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## 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this Development Servicing Plan (DSP) is to determine the Developer Charges applicable for water supply and sewerage infrastructure servicing proposed development within the northern region of the Central Coast. Developer Charges and the requirement to carry out works will be implemented as part of relevant development in accordance with the Water Management Act 2000 and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) Determination on Maximum prices for connecting, or upgrading a connection, to a water supply, sewerage, or drainage system (October 2018).

Developer Charges relate to the provision of those water and sewerage assets identified in this Plan. Typically these assets service a number of developments within this Plan which provides the basis for sharing of asset costs. All other water and sewerage infrastructure required to service the local development area shall be provided at full cost to the Developer.

For the purpose of calculating Developer Charges, the Central Coast Local Government Area has been divided into two regions, reflecting the former Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council Local Government Areas. This has been undertaken to reflect the two different historical and future predicted development patterns, and new infrastructure requirements of the two areas.

This Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Water Management Act 2000 using the methodology contained within IPART's 2018 Determination. All calculations have been carried out in the template provided by IPART.

The new Developer Charges, as detailed below, will be applicable for the period 1 November 2019 to June 30 2020, after which they will be adjusted in accordance with the provisions detailed in Section 13.

## 2.0 Summary of Developer Charges

Following the adoption of this DSP the combined water and sewerage contribution for all development within the Northern Region will be \$5,667 per Equivalent Tenement (ET). For the purpose of determining Developer Charges payable, all development is assessed on an 'Equivalent Tenement' basis. This is described further in Section 8.2.

A comparison of the existing and proposed charges for both water supply and sewerage are provided below in Table 1.

**Table 1 Developer Charges Summary**

Developer Charge	Previous Charge 2014 DSP (\$2018/19)	New Charge (\$2019-20/ET)
Northern Region Water Supply	\$3,815.70	\$3,333
Northern Region Sewerage	\$5,327.44	\$2,334
Combined Water & Sewerage	\$9,143.14	\$5,667

A summary of Water and Sewerage Developer Charges calculation across New South Wales is provided below in Chart 1.

