

2008.30 SUPPLY & RETICULATION OF POTABLE WATER

1. OBJECTIVE OF POLICY:

To identify the approved methods for the provision of potable water and the operating requirements for potable water reticulation.


1. POLICY:

The provision of Council's Water supply to customers will be undertaken in accordance with the following procedures to ensure equity in supply and to maintain safe preferable supplies.

2.1 WATER SUPPLY CONNECTIONS

That Council adopt the following policies for the reticulation of potable water supplies in the Shire:-

- 2.1.1 There will be no differentiation in the availability and usage charges applying between occupied and unoccupied assessments.
- 2.1.2 A water service will only be provided where an adequately sized water main partly fronts the proposed property/assessment to be serviced.
- 2.1.3 Only one service per assessment. Applications for multiple services to the one assessment will only be considered where it is not possible to increase the existing service size to meet required capacity.
- 2.1.4 The costs of providing a new single 20mm service directly to the property fronting the main at a location suitable to Council will be borne by Council.
- 2.1.5 Additional costs at other locations, if approved by Council, to be borne by the applicant. The cost of replacement services, additional services and/or a larger size is to be borne by the applicant.
- 2.1.6 Mains are considered to be pipes having minimum internal diameter of 100 mm with the exception of 50 mm for the treated Boggabilla supply.
- 2.1.7 In Boggabilla, a treated water service will not be provided to an unoccupied assessment unless a building application has been approved.
- 2.1.8 Extension of mains to properties within the water rated area that are not provided for under the Scheme will be constructed at the applicant's cost except where the assessment as of 1 January, 1986, remains unaltered.
- 2.1.8.1 Extensions to unaltered assessments by Council to Council's location requirements will be at Council's cost.
- 2.1.8.2 An application for the extension of a main or service to a property beyond the area rated for water will only be considered in the following circumstances:
- when the adequacy of supply in the area rated for water is not in doubt, and
 - applicant meets full cost of the extension.
- 2.1.8.3 Services will only be connected at no charge where premises are within 40 metres of a water main. Services greater than 40 metres from a main require the cost be borne by the applicant.

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- 2.1.8.4 A disconnection fee will apply where a residence or lot, no longer requires a Council water supply.

2.2 COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.2.1 Council's responsibility will terminate at the outlet side of the water meter which will be located as close as practicable to the property boundary.
- 2.2.2 Where Council has been requested to place the meter at a site remote from the property boundary to where a meter would normally have been located, Council's responsibility will cease on the property boundary.
- 2.2.3 The maximum length of a service to the meter will be 40m.
- 2.2.4 The interconnection of services between assessments is prohibited and will lead to restriction in supply and legal action.
- 2.2.5 Infringements of Council's operating procedures, or the non-payment of water charges could lead to the restriction in supply and legal action.
- 2.2.6 Release of the restriction will be made in accordance with the provisions and costs laid down by Council from time to time.

2.3 PRESSURE PUMPS

- 2.3.1 Private booster pumps shall not be connected directly to Council mains and may operate only through an intermediate storage tank connected to Council's main.
- 2.3.2 Private booster fire pumps shall not boost the delivery of the water supply at a greater rate than can be delivered from Council's main at normal pressures. Only the pressure may be boosted from Council's mains.

2.4 RESTRICTIONS


- 2.4.1 That Council maintain an "odds and evens" system based on street number when applying water restrictions to potable supplies.

2.5 VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES

- 2.5.1 Council will normally accept as untreated potable water supplies, underground bores of a minimum depth of 30 metres, taking water from levels exceeding 25 metres.
- 2.5.2 Council would accept such water supplies as potable after water analysis has been carried out to prove that the quality meets the minimum potable water standards.
- 2.5.3 It is the responsibility of the occupier to undertake the water analysis at the request of Council.
- 2.5.4 Council require all existing dwellings to be provided with a septic tank and where a potable water supply does not exist, water storage containers having 22,500 litres capacity will be required.

2.6 BORE TRUST


- 2.6.1 That Council strictly adhere to the requirement whereby prior to the removal of water from any bore head, approval is sought from the relevant owner or Trustees.

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 NK 2nd March 1987 (Restrictions)
 1991 Council Policy Manual
 91/04/74 2nd Appril 1991 (Garah – Pressure Pumps)
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