

FACT SHEET

Prices for Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Services for

Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council

Based on *Determinations and Final Report May 2009*

From 1 July 2009

On 15 May 2009, IPART released its final report and determinations on the prices that Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council can charge for water, sewerage and stormwater services for the four years commencing 1 July 2009. The full report and determinations are available on IPART's website (www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).

A public hearing was held at Gosford on 14 November 2008 and a draft report was released for comment on 5 March 2009.

Overview

The Councils provide water and related services to the residents of the Central Coast of NSW. They act together in managing a number of major water projects with the costs shared between the two Councils. The Councils are responsible for the supply of water and the provision of sewerage and stormwater drainage services within their own local government areas. While the drought has eased, water storages in the area

are still only at about 32% of available capacity.

IPART had regard to the potential impact of the price increases on customers, the environment and the Councils' financial viability. It considers that the determinations appropriately balance the competing needs and interests of each. The impact of the changes on a customer's bill will vary depending on a household's water consumption. Customers with higher consumption face higher increases in dollar terms than customers with lower consumption.

The increase in bills is required to:

- ▼ Improve water security on the Central Coast by constructing the Mardi to Mangrove pipeline and undertaking a suite of works at Mardi Dam including the construction of a high lift pump station.
- ▼ Undertake water mains and sewerage renewal projects in Gosford and Wyong.

- ▼ Undertake a range of upgrades in the area, including to the Kincumber, Woy Woy, Wyong South and Charmhaven sewerage treatment plants.
- ▼ Improve the financial sustainability of the water businesses of Gosford and Wyong Councils.

Gosford City Council prices from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013

For the Gosford City Council's operating area IPART has set the following maximum charges that will generate expected revenue of \$285.8 million (\$2008/09) which IPART believes will be sufficient to support a capital program of \$181.5 million (\$2008/09):

Table 1 Gosford City Council charges for residential customers (\$2008/09)

		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Overall increase
		Current					
Water	Service pa	88.48	88.48	88.48	88.48	88.48	0%
	Usage per kL	1.67	1.71	1.76	1.82	1.89	
Year on year increase			2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.5%	13.1%
Sewerage	Service pa	399.40	446.19	456.11	466.27	476.62	
	Year on year increase		11.7%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	19.3%
Stormwater	Service pa	60.82	69.33	70.71	72.11	73.54	
	Year on year increase		14.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	20.9%

Note: Water service charge is based on a 20mm meter.

These charges will generate the following bills for the consumption levels shown.

Table 2 Gosford City Council residential annual bills (\$2008/09)

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Change 2008/09 to 2012/13	
	Current						
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
100 kL pa	716	775	791	809	827	111	+15.5
200 kL pa	883	945	967	991	1,016	133	+15.1
750 kL pa	1,801	1,884	1,936	1,992	2,052	251	+13.9

Wyong Shire Council prices from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013

For the Wyong Shire Council's operating area IPART has set the following maximum charges that will generate expected revenue of \$261.4 million (\$2008/09) which IPART believes will be sufficient to support a capital program of \$226.5 million (\$2008/09):

Table 3 Wyong Shire Council charges for residential customers (\$2008/09)

		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Overall increase
		Current					
Water	Service pa	97.31	97.86	114.03	130.53	149.13	
Year on year increase			0.6%	16.5%	14.5%	14.2%	53.3%
	Usage/kL	1.67	1.71	1.76	1.82	1.89	
Year on year increase			2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.5%	13.2%
Sewerage	Service pa	412.67	413.00	413.00	413.00	413.00	
Year on year increase			0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Stormwater	Service pa	0	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	

Note: Water Service charge is based on a 20mm meter.

These charges will generate the following bills for the consumption levels shown.

Table 4 Wyong Shire Council residential annual bills (\$2008/09)

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Change 2008/09 to 2012/13	
	Current						
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
100 kL pa	677	762	783	806	831	154	+22.7
200 kL pa	844	932	959	988	1,019	175	+20.7
750 kL pa	1,761	1,871	1,928	1,989	2,055	294	+16.7