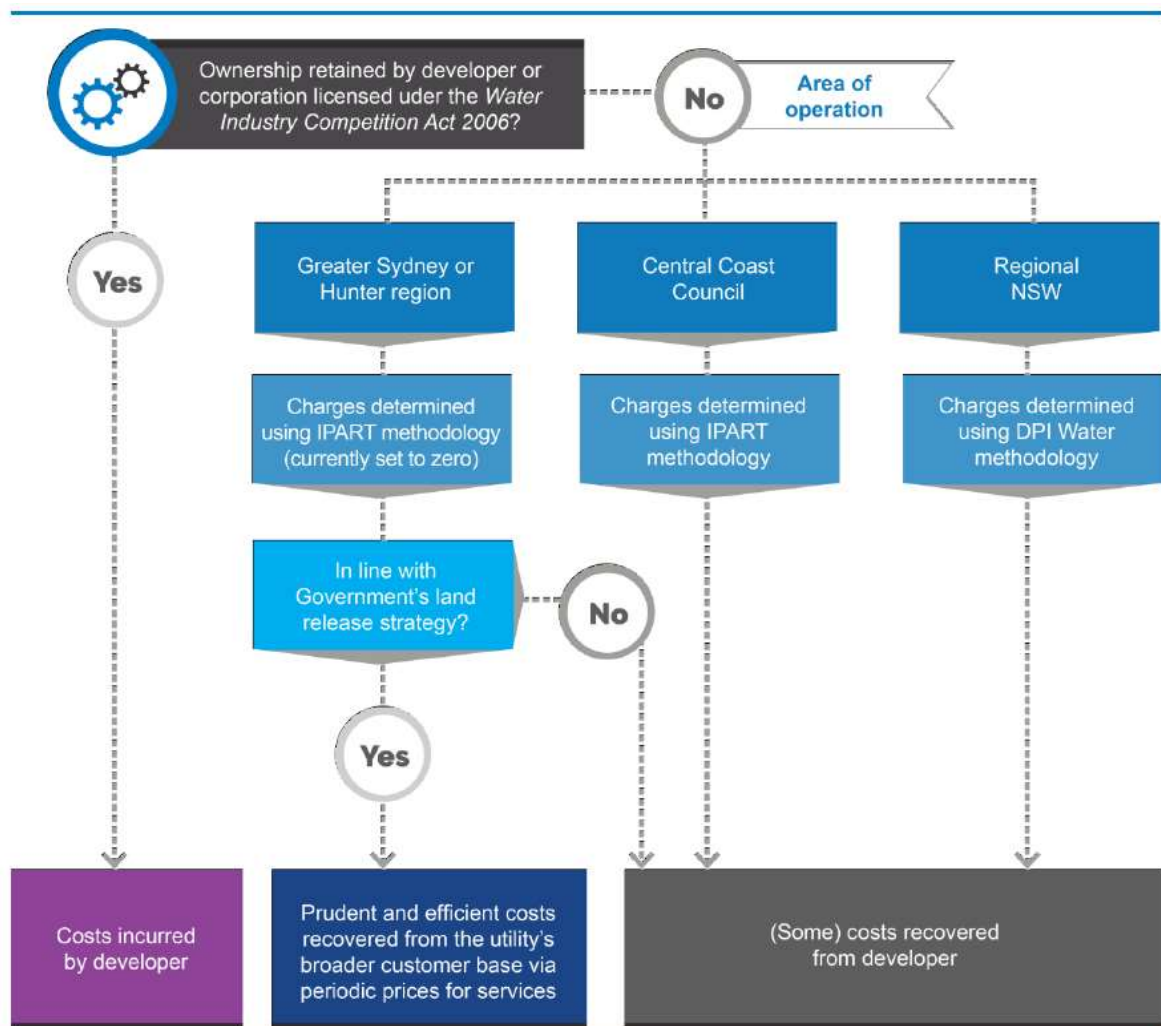


Chart 1 Differing methodologies for funding water and sewerage infrastructure for new development across NSW (supplied by IPART)

### 3.0 Applicability of the Plan

This DSP describes the requirements applicable to the assessment of Water Supply and Sewerage Developer Charges for any Development assessed under the Water Management Act from 1 November 2019. Developer Charges payable and any credits for works undertaken in accordance with the plan (in lieu of developer charges), for Development assessed under the Water Management Act within a previous Gosford City Council or Wyong Shire Council Development Servicing Plan will be assessed under the provisions contained within that DSP.

This DSP takes precedence over any of Council's Codes and Policies should there be any inconsistencies in relation to Water Supply and Sewerage Developer Charges.

## **4.0 Area of the Plan**

This DSP covers all lands contained within the former Wyong Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) as shown in Figure 1.

### **4.1 Basis of determining service areas**

The basis for determining the service areas applicable to this plan is outlined in the following sections.

#### ***Water Supply Headworks***

The former Gosford City and Wyong Shire Council's owned and managed a joint water supply headworks scheme. These headworks provide bulk treated bulk water to the entire Central Coast Water Supply Network. As a result a common Headworks Developer Charge is applicable to both Water Supply DSPs and is incorporated into the calculation of the Water Supply Developer Charge for both DSPs. This charge is detailed in Appendix A.

#### ***Water Distribution***

The water supply distribution system takes potable water supplied from headworks assets and delivers this to customers across the Northern Supply Zone. Any site supplied potable water within the former Wyong Shire LGA is part of this area.

#### ***Sewerage***

Sewage collected from connected properties within the Toukley and Bateau Bay Sewerage Schemes is conveyed to one of six existing Sewage Treatment Plants for treatment prior to disposal at either the respective licenced outfall location. Any site provided with reticulated sewerage within the former Wyong Shire LGA is part of this area.

## **5.0 Population Predictions and Dwelling Unit Estimates**

Council engaged consultants .id to prepare Economic and Demographic profiles for the Central Coast, as well as population forecasts. The information is derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing and the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research.

In preparing the 2019 Water Supply and Sewerage DSPs, Council has assessed the current number of connected Equivalent Tenements (ETs) in accordance with IPART's 2019 Pricing Determination for the Central Coast, being 150kL annual potable water demand per Equivalent Tenement. This is based on the current system annual demand (corrected for climate factors) apportioned to the Northern and Southern Regions based on demand distribution. The projected number of ETs was then projected forwards in accordance with region based population forecasts provided by .id, allowing for forecast differences in dwelling densities across the two regions. This is outlined below in Table 2 and described further in Appendix A.

