

Rural Wastewater Connection Policy

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1 PURPOSE

The objectives of the policy are to:

- Detail the circumstances in which rural properties may be considered for connection to Council's sewerage system
- Detail the circumstances in which rural properties will be exempt from the sewer availability charge.
- Provide direction to rural property owners making application for connection to Council's sewerage system.
- Provide direction to staff assessing applications for connection of rural properties to Council's sewerage system.

2 STATEMENT

This policy statement is based on Council Minute 02.968 of 23 July 2002.

This policy does not apply to major extensions relating to rezoning's and other major developments. This policy should be read in conjunction with Councils Rural Water Supply Policy and Liquid Trade Waste Discharge to the Sewerage System Policy.

3 PROVISIONS

3.1 Exemption Circumstances for Sewer Availability Charge.

Rural properties shall be exempt from the sewer availability charge in the following circumstances:

- The property is beyond 75 metres of a Council sewer main and is not connected to Council's sewerage system.
- The property is located within 75 metres of a Council sewer main and cannot be connected by gravity means to Council's existing sewerage system.

Rural properties will not be exempt from the sewer availability charge in the following circumstances:

- The property is connected to Council's sewerage system.
- The property is within 75 metres of Council's sewerage system and can be connected to the system by a gravity sewer.

Consideration for exemption from the wastewater availability charge will be given, upon written application, in all circumstances not included above. The determination of an application shall be at the discretion of the General Manager (Shoalhaven Water).

3.2 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A RURAL PROPERTY TO CONNECT TO COUNCIL'S SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Connection to Council's sewerage system will only be made available to rural properties upon written application in the following circumstances:

- Where capacity exists in the existing system, and

- Where the current levels of service can be provided, and
- Where the property is paying the wastewater availability charge.

Properties not paying the wastewater availability charge will only be considered for connection to Council's sewerage system if it is not possible to manage wastewater by on site treatment. Approval in this situation is subject to Council resolution.

3.3 OTHER CONDITIONS

- The applicant(s) shall meet all costs associated with the provision of the wastewater service including:
 - Connection from the property to the sewer reticulation system;
 - Provision of access and necessary easements;
 - Any other conditions considered applicable for the particular application, eg headworks contributions, Tradewaste Agreement etc.
- Any sewer reticulation extensions are to be designed and constructed to the current Council standards.
- Where private pipelines are to be extended in a road reserve approval must be obtained from Assets and Works Group.
- A Service by Agreement may be necessary.

4 APPLICATIONS

Applications for connection to Council's sewerage system must be made in writing, providing a description of the land and what is proposed to be discharged to sewer (domestic waste or tradewaste).

The charges for Council services such as works, contributions and connections are shown in Council's Fees and Charges. The charges are those applicable at the time of payment.

5 OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Review

In accordance with S165 (4) of the Local Government Act 1993, this policy will be reviewed within one year of the election of every new Council.

5.2 Application of ESD Principles

To minimise the potential of environmental damage from onsite systems by allowing extensions to Council's sewerage system under the provisions of this policy.