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FACT SHEET 5

WORKING TOWARDS SAFE & RESPONSIBLE ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT
ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION SERIES

WHAT ARE THE RESPOSIBILITES OF OPERATING AN ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OWNERS

This factsheet outlines the many responsibilities that come with living on a property with an OSMS.

The many responsibilities that come with being an owner and/or operator of an OSMS include:

▶ **Ensuring you have a current Approval to Operate for your system. If you are unsure if your Approval to Operate is current, please contact Snowy Monaro Regional Council.**

▶ Ensuring your system is operating within manufacturer recommendations and any conditions associated with the Approval to Operate for the system.

▶ Having an understanding of the operating requirements of your system and being aware that you may need to alter your household activities to ensure your system operates sufficiently.

▶ Using an authorised person to carry out any work on your system. This includes servicing, maintaining, repairing and pumping out of your system.

▶ **Ensuring you have appropriate approval to carry out any work on your system. Application forms are available by contacting Snowy Monaro Regional Council.**

▶ Ensuring your OSMS does not pollute the environment and/or cause a risk to the public health of the community.

▶ Ensuring you do not illegally dispose of your wastewater or effluent e.g. pumping your system out into a nearby water course, drainage or supply channel or other water body.

▶ Maintaining a current Service Agreement with an accredited service agent (AWTS only).

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