



**Central  
Tablelands  
Water**

**Business Paper**

**Extraordinary Meeting of  
Central Tablelands Water**

**29 July 2020**

**Video Conference**

27 July 2020

### **Notice to Members**

Your attendance is requested at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held via video conference platform Zoom on Wednesday, 29 July 2020 at 1:00pm.

### **Agenda**

1. Opening meeting
2. Acknowledgment of country
3. Recording of Meeting Statement
4. Apologies
5. Reports of Staff
6. Conclusion of the meeting

Yours faithfully



G. Rhodes  
**General Manager**

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

### **RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT**

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**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020**

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**01) DEMAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (WS.AG.1)****Author:** General Manager

**IP&R Link:** Strategic Priority 1 – Provide a high quality and reliable drinking water supply – 1.1 – Service provision through fit for purpose infrastructure – 1.3 Best practice asset management – 1.4 – Mitigate environmental impacts on service delivery – 1.5 – Efficient use of water.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Endorse the easing of water restrictions for the entire CTW supply network from Level 4 to Level 2 commencing Monday 3 August 2020 due to the recent inflows in the Lake Rowlands catchment.

**REPORT**

As a result of receiving substantial inflows from the recent rain events in the Lake Rowlands catchment during April, May, June and July, the level of Lake Rowlands has increased to 65% and continues to rise.

With the Lake Rowlands catchment now saturated, any subsequent rain events will continue to produce good inflows and increase the storage level.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) climate outlook for the period August to October 2020 (as at 27/7/20) is encouraging, forecasting the following rainfall in the Neville area:

<b>Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Chance (%)</b>
100	100
150	98
200	86
250	69
300	44

Together with the current increased level of Lake Rowlands and the three month BOM rainfall outlook for the region forecasting above median rainfall, the Senior Management Team recommends an easing of water restrictions from Level 4 to Level 2 across the entire CTW supply network.

Although CTW's Drought Management Plan restriction triggers allows for an easing to Level 1 restrictions when Lake Rowlands reaches above 60%, it is critical that CTW and its consumers continue to focus on conserving water, with the aim of building on the Lake Rowlands storage level during Winter and Spring as much as possible prior to Summer.

CTW will continue to closely monitor the level of Lake Rowlands and the BOM climate outlook prior to recommending any further changes to the restriction level.

CTW's emergency drought projects and strategies continue to be planned and implemented as required.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**02) INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (FM.PL.1)**

**Author:** General Manager

**IP&R Link:** Strategy Priority 2 – An efficient, sustainable and customer focussed organisation Key Result Area 2.2 Financial Management – 2.2.1 develop a long term financial plan 2.2.2.3 review schedule of fees and charges as part of the annual operational plan.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That, in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993 and following the statutory period of 28 days public exhibition, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft plans:

1. Operational Plan 2020/21 Parts 1 and 2 (including Revenue Policy);
2. Long Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2029/30, and
3. That the public submission on the 2020/21 Operational Plan be noted.

**REPORT**

Council at its extraordinary meeting held 30 June 2020 resolved to place the following draft plans on public display for 28 days:

These documents consisted of the following:

1. Operational Plan 2020-21 (including Revenue Policy)
2. Long Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2029/30

Public notices were placed in all regional and local papers advising that the draft plans were on public exhibition at the Council Office in Blayney and on Council's website. A notification of the public exhibition was also placed on Council's Facebook page.

The exhibition period was from Wednesday 1 July to Tuesday 28 July 2020. The advertisements invited anyone to review the plans and to make written submissions by 5.00pm on Tuesday 28 July 2020.

As at the time of preparing this report only one (1) submission was received by Council in respect of the above plans, of which a copy of the submission and response has been distributed to all Councillors.

In accord with Section 532 of the Local Government Act upon adoption of these plans, Council can then proceed to make its fees and charges for 2020/21.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As per the adopted Operational Plan 2020/21.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

### **03) 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN – MAKING OF FEES AND CHARGES (FM.FR.1)**

**Author:** General Manager

**IP&R Link:** Strategy Priority 2 – An efficient, sustainable and customer focussed organisation Key Result Area 2.2 Financial Management – 2.2.2.3 review schedule of fees and charges as part of the annual operational plan.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That in accordance with Sections 501,502,503,539, 541 and 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make the following water charges for the 12 month period commencing 1 July 2020:

##### **Water User Charges**

Residential/ Rural	\$3.28 per kilolitre
Non Residential	\$3.28 per kilolitre
Industrial	\$3.28 per kilolitre
Standpipe Sales	\$8.50 per kilolitre
Self-serve water filling stations	\$7.00 per kilolitre
Non Potable Water	\$2.62 per kilolitre
Bulk Water Sales – Cowra Shire	\$1.97 per kilolitre
Bulk Water Sales – Other Councils	\$1.97 per kilolitre

##### **Water Availability Charges – Per Annum**

20mm	\$244.00
25mm	\$382.00
32mm	\$625.00
40mm	\$976.00
50mm	\$1,520.00
80mm	\$3,904.00
100mm	\$6,100.00
Fire Service (Fire Use only)	\$244.00
Unconnected Built upon Properties	\$122.00
Developer Charge (per ET)	\$9,483.00
Capital Contribution Charge (per ET)	\$4,403.00

2. That in accordance with Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council charge interest on overdue water charges at a rate of 7% for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021.

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#### **REPORT**

Once the 2020/21 Operational Plan has been adopted by Council the Water Charges can be made in accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The making of the charges requires a formal resolution of Council and cannot be undertaken until after the draft Operational Plan has been adopted.

In accordance with section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (inclusive) will be 0.0% per annum and that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (inclusive) will be 7.0% per annum.

The interest rate has been set at 0.0% for the first half of the 2020-21 financial year in response to the financial impacts faced by the community as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As per the adopted Operational Plan 2020/21.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil