

 <p>DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY</p>	<p><b>POLICY# 10.6</b></p> <p><b>Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Connections &amp; Wastewater Disposal</b></p> <p><b>POLICY AREA</b></p> <p><b>Community Facilities &amp; Services</b></p>	Version No:	4
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### **Aims & Objectives**

Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that a Council may recoup costs associated with the provision of a CWMS service through either a service rate or service charge or a combination of a service rate and service charge.

Under Section 155 of the Act Council may determine a method of charging for the purpose of recouping costs associated with the provision of a CWMS service.

The Property Unit system seeks to equalise the level of charge for a CWMS scheme, on user pay principles. That is, the cost to each single residence is the same and premises producing higher levels of waste and therefore obtain a higher level of benefit are charged at a higher level. Alternatively charges based on a service rate on property value tend to discriminate against residential properties of higher value.

This policy aims to:

1. Set out when a new development that is presently not serviced by the CWMS is required to connect.
2. Set connection costs for new connection to the CWMS schemes.
3. Determine prices for sale of treated wastewater.

### **Policy Detail**

Each new development in the District Council of Tumby Bay district will be required to connect to an CWMS if it is within 100 meters of the existing scheme.

Multiple block developments in the District Council of Tumby Bay district will be required to connect to an CWMS if it is within the distance calculated using the following formula.

Number of new allotments x 100 meters.

**Or**

Number of CWMS units x 100 meters.

**Whichever is greater**

Connection costs for new connection to the schemes is as follows:

- (a) Allotments created which do not require extension of any existing drain will incur a once only CWMS service charge of \$2,580.00 per additional new allotment. (Service charge

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will be indexed annually by the Local Government of SA Local Government Price Index plus 1% for the regional location additional costs)

- (b) Allotments created which require an extension to any existing drain will incur a once only CWMS service charge of \$2,755.00 per additional new allotment, plus the cost of any new drain that will be installed in accordance with Council standards and approval. (Service charge will be indexed annually by the Local Government of SA Local Government Price Index plus 1% for the regional location additional costs)
- (c) Allotments created which cannot be serviced by existing infrastructure – including pump stations and/or drains, will incur a once only CWMS service charge of \$2,755.00 per additional new allotment. Additionally, the developer must engage an accredited hydraulics engineering consultant to carry out an assessment of proposed area of the new allotments, an assessment of the existing drain infrastructure and provide a report with a costing on how the existing system can be upgraded, changed or added to, so as to provide for the proposed new allotments without creating any overload situation on the existing CWMS. All costs incurred in engaging the consultant and all work approved as a result of the consultant’s report are the total responsibility of the developer.

**NOTE**

All new allotments (either Torrens Title or Community Title) created within the township area of Tumby Bay must be considered for permanent connection to the Tumby Bay CWMS in accordance with this policy.

Payment of any service charge must be made within ninety (90) days. Any debt outstanding greater than ninety (90) days will be referred to Council’s collection agents for collection. Fees are adjusted annually.

**Surplus Waste Water**

Wastewater retail fees will be determined on a full cost basis plus return on investment at such time as excess water becomes available after all sporting and parks and garden requirements have been met.

If treated wastewater volumes are such that it is available to be offered for sale to sites licensed for its use at the following rates:

Council Parks & Gardens	\$0.00 per kilolitre (priority one)
Sporting Clubs	\$0.00 per kilolitre (priority one)
Commercial Operations	\$0.70 per kilolitre (priority two)
Private Residences	\$0.70 per kilolitre (priority three)

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**Strategic Link:**

**Delegation:**

Nil

**Documentation:**

Nil

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Responsible Officer

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