

Subsidiary Water Meter Policy

Intent: To establish a policy and framework for the installation and use of subsidiary water meters (sub-meters) in the Cairns Regional Council (CRC) area in relation to multi units/lots developed since 1 January 2008.

Scope: This policy relates to sub-metering requirements for multi-unit and some non-residential premises developed since 1 January 2008, and provides for the mandatory requirements prescribed in the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code (QPWC).

PROVISIONS

Since 1 January 2008 it has been mandatory to install sub-meters in all multi-unit developments and some non-residential premises.

The *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* and the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019* requires compliance with the QPW Code.

The QPWC, 'Water meters for new premises', specifies that *the water supply to a meterable premise must be fitted with a device (water meter) to measure the amount of water supplied to the premises.*

CRC has developed technical specifications in relation to sub-metering to ensure that decisions are consistent and in line with the intent of this general policy. The technical specifications may be amended from time to time. They are intended as a guide only and will not take precedence over any decision made by CRC in relation to a particular development.

CRC requires all new multi-unit developments defined as meterable premises and drawing a water supply from CRC's infrastructure to be metered in accordance with this general policy and the supporting Subsidiary Water Meter Technical Specifications.

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This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

Director Responsible for Review:

Cairns Infrastructure & Assets

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