On site sewerage strategy

REVIEW

NAMBUCCA VALLEY

NAMBUCCA SHIRE COUNCIL

EHA NSW STATE CONFERENCE - Port Macquarie – September 2016
Overview

* Rate based fee structure
* 3 Approval to Operate periods
* 1, 5 and 10 year programmed inspection cycle
* Reduced internal handling (invoicing, clerical)
* Priority to Oyster Aqua Culture area (SEPP 62)
* Capacity for strategy and resource allocation
How Council is Considered

- Revenue is generated and accounted annually via rates system – 10 year life cycle
- BSU & Finance staff less burdened with invoicing and debt collection
- OSSMS Program to become self sustainable within the Development and Environment Section
- A reporting system to NSW Food Authority instilling confidence in Stakeholders
The Current Life Cycle

1. Notification to owners
2. Inspection trigger – ATO sunset
3. Approval to operate
4. Existing system, new install
5. Outcomes following inspection
Historic OSSMS risk distribution
Reporting initiative – oyster aquaculture

- Closure of rivers such as the Kalang and Bellinger in the Bellingen Shire have impacted on the local oyster industry.
- A healthy oyster industry is an indicator of river health.
- Experiences with OSSM and NSW Food Authority led to incorporating an annual reporting strategy into Council’s program.
- This has been developed and will be finalised in consultation with the NSW Food Authority (shellfish division)
Class 1/High Risk Oyster Aqua Culture
Thanks!

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