



Pre-Purchase Inspections on Wastewater Systems

Pre-purchase Inspection on Wastewater Systems is a new service that Cessnock City Council is offering for all potential property buyers within the council Local Government Area.

Council believes that this service would be great benefit to anyone buying a property containing a On-Site Sewage Management (OSSM) system, more commonly know as a Septic Tank.

Benefits to Purchaser

This inspection will **highlight any potential extra cost** for the prospective buyer ie. System needing upgrade.

If a system is found to be failing and requires upgrade or replacement this **can cost up to approx. \$10,000.**

The small cost of a Pre-purchase inspection has the potential to reap financial benefit in the long-term.

What will be Inspected

Councils qualified staff will undertake a thorough inspection of:-

- Quality/Age of Tank
- Functionality
- Equipment
- Structurally Soundness
- Disposal Area

What will you receive back from Council

Council will send out a detailed report specifying Approval History, Tank Description, System Performance, any Maintenance Recommendations and Council Requirements.

How to Apply for Pre-Purchase Inspection

Visit Councils website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au and print out a Pre-Purchase inspection form. Forward this completed form to Council with **\$190 fee** (as per 10/11 Fees & Charges) and Councils Environmental Officers will contact you to arrange access to the site.

Timeframe

In most circumstances Council will endeavour to have the report sent to you within 10 working days.