

Scope

This policy provides direction for Council in relation to assessment and the application of Headworks Charges for new developments that would be considered as not for profit community organisations.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide Council with a consistent means to assess requests from organisations that through a development application are required to pay headworks charges for the development or upgrading of their service.

Definitions

Council means Edward River Council.

Councillor means a person elected to the governing body of Edward River Council as per section 222 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council officer means staff of Edward River Council.

Council officials means Council officials as defined in Council's Code of Conduct, including Councillors, Council officers, and delegates of Council, including contractors, consultants, volunteers and external persons appointed to committees of Council.

Not for Profit Organisations provide community services and reinvest all monies earned in the further development of their service area.

Reference Documents

Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewage and Stormwater 2002
Deniliquin Water and Sewer Demand Assessment Policy 2002
Deniliquin Development Servicing Plan – Sewerage Scheme 2002
Deniliquin Development Servicing Plan – Water Supply Scheme 2002

Legislative Requirements

- Freedom of Information Act 1989
- Local Government Act 1993
- Water Management Act 2000

Policy Statement

1. Background

Section 64 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* enables Council to levy developer charges for water supply, sewage and stormwater. This derives from a cross reference to section 306 of the Water Management Act, 2000.

A Development Servicing Plan (DSP) details the water supply and sewerage developer charges to be levied on development areas utilising water supply and sewerage infrastructure.

Council have Development Servicing Plans (DSPs) developed through the provisions set out within the *Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewage and Stormwater 2002* issued by the Minister for Primary Industries pursuant to section 306(3) of the *Water Management Act, 2000*.

Council have a Policy *Deniliquin Water and Sewer Demand Assessment Policy 2002*. this Policy provides a framework and standard criterion to apply to the assessment of water and sewer demand as it applies within the Deniliquin water and/or sewer servicing areas.

2. General Principles

Council will periodically receive development applications from Not for Profit community groups in relation to the expansion or upgrade of their facilities. Currently officers assess all development applications that may have an impact on current or future water or sewer demand in line with the DSP and will set headworks charges in line with *Deniliquin Water and Sewer Demand Assessment Policy 2002*.

Council can receive requests from time to time from not for profit organisations to reduce or waive Headworks charges. This policy will enable officers to provide not for profit organisations clear guidance on allowable reductions in headworks fees.

3. Policy Statement

Council will consider and assess all development applications as set out within the DSP and the *Deniliquin Water and Sewer Demand Assessment Policy 2002*.

Council will not waive or reduce Headworks Charges. Not for Profit community organisations, upon request, will be considered to offset payment of their headworks in agreed instalments over a period of up to 3 years commencing from the date that construction works commence for the approved development.

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- Deniliquin Water and Sewer Demand Assessment Policy 2002