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Buying or Selling a Property with a Septic Tank?

If you are buying or selling a property that has an On-site Sewage Management System, it is important to check if there is a current 'Approval to Operate' for the system.

It is a requirement for all on-site sewage management systems in NSW to have an Approval to Operate (i.e. sewage management licence). Council issues Approvals to Operate under the Local Government Act (subject to inspection).

Approval periods can last for 2, 3 or 5 years depending on the level of risk associated with the system. An Approval to Operate sets out basic requirements to keep the septic system working well.

The intention is to minimise potential impact on the environment and community health.

When you are buying or selling a property, ask your conveyancer to check if there is a current Approval in place.

To request an Approval to Operate licence from Council, the landowner needs to lodge an Application to Operate a System of Sewage Management as soon as possible to avoid delays.

Fees apply. Call Council on Ph.4868 0888 if you require further information.