

Central Tablelands Water

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Draft Strategic Plans endorsed by CTW Board

At an extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 19 May 2022, the Board of Central Tablelands Water (CTW) considered and endorsed its draft Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) plans, including: Business Activity Strategic Plan; Delivery Program; Operational Plan; Workforce Management Plan; Asset Management Plan, and Long Term Financial Plan.

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all councils including county councils to prepare IP&R plans under an IP&R Framework.

Gavin Rhodes, General Manager of CTW said, "The draft IP&R plans sets CTW's strategic direction and provides for its long-term sustainability, whilst continuing to deliver an essential service of quality drinking water to our valued customers. These plans have also been developed having due regard to the community strategic plans of CTW's constituent councils and the strategic regional priorities of the Central NSW Joint Organisation relevant to CTW's operations and functions."

Mr Rhodes added, "CTW relies very heavily for its revenue on fees and charges. To ensure its continued sustainability, the Board proposes that consumption charges for financial year 22/23 increase by 5.4% from \$3.50 per kilolitre (kL) to \$3.69kL with an increase in the annual availability charge of 3.2% from \$248 to \$256 per annum for a standard 20mm meter connection."

"Overall, these proposed increases will see the average residential customer, consuming 180kL a year, paying an additional \$43 per year or 82 cents per week," Mr Rhodes said.

Other main fees and charges in the draft Operational Plan include:

- Developer Charges \$6,404 per equivalent tenement (ET) for the Lake Rowlands supply area;
- Capital Contribution Charge \$6,404 per ET for infill properties not subject to subdivision for the Lake Rowlands supply area, and
- Capital Contribution Charge \$3,202 per ET for the Quandialla supply area.

CTW's chairperson, Cr David Somervaille said, "The Board is well aware of the seasonal volatility faced by CTW in delivering an essential service. Over the past 3 years we have encountered drought and floods, both impacting significantly on CTW's ability to generate revenue and develop strategic long term financial plans. However, despite the recent challenges, the latest draft LTFP still provides for up to \$63 million in capital expenditure over the next 10 years. This includes major projects such as trunk main renewals (\$22.757m), Lake Rowlands Augmentation (\$16m), water treatment plant upgrade (\$9.5m), and reticulation main renewals (\$1.49m). In addition, a new 12 megalitre reservoir is to be constructed at the Carcoar Water Filtration Plant during next financial year, greatly assisting with the daily operations of the CTW supply network, including interlinking regional pipelines.

On behalf of the CTW Board, I would like to once again thank senior management and staff for developing these important draft IP&R plans, and I encourage all consumers to read the plans and provide feedback as necessary.”

The draft documents are currently on public exhibition at Council’s Blayney Office at 30 Church Street Blayney and on Council’s website:

www.ctw.nsw.gov.au/publications/documents-on-public-display/

Members of the public are invited to review the draft documents and make written submissions by 5pm, 17 June 2022 to:

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CTW is a water supply authority constituted under NSW Local Government legislation. First proclaimed in 1944 the county embraces the Shires of Blayney, Cabonne and Weddin providing drinking water to these communities. CTW currently has approximately 6,000 water connections and provides potable water to 15,000 consumers in 14 towns and villages.