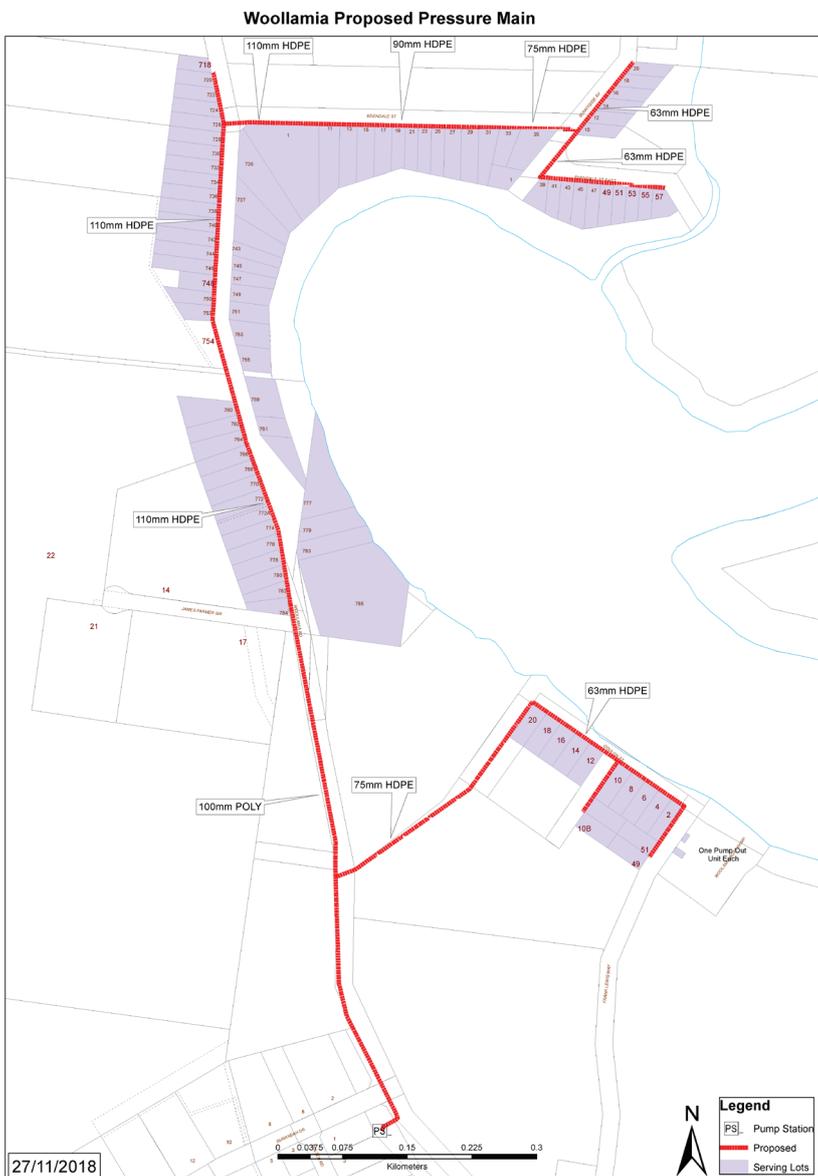


Is my property part of the sewerage scheme?

Please review the below map to see if your property is marked for a pressure sewer system.



What are the costs for the property owners?

I draw your attention to the following, on pages 3 and 4 of the Shoalhaven Water – Pressure Sewer System Policy – Backlog Sewerage Schemes; sent 19 November 2018.

6.2.1 Specific Design Considerations

Council will cover the cost of the connecting pipe work (from the on-site tank to the PSU) **if it is agreed with the land owner that the PSU is to be located within 5 metres of the septic/pumpout tank.**

Note: this infers that the property owner will be required to pay for pipe work in situations where they choose to have the PSU greater than 5 metres from the existing tank. This is not a common scenario as most property owners are happy to have the PSU located close to the existing tank.

6.3 Property Audits

Council's contractor will conduct audits of the existing property's electrical and internal sewer drains. **If these audits identify defective or non-compliant system(s) the property owner is required to arrange for timely rectification and meet the costs for those works.** Property owners will be notified of a period to rectify the defect(s) identified.

Property owners that have not rectified defects by the period nominated will need to arrange for completion of their pressure sewer installation and risk additional costs at completion of the scheme (eg. pumpout + availability charges).

6.4 Construction of Pressure Sewer System

Council's contractor will install and commission the pressure sewer system per the approved designs, which includes the full connection of the properties that have no outstanding defects from the audits.

Property owners will be advised when their properties are fully connected to the new scheme.

6.6 Decommissioning On-site Treatment Systems

Once connected to the scheme the property owner is required to meet all costs and health requirements associated with the decommissioning of their on-site system. At minimum the on-site tanks must be "de-sludged and cleaned out". Council will provide details with regard to decommissioning options and the associated costs as part of the consultation process.

When decommissioning of the onsite system has been completed, a final inspection of the property is to be arranged by the property owner with Planning, Environment and Development Group of Council.

6.7 Implementation of Availability Charge

At the completion of the scheme Council will provide written notification to all property owners within the scheme of the impending wastewater availability charge.

In summary, the potential costs to land owners are:

- To make their existing plumbing systems compliant with current standards (only if they are non-compliant).
- To make their existing electrical systems compliant with current standards (only if they are non-compliant).
- Additional pipe work (greater than 5m) if the owner requires the PSU to be greater than 5m from the existing tanks.

- Costs to all land owners include:
- Decommissioning (including final inspection) of their existing on-site treatment systems.
- Ongoing sewer availability charge.
- Ongoing electricity cost for running the pump unit, estimated to be around \$50 per year.

When will the project be completed?

Council's resolution requires that a pressure system be designed in the current financial year and construction be completed by the end of the financial year (2019/2020).

The design process has commenced, with desktop activities nearing completion.

The upcoming steps include detailed design activities, comprising survey work for the street mains and on property design (locating the pressure sewer unit and small pressure sewer rising main to the street).

Why does Shoalhaven Water require my email and/or phone number?

Shoalhaven Water would like to keep residents regularly updated in relation to the project.

As part of the project the Contractor will need to arrange a time to meet with each individual property owner to undertake an audit of internal plumbing and elect the most suitable location for the pressure sewer unit on each property. Each resident must be able to be contacted to arrange a time.

Is it compulsory that my property is connect to Council's pressure sewerage system?

Yes - it has been resolved by the elected Council at its Ordinary meeting, to connect the properties within the specified area to the Council sewerage system by the end of the financial year 2019/2020.

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