

CWMS Pricing Policy Statement

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1. Background

Economic regulation of retailers and sewage services in South Australia was introduced under the *Water Industry Act 2012 (SA)* to provide mechanisms for the transparent setting of prices within the water industry, and to facilitate pricing structures that reflect the true value of services provided by participants in the industry.

Council provides the following services under the *Water Industry Act 2012 (SA)*.

- 1.1 Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS); and
- 1.2 Recycled Water Services

2. Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)

The Schemes

Council currently operates two CWMS schemes, one at Port Broughton and the other at Bute. Council will operate a third scheme from 2024; a full sewage system for the Fisherman Bay township.

Fees and Charges

There are three types of CWMS fees and charges covered by this policy.

2.1 Annual Service Fee

An annual CWMS Service Fee applicable to all land located in the area that can connect to the CWMS, whether the land is developed or vacant and is charged on a quarterly basis.

This fee covers all operational and maintenance costs (including depreciation) plus creates a fund for capital replacement.

This fee is reviewed each year to ensure it is charged at a rate that funds a sustainable CWMS.

2.2 Connection Fee

For new and existing dwellings and vacant blocks connecting to CWMS.

This fee is reviewed each year and can be considered a buying the right to connect to the main system, which has been funded by other CWMS users (sometimes supplemented by grants).

All Fisherman Bay property owners connecting to the new sewer system will be required to pay a Connection Fee to connect to the system that accesses the Port Broughton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

2.3 Augmentation Charge

Payable where additional wastewater is generated for disposal in the CWMS requiring an expansion of the existing CWMS and/or an extension to the scheme.

This charge is to contribute towards the expansion of CWMS to accommodate increased amount of wastewater generated by new development.

This charge is often negotiated with and paid by developers who typically pass on the cost to end purchasers.

3. Recycled Water Services

The Port Broughton scheme reuses the treated water at the Port Broughton Combined Sporting Club and Port Broughton Golf Club.

There is no fee to these two clubs for the provision of the treated water.

4. Review

This Statement will be reviewed every four years, or more frequently as required.

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