



Water regulatory information requirements Pricing Policy Statement 2017 / 2018

Q *Please provide a description of the regulated Retail Services currently offered, as specified on the Pricing Schedule.*

Council's services are as follows

1. Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)
2. Recycled Water Services

Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)

Council's community wastewater management system (CWMS) services **1564 properties**. For 2017/2018 a total of \$597.3k has been budgeted to operate and maintain this system. If residents are receiving the CWMS service on non-rateable land, a service charge will be levied against the land.

The service charges are \$497 for a connected charge and \$497 for an unconnected charge. All other fees are as per the table listed below.

Recycled Water Services:

Council provides recycled water for Council owned parks and gardens and this is at no charge to the ratepayer for this service.

There is also a reuse license from the Department of Health for disposal of the Stirling CWMS wastewater. Again at no cost to the ratepayer for the use of this wastewater and it is operated, sampled and reported annually as per the current license from the Department of Health to the Department themselves. This license is current and is ongoing between Council and the ratepayer and is in accordance with the Department of Health's license requirements.

Q *Please provide information on how the current pricing policies have been developed.*

Council has adopted its 2017/2018 budget, and the community wastewater management systems (CWMS effluent drainage schemes) service charge will decrease by 4% to \$497 per unit.

- CWMS connected **2017/2018** fee is \$497, **2016/2017** it was \$517
- CWMS unconnected **2017/2018** fee is \$497, **2016/2017** it was \$517

Our pricing is reviewed annually to ensure full cost recovery.

Q *Please describe the rationale for the price movements between the current year and previous year.*

Council's fees and charges register is updated on an annual basis with fees and charges set as determined within Council's budget or by legislation. Each year the fees are applicable as from 1 July.

Council operates a number of relatively small CWMS networks and currently identifies operating and maintenance costs against a single CWMS ledger account. The price charged for CWMS is set at a level required to cover operating expenditure for the system, overhead allocation, depreciation and the provision for capital replacement of the system.

In addition, Council takes into consideration all the benefits in relation to the services provided. The fees are also consistent with Council's future directions and also legislative requirements. Council has also had regard to any such co-contributions from government grants and other bodies.

Budget revenue from CWMS rates for the same period is \$800k. These rates are currently determined from a historical starting point with an annual CPI component added.

CWMS Asset Management Plans were adopted by Council during the 2016/2017 year.

Our pricing has been based on a full cost recovery of operating costs.

Pricing Schedule as follows:

Additional fees listed below are as per the legislative requirement(s) and relate to the various Regulations for Septic/STEDS/CWMS applications. The information is also available on Council's Website and is updated each year.

Charter of fees for Wastewater Control Systems - South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013

<u>EXAMPLE OF FEES charged by Council</u>	<u>2017/18 (all fees are GST exempt)</u>
Application to alter a waste control system (i.e. Admin \$106 + One Inspection \$117)	\$223
Application to install a waste control system to existing building (i.e. Admin \$106 + Two Inspections \$234)	\$340
Application to install a new waste control system (i.e New Building) –(Admin \$106 + Three Inspections \$351)	\$457
Addition fee for extra 2EP (or part thereof in excess of 10EP)	PLUS \$23.20 to initial application cost
Additional Inspections	\$117
<u>STEDS/CWMS application requires 2 applications</u>	
A. Standard application	\$457 PLUS
B. Standard connection application for STEDS/CWMS	\$117
NEW STEDS/CWMS application (A + B) TOTAL	<u>\$574</u>

The list above detail the main areas dealt with by Council and are current as of 1/7/2017 till 30/6/2018.

Emailed applications will incur additional fees – please contact Council regarding the extra charges before submitting your application.

NB. All systems greater than 40 EP must be referred to the Department of Health.

Details of fees can be found on Council's website: www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au go to 'Enquiries – Community Wastewater Management Systems'