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After our inspection I have checked the regs

For a Laundry

The Building Regulations required the floor to be graded at 1 in 80 to a floor trap connected to the disposal system.. Prior to that it was permissible to drain under the back door.

Now things have changed significantly. If the laundry trough has an inbuilt over flow the floor does not need to be graded and no floor trap is required. If the trough does NOT have an inbuilt overflow the floor needs to be graded to a floor waste. Under the current plumbing code AS 3500 it is permissible for that to be an untrapped floor waste which can be discharged out through the wall and not connected to the drainage system.

Since the current regulations are the least restrictive it looks like they are the ones we should use. In practice most modern laundry troughs have the facility for an overflow as it is set up for the washing machine hose to fit into it.

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