

## CAN YOUR PUMP OUT BE REPLACED BY ONSITE PROCESSING?

Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) organised pump out service ends on the 9th July 2023, so time is running out to organise your own arrangements with a provider.

Full details and provider information can be found at: http://madca.com.au/documents/project\_docs/madca\_pump\_out\_letter\_02-2023.pdf

As an alternative to pump out, some properties may be able to establish onsite processing of liquid waste at their own expense. Doing so will undoubtedly increase the property value and provide a more convenient, cost-effective solution long term. The cost of providing pump out is linked to variable costs and these are destined to increase over time.

Information about the procedure for transitioning to alternative onsite processing can be found on the SCRC website. It may be complex to install and not all properties will be suitable for onsite processing systems. The first step is to establish if the property is suitable. Cr David Law has generously volunteered to act as a conduit between property owners and the relevant Council Departments to provide an initial assessment in the first instance to ascertain the suitability of any particular property to utilise onsite processing.

You would need to supply:

- a. The full address of the property.
- b. The RP description of the property (found on your rates notice).
- c. The full name(s) of the property owner which should match those on the rate notice.
- d. Contact details for the owners to receive the assessment.

Send the above information to Cr Law, noting the request is for an initial assessment as to the suitability of the referenced property for onsite liquid waste treatment.

By Email: david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

By Mail: Locked Bag 72 Sunshine Coast Mail Centre, QLD 4560

Councillor Law's Office is at the Council Offices, Eddie de Vere building, Corner of Currie and Bury Streets Nambour. Phone: (07) 5441 8368

It is important to note that not all properties will be suitable for onsite processing at this time, however, advances in new technology, and acceptance of new technology under development may allow onsite processing in the future.

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