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# **PRIVATE DRAINAGE CONNECTIONS TO COUNCIL'S DRAINS**

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### **Objective**

To provide a control system for the installation of private drainage connections, in townsites, to Councils drainage pipelines, at a cost to the applicant.

To minimise maintenance problems with townsite drainage systems caused by private connections and ensure that kerbs and pipelines are not damaged by unqualified and inexperienced installers.

### **Policy**

1. All land owners are permitted to connect their private drainage into any available Council drainage system on a street/road reserve or a drainage reserve or easement, but must do so to Council's full requirements.
2. Drainage connections may be to an inlet pit/well liner or pipeline in the street verge. They may also be made to an open 'Vee' drain or to a properly shaped gap in the kerb line. Connections can also be made to a drainage Reserve or easement through private property.
3. Any drainage pipe connecting from private property into a public Council controlled piped drainage system will require, built on the private property, a manhole/silt trap situated on the drain line prior to the connection into Council's system, to stop any silt or debris from entering the pipeline system.
4. There are various other services on the road reserve, eg power, water supply, sewer, telephone cables etc. Whoever installs the private drainage connection is totally responsible for checking the location of these services and for any damage done to them.

5. Council is not responsible for damage done to private drainage pipes on street verges by other groups, individuals or service authorities.
6. If the drainage plumber or builder declines to make good any lack in meeting Council's requirements, then Council shall retain the \$250 and use its own staff to complete the works.
7. Council shall allow a private drain pipe connection to be cut into the existing kerbing of a street to allow the water to drain down the kerb face if the pipe is of a small diameter (approximately 90mm) and the connection makes use of a standard commercial shaped drainage fitting to match the kerb profile.

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Keywords

Drainage Connections, private, Council drainage system, completion inspection, drainage plumber

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Related Policies

Nil

Related Procedures/  
Documents

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**DELEGATION LEVEL**

Executive Manager/Manager/Staff

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