

Central Tablelands *Water*



Conditions for the Provision of a Rural Water Supply

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Policy

1. The metering and supply point will be located adjacent to Council's water main. The connection between the metering point and the consumer's on-site storage tank is the responsibility of the consumer, as is the maintenance of this service line.
2. Supply from Council's main will be governed by a flow control, nominally set to a limit of 6.3 litres per minute. A back flow prevention device will also be fitted to the service. This device is to safeguard against possible cross connection hazards.
3. A pressure-reducing valve will be placed on Council's side of the meter. Maintenance and replacement of this device will be the responsibility of the consumer.
4. On-site storage with a minimum capacity of 20 kilolitres must be provided. The storage tank will require an elevated location to provide pressure or a pressure pump system may need to be installed.
5. The water supply is required to be directly connected from the metering point to the storage tank. No intermediate connections are allowable. The water level in the storage tank is to be controlled automatically by a ball valve. A minimum air gap of 100mm must be maintained between the tank filling inlet and tank overflow.
6. All private installations, from the meter, are to be carried out by a suitably qualified and licensed person. The requirements of the Local Government (Water, Sewerage and Drainage) Regulation 1993, the Water Supply Code, and appropriate trade standards must be met.
7. Water supply will only be available for domestic purposes and/or the watering of livestock.
8. Where the private installation is required to cross over other privately owned land, that owner's written permission is to be submitted to Council prior to the supply being connected.
9. Where the private installation is required to be placed in a road or rail reserve, the local government council or authority responsible is to be consulted and any required conditions complied with. Council is to be provided with the authority's written permission for the work proposed, prior to the supply being connected.
10. Compliance with conditions 3, 4 and 5 are required prior to tapping of the water mains by Council staff.
11. Council imposes an availability charge on all services. This charge is dependent on the size of the service. Additionally, Council imposes a charge on all water that is consumed through the meter. Quarterly accounts are rendered for the availability charge and water consumption charges.
12. The cost of connecting the water supply includes the provision of a 20mm meter and a back flow prevention device. Both of these devices remain the property of Council, although the maintenance and care of both devices is the responsibility of the consumer. The cost of providing the supply is payable in advance.
13. The consumer is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the water supply installation from the meter. Council will not accept any responsibility for the loss of water or resultant cost from and after the installed meter.

14. In addition to the above conditions, contained in clauses 1 to 11, Council reserves the right to alter or amend any of the conditions of supply in line with changing standards and policies. Your failure to abide by any of these conditions in the future may lead to Council refusing to continue to supply your property with water.