



# Central Tablelands Water

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## Revenue Policy

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## Statement of Revenue Policy

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The County Council model has proven to be a very effective institutional arrangement for the provision of water supply as the governance arrangement of the Council, comprising elected representatives from each of the constituent councils, maintains a close relationship between the community expectations and the policy decisions of the Council.

Council resolved in 2006/2007 to effect an annual increase of 8% on consumption charges in order to self-fund an extensive capital works programme (\$52.84 million in 2010 \$ terms) over the next 30 years without the need for loan borrowings or government subsidies.

In 2015/2016 Council resolved that residential and rural consumers will no longer be subject to a 50% increase in the usage charge for consumption in excess of 450kL per annum as the NSW DPI Water have ceased to have this as a requirement in their Best Practice Pricing Guidelines.

Council is not planning to increase the annual availability charge of \$200.00 for a standard 20mm service. However, on review of Councils long term financial plan and in order to self-fund a 30 year capital works program, an annual price increase of 8% on consumption charges has been applied. This price increase will see the cost per kilolitre rise from \$2.36 per kilolitre to \$2.55 per kilolitre. Without an increase in the availability charge, the overall increase for an average residential bill using 191kL over 12 months will be \$36.00. The increase in consumption charges will be applied to all accounts issued after 1 July 2016.

Council has a dedicated focus on consumer expectations and, through its pricing policy, consumers are receiving a water supply of high quality and reliability and this is wholly attributable to the pricing policy being able to fund an ongoing programme of infrastructure renewal and upgrade.

Council has embraced Best Practice Pricing of Local Water Utility services as outlined in the NSW Office of Water Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines. In summary, the following pricing regime exists for Central Tablelands Water:

1. A two part pricing policy of an availability (access) charge, determined on the diameter of the meter, and a straight line consumption charge,
2. There are no non-residential cross subsidies.
3. Water accounts are rendered quarterly.

### Availability (Access) Charges

The availability charge is calculated by multiplying the charge for a standard 20mm connection by the flow capacity factor (FCF) listed in the Flow Capacity Table below.

#### Flow Capacity Table

Diameter of Water Service	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm	50mm	80mm	100mm
Flow Capacity Factor	1.00	1.5625	2.56	4.00	6.25	16.00	25.00

## Developer Charges

Incorporated in Council's Developer Servicing Plan is the calculated developer charge per Equivalent Tenement (ET) levied on all new developments, or additions/changes to existing developments, supplied from the Lake Rowlands Supply area.

**The Section 64 Developer Charge for 2016/2017 is set at \$8,850.00 per ET.**

Council resolved that the determination of an ET would be in accordance with the Section 64 Determination of Equivalent Tenement Guidelines, published by the NSW Water Directorate and that the charge would be indexed on 1 July each year in accordance with the change in the Consumer Price Index for Sydney in the preceding 12 months to December CPI 1.7% Sydney December 2015.

Council has also adopted a capital contribution charge for developments on existing vacant unconnected land, not subject to subdivision (in-fill blocks), within all towns and villages, with the exception of Quandialla. This charge would also be indexed on 1 July each year in accordance with the change in the Consumer Price Index for Sydney in the preceding 12 months to December. The capital contribution charge on existing vacant unconnected land for 2016/2017 is \$4,110.00 per ET.

The capital contribution charge for all vacant unbuilt upon land within the existing village of Quandialla remains in accordance with the adopted fees and charges for 2016/2017.

## Estimated Income and Expenditure

Detailed estimates of Council's income and expenditure for 2016/2017 and the subsequent 2 years are shown in the attached *Appendix*.

## Fees and Charges

2016-2017		
Water Charges (Per Kilolitre)	Residential/Rural	\$2.55
	Non-Residential	\$2.55
	Industrial	\$2.55
	Standpipe Sales	\$6.92
Water Charges – Quandialla (Per Kilolitre)	Residential/Rural	\$2.55
	Standpipe Sales	\$7.94
Bulk Water Charges	Cowra Shire	\$1.53
	20mm	\$200.00
	25mm	\$313.00
	32mm	\$512.00
Availability Charges (Per Annum)	40mm	\$800.00
	50mm	\$1,250.00
	80mm	\$3,200.00
	100mm	\$5,000.00
	Fire Service (Restricted to fire use only)	\$200.00
	Unconnected Built Upon Properties	\$100.00
	20mm and 25mm (other sizes POA)	\$80.00
Meter Test Fees	Non-Payment (less than 3 months)	\$155.00
	Non-payment (after 3 months)	\$300.00
Reconnection Fees	Other Reconnection	\$300.00
	Attend to Disconnect	\$75.00
Other Fees	Special Reading Fee	\$75.00
	Per Equivalent Tenement (ET)	\$8,850.00
Developer Charges Capital Contribution Charges	Lake Rowlands Supply Area (ET)	\$4,110.00
	Quandialla – per year for each year, or part thereof, after construction year 2001/2002	\$464.00
For developments on existing unconnected land, not subject to subdivision	4 metres (footpath)	\$1,160.00
	10 metres (dirt/gravel)	\$1,272.00
	10 metres (bitumen)	\$2,019.00
	20 metres (dirt/gravel)	\$1,761.00
	20 metres (bitumen)	\$2,858.00
	20 metres (bitumen & concrete footpath)	\$3,348.00
	Rural connection	\$1,880.00
Service Connection (20mm only)	POA	
	Labour Rate per hour (during working hours)	\$55.00
	Overtime rates apply outside working hours	
Connections 25mm, 32mm & above	Utility hire rate per kilometre	\$0.98
	Excavator Hire rate per kilometre	\$134.00
	Contract Plant Hire	At cost
Private Works	Section 603 Certificate (per property)	\$75.00**
	Dishonoured Cheque	\$30.00
	Photocopying (A4) per copy	\$0.50
	Facsimile – first page	\$1.00
	Interest rate for overdue accounts	8.0% pa**
	Formal Application	\$35.00
Administrative Fees		

Government Information Public Access (GIPA Act)	Processing Charge (Per Hour)	\$35.00
	Internal Review Processing Fee	\$45.00