**Table 2 Population and Equivalent Tenement Summary**

Year	Residential Population (.id)*	Equivalent Tenements Water Supply**	Equivalent Tenements Sewerage***
2019	167,620	96,709	95,610
2021	173,178	99,916	98,817
2026	187,806	108,356	107,257
2031	204,810	118,166	117,067
2036	221,707	127,915	126,816
2041		137,056	135,957
2046		146,850	145,751
2050		155,187	154,088

\* Population forecast by .i.d consulting limited to 2036. An extrapolation of Equivalent Tenements beyond 2031, for the purposes of assessing water and sewerage developer charges, was undertaken by SKM as part of the 2014 DSP preparation.

\*\* Total water supply Equivalent Tenements includes residential and non-residential loading (commercial, industrial etc.)

\*\*\* Total sewerage tenements less than water supply as some properties are un-sewered.

Full details relating to the forecast tools are available via Council's website:

<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/business/opportunities-and-investment/profile-central-coast>.

## 6.0 Reference to Other Development Servicing Plans

The Water Supply Headworks capital components are detailed in Appendix A of this DSP (Central Coast Water Supply Headworks Development Servicing Plan 2019). The cost of these components is included in the calculations for determining water supply developer charges payable under this Plan.

## 7.0 Timing of Capital Works

### 7.1 Water Supply

Water supply works relevant to this plan are shown in Figure 2 and associated costs and timing are outlined further in Appendix B. The methodology used in the sizing of proposed water supply capital works are described in Appendix C and Appendix D.

### 7.2 Sewerage

Sewerage works relevant to this plan are shown in Figure 3. The associated costs, timing and methodology used in the sizing of proposed sewerage capital works is described in Appendix D, Appendix E and Appendix F.

## 8.0 STANDARDS OF SERVICE AND DESIGN PARAMETERS

### 8.1 Standards of Services

Central Council's standards of service, relating to Water Supply and Sewerage, are outlined in Table 4.

**Table 3 Council standards of service summary**

Activity	Target for 2020	Target for 2021	Target for 2022
<b>Water</b>			
Water quality complaints per 1,000 properties	9	8	8
Average frequency of unplanned interruptions per 1,000 properties	115	115	115
Water main breaks per 100km of main	16	16	16
Compliance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines – microbial and chemical guideline values (%)	100	100	100
<b>Sewerage</b>			
Wastewater overflows per 100 km of main	32	30	28
Wastewater overflows reported to the environmental regulator, per 100km of main	1.6	1.5	1.4
Wastewater odour complaints per 1,000 properties	1.7	1.7	1.5
Wastewater main breaks and chokes per 100km of main	35.6	34	32
Compliance with Environmental Protection Licences (concentration and load limits)	Yes	Yes	Yes

### 8.2 Design Parameters

A summary of water supply and sewerage design parameters is provided below.

#### **Water Supply**

Design parameters relating to water supply headworks are detailed in Appendix A.

The design of water supply distribution system components is based on industry standards including the Public Works Department Manual and Water Service Association Australian codes. Water supply hydraulic modelling was completed by the NSW Department of Commerce and is documented in the report "Wyong Water Supply: Distribution System Review 2008" (Appendix D). The timing of identified works has since been re-forecasted (delayed) based on updated population forecasts (i.d) compared to those used in the modelling by Department of Commerce.

For the purposes of assessing additional loads on the water supply system, from a Developer Charges Perspective, 1 Equivalent Tenement (ET) is defined as the following:

- 150 kL/year annual demand (IPART Determination) or
- 0.92 kL/day peak day demand (whichever is greater)

## ***Sewerage***

The design of sewerage system upgrades is detailed in the SKM documents "EN04310 – Wastewater Generation Rates Technical Memo" and "EN04310 – Catchment Load Assessment Technical Memo" (Appendix F). A preamble is provided that describes the process followed as part of the development of this DSP to reassess the timing of each Sewage Pumping Station (and rising main) upgrade based on the outcomes of a 2018 Sewage Pumping Station Runtime Analysis undertaken as part of Council's 2018 IPART Pricing Submission.

Definitions:

IPART's 2019 Pricing Determination defines a 'deemed sewage discharge' per single residential properties of 125 kL/annum. This figure is adopted for the purpose of determining sewerage developer charges payable for a new development (1ET = 125kL sewage discharge per annum).

## ***Calculation of Equivalent Tenements***

The conversion of a proposed development into Equivalent Tenements (ET) for the purpose of levying water and sewer developer charges is completed as outlined below:

- 1 Reference to Central Coast Council's Equivalent Tenement Calculation Matrix (see Appendix G)
- 2 For wet industry calculate based on annual and daily water and sewage demand/generation rates and compare to the allowances described above.
- 3 For non-standard development, the number and type of fixtures is used with calculation based parameters contained within AS3500.
- 4 Where the above are not relevant then alternate industry specific documents including Public Works, NSW Water Directorate documentation and investigation of similar developments within other NSW Local Government Areas may be used.

Credits for existing development will be provided based on an approved existing/previous use of the site, for which developer charges have been previously paid. ETs which have been calculated and levied on a parcel of land are not transferrable to another parcel of land.

A minimum threshold of 0.25ET is applicable for triggering the payment of developer charges for new development. However, this does not allow the staging of development in increments less than 0.25ET for the purposes of avoiding the payment of developer charges.

All developer charges calculations will be rounded to two decimal places when assessing ET payable and credits applicable.



## **9.0 Associated Technical Reports**

The following Technical Reports provide the basis upon which the need for capital works have been assessed:

### ***Water Supply***

Wyong Water Supply: Distribution System Review (Appendix C).

Summary of Developer Servicing Strategies Memo (Appendix D)

### ***Sewerage***

EN04310 – Wastewater Generation Rates Technical Memo (Appendix F) by SKM

EN04310 – Catchment Load Assessment Technical Memo (Appendix F) by SKM

Sewage Pumping Station Runtime Analysis – Review of SKM Technical Memo (Appendix F)

Summary of Developer Servicing Strategies Memo (Appendix D)

## **10.0 Works In Kind and Temporary Works**

Developers may provide works in kind in lieu of making monetary contributions provided prior agreement is reached with Council (contributed assets). The rates paid for works in kind will be the rates used in the calculation of future asset costs for this DSP (summarised in Appendix H). Actual costs of particular site constraints encountered as part of the design and/or construction phases will be borne by the Developer. Credits will only be payable upon the acceptance of an asset by Council (no staged payment for investigation and design).

Prior to commencing the design of any contributed assets, the Developer shall contact Council and provide a 'Letter of Intent' (template available) which identifies the subject DSP assets that are intended to be constructed and seeks confirmation what credits may be available for the construction of those assets.

It may be feasible to provide temporary measures to service initial stages of a development in lieu of constructing major works up front. Such proposals will need to be assessed at the time of application. In these cases the applicant is responsible to fully fund the design and construction of the assets and donate them to Council with a payment of expected operational costs and a further payment towards the future decommissioning of the temporary works. These costs are additional to any costs identified in this Plan.

This DSP does not include the provision of reticulation assets which are required to be donated to council by the developer. For the purpose of this DSP, reticulation assets are defined as water mains with a nominal diameter less than 200mm and gravity sewer mains with a nominal diameter less than 225mm.

## 11.0 Timing and Method of Payment

Unless other arrangements have been approved by Council, the payments for Development Contributions are as follows:

- Involving subdivision, payment is required prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate
- Involving building work, payment is required prior to the release of the first Construction Certificate
- Involving both subdivision and building work, payment is required prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate or the first Construction Certificate, whichever occurs first
- Where no Construction Certificate or Subdivision Certificate is required, payment is required prior to issue of the first Certificate of Occupancy

## 12.0 Developer Charge Calculation

### 12.1 Calculation Formula

This Development Servicing Plan contains a net present value (NPV) calculation of the cost of total service capacity in the area less the expected net operating surplus (or losses) from providing services in the area. The resultant net cost is then expressed per Equivalent Tenement (ET). A development is charged a multiple of this per ET charge according to the number of ET applicable to that development calculated in accordance with section 8.2, minus any existing credits applicable to the site.

