

APPLICATION TO DOWNGRADE OSMS RISK RATING

All on-site sewage management systems (OSMS) are allocated a risk rating which is determined on the potential of the system's impact using the following criteria:

- Impact on Public Health;
- Impact on Water Quality;
- Impact on Native Bushland;
- Impact on Community Amenity;
- Impact on Soils.

The risk rating determines the frequency of inspections which are:

- High – inspected annually;
- Medium – inspected every two years;
- Low – inspected every five years.

Where an OSMS is well maintained, Council offers the opportunity to apply to have the risk rating downgraded for High Risk and Medium Risk systems so they are inspected less frequently. Property owners who have demonstrated a high level of care and maintenance of their OSMS may apply to Council to have their risk rating downgraded if they meet the following criteria:

- a) No major defects (excluding desludging) have been identified for the last 3 inspections (High Risk) or 2 inspections (Medium Risk);
- b) The property has remained in the same ownership during the above inspections;
- c) The property is owner/occupied (not tenanted or holiday rented);

If conditions are met in regards to 9.2.1 of Council's OSMS Code of Practice (2009) a downgrade of risk assessment will occur where:

- High (conditional) – will be inspected every two years instead of annually;
- Medium (conditional) - will inspected every five years instead of every two years;

If the risk rating is downgraded, it may remain at the lower risk level if the above criteria continue to be met. If a subsequent inspection identifies that the above criteria are not being met, the risk rating will revert to the original inspection regime.

Properties can only downgrade by the one level from their original risk assessment.

To apply, please complete the attached declaration and return to Council. If you have any queries regarding having a system downgraded, please contact Council's Environmental Health Protection Unit on (02) 4474 1310.

DECLARATION

I, _____

Wish to apply to have the risk rating on my On-Site Sewage Management System at:

downgraded; and declare that it meets the following criteria:

- a) No major defects (excluding desludging) have been identified for the last 3 inspections (High Risk) or 2 inspections (Medium Risk);
- b) The property has remained in the same ownership during the above inspections;
- c) The property is owner/occupied (not tenanted or holiday rented);

I will notify Eurobodalla Shire Council within 28 days should any of the above criteria change.

Signature: _____ Date: __ / __ / ____

Office Use Only:

PIN	ORIGINAL RISK RATING	NEW RISK RATING	DATE