

# 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 Council’s sewerage system
- To provide direction to the landowners 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Safe & Secure Water Program or 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 City Development. 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.
- Internal drainage improvements.
- 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. City Developments 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.