# **Draft update of the Environment and Health Protection Guidelines: Onsite Wastewater Management (Silver Book)**

Consultation Template

A draft update of the Environment and Health Protection Guidelines: Onsite Wastewater Management (EHP Guidelines) has been developed under the guidance and direction of the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG), NSW Health, the Department of Planning and Environment – Water (Town Water Risk Reduction Program) and WaterNSW.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) is now seeking comment on this draft update to ensure it is fit for purpose and addresses the key concerns and priorities identified by local councils and industry stakeholders during an earlier round of consultation.

This draft update captures significant advancements in technology and ensures the latest scientific literature in relation to Onsite Wastewater Management (OWM) is referenced. The format has also been refreshed to make it easier to use.

The EHP Guidelines remain the primary reference document for OWM in NSW. Feedback received will be carefully considered and will help inform any required changes prior to release of a final version later this year.

### How to fill out this form

1. Please send completed forms via email with the subject line ‘Attn: Policy Team – EHP Guidelines (Silver Book) Consultation’ to: olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.
2. **Note: Submissions close 5pm Friday 21 July 2023.**

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### Feedback on draft update

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| 1. Section 1: Legislative Responsibilities
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| Is the explanation of the legislative framework regulating OWM sufficiently clear? Do you require further clarification on your responsibilities?  |
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| 1. Sections 2 and 3: Updating an Onsite Wastewater Management Strategy and Operational Strategies
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##### How confident are you in developing or reviewing your council’s OWM Strategy? Do you have a clear understanding of your role and responsibilities? Do you require further guidance on any strategic or operational aspect?

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| 1. Section 4: Site and Soil Evaluation
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##### Are there any aspects of the site/soil evaluation process you feel are not adequately covered here? Does the new section on tiny houses provide sufficient clarity?

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| 1. Section 5: Onsite Wastewater Management System Options
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##### Does this section cover the different options available sufficiently?

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| 1. Section 6: Onsite Wastewater Management System Design
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##### Are you comfortable with the design considerations outlined?

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| 1. Section 7: Onsite Wastewater Management System Selection
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##### Do you feel the guidance provided here is sufficient for you to make an informed decision on appropriate system selection?

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| 1. Appendices 1-3: Updated Model Ste Report and Approval Conditions
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1. Do the appendices remain fit for purpose?

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| 1. Appendices 4-7 New Appendices on Installation, Operation and Maintenance, Worked Design Examples and Management Checklists
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##### Please comment on the adequacy and what, if any, changes or additions need to be made.

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| 1. Appendix 8: New model OWM Strategy
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##### A new model OWM Strategy has been developed (Appendix 8). It is based on a desktop review of several councils’ current strategies to come up with a best practice approach. Please comment on its adequacy and what, if any, changes or additions need to be made.

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1. Please provide any further feedback you have on the draft update below.

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1. Thank You!