



## GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

### Availability Charges for Water Services and Sewerage Policy

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### INTRODUCTION

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides an option for Councils to charge an availability fee in circumstances where Council has constructed water and sewer reticulation mains within prescribed distances of a property boundary.

### AIMS OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity and fairness for determining availability charges levied under Section 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for water and sewer services.

### POLICY STATEMENT

Availability charges for water services will not be levied under Section 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993* on land for water services which connection would require the creation of easements over other land or the creation of more than 225 metres of council main.

Availability charges for sewer services will not be levied under Section 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993* on land which, if a connection were constructed, would not be able to discharge to the system via gravity means.

The availability charge will, however, apply if a connection is actually made by any means.

Where a gravity discharge is possible, the sewer availability charge will apply regardless of whether or not a slope junction is in place.

Availability charges for water and sewer will not be levied on land outside the relevant development service area.

That Council adopts the principle of compulsory connection of new developments to sewer mains where possible, except where the development:

- a) is outside the relevant development service zone; or

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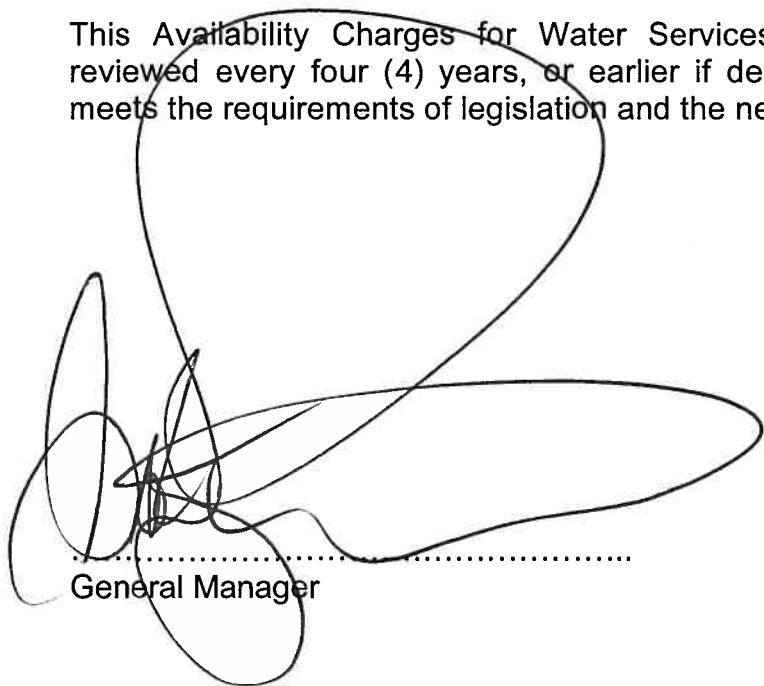
- b) is for residential purposes on land exceeding 1.25 hectare in area, and the connection would also require the extension of Council's existing mains.

**IMPLEMENTATION/ COMMUNICATION**

This Policy will be communicated to all new employees that are affected by it as part of their induction. Revised versions of the Policy that only contain minor changes will be distributed to Managers for highlighting at team meeting by the Technical Services Engineer.

**VARIATION AND REVIEW**

This Availability Charges for Water Services and Sewerage Policy shall be reviewed every four (4) years, or earlier if deemed necessary, to ensure that it meets the requirements of legislation and the needs of Council.



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General Manager

23/4/20  
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Date

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