during a period where the discharge of trade waste into the water corporation’s sewerage system may cause the water corporation to breach a licence issued under section 20 of the Environment Protection Act 1970 that the water corporation holds for the reprocessing, treatment, storage, containment, disposal or handling of waste.