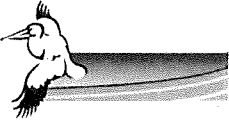


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| <br>DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY | <b>POLICY# 10.18</b>  | Version No:  | 1                           |
|  | <b>Port Neill Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)</b> | Issued:      | April 2016                  |
|  | <b>POLICY AREA</b><br><b>Community Facilities and Services</b>  | Next Review: | After next elections - 2018 |

### **Aims & Objectives**

To ensure that the introduction of the Port Neill CWMS does not cause financial hardship to pensioners and self funded retirees with respect to the ownership of their principal place of residence.

Subject to qualifying, a pensioner or self funded retiree may defer payment of the CWMS Capital Contribution until such time as the property against which the charge is raised is sold or the title transferred. The amount owing will be held as a charge against the property and will accumulate interest until paid.

Subject to qualifying, a pensioner or self funded retiree who has not connected to the CWMS within two years of the commencement of the scheme or by 30 June 2018 will have their connection made by the Council in accordance with the relevant legislation. The costs of connection will be held as a charge against the property and will accumulate interest until paid. This cost will include connection costs and any reinstatement costs of private infrastructure not including vegetation if requested by the property owner. As an example such infrastructure costs may include but are not limited to reinstatement of concrete paths or driveways.

At the request of the property owner the connection may be made prior to the expiration of two years under the same terms and conditions.

### **Policy Detail**

An eligible pensioner must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner. The property must be the principal place of residence and they must also be solely responsible for the payment of CWMS rates on the property.

A self funded retiree must hold a Commonwealth Seniors Card. The property must be the principal place of residence and they must be solely responsible for the payment of CWMS rates on the property.

The pensioners or self funded retirees must be in ownership of the property as at 1 July 2016 to qualify for assistance under this policy.

Payment of either of the Capital Contribution plus interest or the connection charges plus interest will not be requested by Council. Payment will only be required on the sale or any transfer of title of the property.

### **Repayments**

A property owner may pay either amount in full plus interest at any time during the life of this agreement.

A property owner may make (non-regular) payments of no less than \$200 per payment during the life of this agreement.

Council will provide regular property owners with quarterly statements (account balances).

**Clarification**

This policy only applies to pensioners and self funded retirees as defined to provide financial assistance at the commencement of the scheme. The policy does not apply to persons qualifying as pensioners or self funded retirees after the 1 July 2016 for the deferred payment of the Capital Contribution or for the deferred payment of connection costs.

For persons who do not qualify under this policy, hardship arrangements are in place as required by State Government legislation and reiterated in Council Policy 10.11 "CWMS Customer Hardship". Please enquire at the offices of the District Council of Tumby Bay.

**Review**

Council will review this policy following the Council elections in November 2018. However, as all agreements will be the subject of legal documentation and all such documents will be in place prior to 1 July 2018 there can be no alteration to agreements entered in to under this policy.

**Interest Rates**


Interest will be charged at the equivalent rate to the rate payable by Council to the LGFA (being the variable cash advance rate) to finance the implementation of this policy. There will be no additional interest charges or fees associated with the administration of this policy payable by the property owners. Interest under the variable cash rate is calculated quarterly.

**Strategic Link:**

**Delegation:** Chief Executive Officer

**Documentation:** Nil

**Authority:** Adopted by Council: 12/04/2016 {Motion No: 5c/042016}

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| Certified Copy by Chief Executive Officer or approved Delegate                              |                      |
| SIGNED:  | Date: <u>18/4/16</u> |