Coonamble Shire Council

Septic Tank Management Policy

In order to comply with the provisions of the Sewage Management Regulation 1998, Council, on 10th June, 1998, adopted the following policy:

- All property owners in the Shire be required to register location and installation details of septic tanks and other small on-site sewage management facilities with Council by 30 September 1998.
- 2. Property owners building in unsewered urban areas or upon land 100 metres or less from a watercourse or floodplain will be required to submit plans and specifications for proposed installations and pay the prescribed fees prior to commencement of works. Such work to be completed only by licensed plumbers and drainers.
- 3. Septic tank installations in environmentally sensitive areas be the subject of routine yearly inspections by Council. High risk installations can be inspected more regularly as deemed appropriate.
- 4. Owners of septic tanks in rural areas (other than those above) be required to comply with the Environmental and Health Protection Guidelines for On-Site Sewage Management for single households and that such criteria be the subject of a self certifying system.

