



Pricing Principles for Wastewater and Non Drinking Water Services

As at 8 January 2016

Pricing Principals

Prices are based on Councils objective to achieve long run sustainability of the CWMS.

Council seeks to recover the full cost of providing CWMS from the users of the service.

The full cost of the service equates to a “whole of life” approach to determine costs and includes:

- Operating and maintenance costs
- Capital renewal and upgrade.
- Cost of capital
- Cost of risk.

The following guidelines will be utilised by Council to apply pricing principles for wastewater and recycled water:

- Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999
- Pricing principles for recycled water (ESCOSA 2010)
- National Water Initiative Pricing Principles (2004)
- Costing Principles for Local Government (LGA 2013)
- The Costing and Pricing of CWMS (LGA 2015)

Review of Pricing

All prices are reviewed annually by Council as part of the Annual Business Plan and are adopted after community consultation and published in the Annual Fees and Charges Schedule.

Pricing Principles for Wastewater Annual Service Charges

Wastewater service (Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) or sewer) includes the collection of wastewater, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of effluent.

In addition for CWMS systems, the service includes the pump out of the septic tank at 5 yearly intervals or as varied by the Septic Tank Desludge Program Policy adopted by Council on 7 April 2014.

Prices are based on full cost recovery of establishing, operating, maintaining, improving and replacing (including by future capital works and depreciation of assets) as per Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999 and ESCOSA Principles.

Pricing Principles for Recycled Water – Annual Service Charge - Meadows

The Annual Service Charge – Meadows for recycled water is to recover cost associated with meter reading, operation and maintenance, and administration of the recycled water system as per Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Pricing Principles for Recycled Water – Variable Charge (Base Price)

The variable charge at the applicable Base Price per kilolitre is for actual usage of recycled water only (as metered) and is to recover the cost associated with the production and supply of this.

Council's initial Base Price was determined by the Treated Wastewater Pricing Framework as adopted by Council resolution at the meeting on 19 January 2009.

The following documents provide the principles for the annual review of the per kilolitre base price:

- Wastewater Service and Residential Non Drinking Water Supply Customer Charter adopted 7 December 2015
- Recycled Water – Non Residential Customer Charter adopted 4 May 2015
- Recycled Water Sale Policy – Non Residential adopted 4 May 2015

Pricing Principles for Meadows Non-Potable Ground Water Supply– Annual Service Charge

The Annual Service Charge for non-potable ground water supply is to recover cost associated with operation, maintenance and administration of the bore water system as per Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999.