

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING	11
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ADOPTION OF SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as follows:

Sewerage

Sewerage charges shall be made for the cost of supplying a service for the removal of sewage for the 2023/24 financial year in accordance with the following:

(a) Residential

- (i) A standard charge of **\$907.56** to be applied in accordance with the following:
 - i. For each dwelling house, strata title unit or multi-unit dwelling (MUD)
 - ii. For each improvement built over two allotments of land with a total land area of less than 1190m² where Council is prepared to accept sewage.
- (ii) A charge of **\$722.54** to be applied to each vacant allotment.
- (iii) A standard commercial charge per pedestal will apply to properties where strata title units have pedestals/urinals servicing common property.

(b) Commercial

A standard charge of **\$776.46** per pedestal to be applied in accordance with the following:

- (i) In respect of seweraged premises designed or used as boarding houses, hostels, guest houses, hotels or motels or designed or used for commercial, manufacturing, repairing, servicing, building and like industries, erected on one allotment of land, a separate charge for each pedestal.
- (ii) In respect of seweraged premises designed or used as boarding houses, hostels, guest houses, hotels or motels or designed or used for commercial, manufacturing, repairing, servicing, building and like industries, erected over two or more allotments of land, a separate charge for each pedestal.

- (iii) In respect of sewerred premises designed or used as boarding houses, hostels, guest houses, hotels or motels or designed or used for commercial, manufacturing, repairing, servicing, building and like industries, which are not connected to a sewer main, but in respect of which the Council is prepared to accept sewage, a charge shall be made in accordance with the applicable basis set out in subclause (i & ii) hereof.
 - (iv) In respect of any structure, building or improvement on land exempt from rating under section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 73 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* excluding however, places of worship, a charge in accordance with the applicable basis set out in subclause (i) to (iii) hereof shall be levied on the person or body, or Commonwealth or State Department at whose request the structure, building or improvement was provided with sewerage.
 - (v) In respect of places of public worship and nursing homes listed under section 73 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a charge of 50% of the standard charge for each pedestal, with the total charge being rounded up to the next full charge.
 - (vi) In respect of caravan parks connected to sewer mains, a charge of 25% of the standard charge for each caravan, each tent site and each cabin without facilities, and 50% of the standard charge for each fully self-contained cabin (FSC) shall apply with the total charge being rounded up to the next full charge.
 - (vii) In respect of vacant land where Council is prepared to accept sewage, a standard charge equivalent to one pedestal per allotment shall apply.
 - (viii) Each residence, each flat, each strata title unit that has for the purposes of differential rating been categorised as co-existing within a commercial category a standard residential charge equivalent to one pedestal per residential improvement shall apply.
 - (ix) The rating on the basis set out above to be charged from the date on which sewer connections are completed to the premises concerned. In the case of vacant land, or in the case where an owner or occupier refuses or delays permission to enter their land to complete connections, the rating be charged from the date on which connections would have been made if there was a building or improvement on the land or if the owner or occupier had not refused or delayed permission. In all those cases where the sewer connection is completed or would have been completed (as the case may be) after 1 July 2023 the rate shall be apportioned.
- (c) **Rural Productive**
- A standard charge of \$907.56 to be applied in accordance with the following:
- (i) In respect of all sewerred premises designed or used for rural productive purposes, a standard charge per pedestal shall apply.
 - (ii) In addition, where a residential improvement co-exists, the standard sewerage charge shall apply for each barrack, each residence, each flat, and each strata title unit and vacant allotment where Council is prepared

to accept sewage.

(d) **All Categories**

In respect of sewerage for Residential, Commercial and Rural Productive properties the following shall apply:

- (i) Subject to sub-clause (ii), properties and/or improvements capable of being connected to the scheme will be charged in accordance with the charges set out above.
- (ii) Council reserves the right to exempt certain properties from sewerage charges if such properties as defined by Council are not, in Council's opinion, capable of being connected within the foreseeable future.
- (iii) A charge for treatment of effluent from effluent storage tanks of **\$383.90** for each residence, each flat, each strata title unit, each shop etc shall apply.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update of the sewerage utility charges that will be levied in the 2023/24 financial year.

A 5.99% increase has been applied to the sewerage utility charges for the 2023/24 Financial Year as part of the formulation of the 2023/24 overall budget.

COMMENT:

Each year, as part of the adoption of the Annual Budget, Council is required to adopt the sewerage utility charges. For the 2023/24 financial year a 5.99% increase has been applied to the sewerage utility charges.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (Recommended):

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as per the recommendation above.

Or

Option 2:

That Council does not adopt the Sewerage Utility charges for the 2023/24 financial year and proposes amendments to the charges.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:

Adoption of utility charges is in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.



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