

Connection of Properties to Council's Sewerage System

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1 PURPOSE

- To provide direction to Council Officers for the management of connection to Councils sewerage system
- To provide direction to the land owners as to the process and charges applicable when connecting to Council’s sewerage systems.

2 STATEMENT

This policy statement is based on Council Minute 89.2080 of 15th August 1989. Council reaffirmed the policy in its revised format by Minute 09.482 on 28th April 2009.

3 PROVISIONS

- 3.1 Government subsidised Backlog Sewerage Schemes, e.g. the former Country Towns Water Supply & Sewerage Program (CTWS&S).
- Council will generally be required to conform with terms and conditions in order to receive subsidy funding for projects under a subsidy Program. Those terms and conditions override the provisions within this policy where applicable, otherwise the provisions below apply.
- 3.2 Connection to Council Sewerage Systems.
- Council will advise property owners in writing when the sewerage system is available to connect to.
 - Property owners will be advised that they have 12 months to connect their properties, from the time of being advised they can connect.
 - A shorter period than that above may apply in instances where existing on-site systems are assessed as a risk to public health. Relevant property owners will be advised in writing of special requirements.
 - The required period to connect may be extended upon written application to the Director Planning Environment and Development Group. Approval is at the discretion of the Group Director.
- 3.3 Shoalhaven Water, in its response to an application, will outline any conditions and applicable charges to be complied with. Conditions may include (but not limited to):
- Payment of a separate system connection fee.
 - Payment of final pumpout service and tank cleanout.
 - Tradewaste applications and agreements.
 - Backflow surveys and approvals.
- 3.4 Shoalhaven Water will advise applicants as to when the sewerage availability charge will be applied to their property.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

Shoalhaven Water is responsible for the implementation of this policy up to the time the property owner is advised they can connect to the sewer. Planning & Development Group is responsible for the connection process and timing of same.

5 REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed within one year of the election of every new Council.

6 APPLICATION OF ESD PRINCIPLES

To ensure connection at the earliest practicable time to Council’s sewer systems in order to minimise the impact on the environment and public health.