The developer charge (DC) is calculated in accordance with IPART's 2018 Determination as follows:

$$MP_{Sch1} = \frac{K_1}{L_1} + \frac{K_2}{L_2} - \frac{NPV(R_i - C_i)}{L_3} \text{ for } i = \text{financial years } 1, \dots, n$$

Where:

- MPSch1 means the maximum price per Equivalent Tenement to be serviced by the connection;
- K1 means the Capital Charge for the Pre-1996 Assets that will serve the relevant DSP Area, calculated in accordance with clause 2.3(a) of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP;
- K2 means the Capital Charge for the Post-1996 Assets that will serve the relevant DSP Area, calculated in accordance with clause 2.3(b) and 2.3(c) of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP;
- L1 means the Agency's estimate of the number of Equivalent Tenements for Pre- 1996 Assets, calculated in accordance with clause 3.2(a) of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP;
- L2 means the Agency's estimate of the number of Equivalent Tenements for Post-1996 Assets, calculated in accordance with clause 3.2(b) of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP;

- L3 means the Agency's estimate of the number of Equivalent Tenements for the Reduction Amount, calculated in accordance with clause 3.2(c) of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP;
- Ri means the Agency's estimate of the future periodic revenues to be received from new customers in the DSP Area in each financial year i, estimated in accordance with clause 4 of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP;
- Ci means the Agency's estimate of the future operating, maintenance and administration costs of servicing all new customers in the DSP Area in each financial year i (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any Capital Costs), estimated in accordance with clause 5 of Schedule 5 and set out in the relevant DSP; and
- n is the financial year which is 30 years from the financial year in which the relevant DSP was registered with IPART.

## 12.2 Net Present Value Model Parameters

Council has used the following parameters as required in calculating the developer charge:

- A 0% real discount rate for Pre 1996 assets.
- A real discount rate for post 1996 assets of 4.9% which is equal to Wyong Shire Council's Pre-tax Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)
- A real discount rate of 4.9% for the expected net revenues and costs equal to Wyong Shire Council's Pre-tax WACC.
- Consumption per annum for an average residential customer of 150kL/year;
- A forecast horizon for expected net revenues and costs of 30 years; and
- Any assets constructed prior to 1970 are excluded from the calculation.

## 12.3 Asset Description

Details relating to the size, length and date of commissioning of existing assets were taken from Council's asset register which was used to complete a recent revaluation of Council's Water and Sewerage Assets in 2016.

The value of existing assets was determined using a Modern Engineering Equivalent Replacement Asset (MEERA) approach as required by IPART. This same approach was required for the 2016 Water and Sewerage Asset revaluation which has passed an external audit. The values were determined by adopting figures provided in the NSW Office of Water Reference Rates Manual (2014), with additional cost factors applied where applicable to reflect the value of the assets. Certain asset classes were also valued by external consultants during the previous revaluation. Relevant parameters are provided in Appendix H.

The estimated costs of future assets were also based on the values obtained from the asset revaluation, with a summary of the rates applied to future assets also provided in Appendix H.

## 12.4 Developer Charges

A summary of the developer charges is provided below in Table 5, with the full calculation available in Appendix I.

It is noted that GST is not payable on Water and Sewerage Developer Charges amounts, nor is it payable for credits on works undertaken in lieu of Developer Charges payable.

**Table 4 Summary of Developer Charges Calculations**

	Headworks Capital Charge (\$/ET)	Distribution Capital Charge (\$/ET)	Operating Surplus (\$/ET)	Total Charge (\$/ET)
Scheme	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(a)+(b) -(c)
Northern Region Water Supply	\$3,933	\$1,770	\$2,370	\$3,333
Northern Region Sewerage	N/A	\$5,060	\$2,726	\$2,334

## 13.0 Method of Updating Developer Charges Payable Under This Plan

The Development Servicing Plan will be reviewed:

- Once, and no more than once, in each five year period, with the first five year period starting on 1 November 2019; and
- When and to the extent required by a determination of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

### 13.1 CPI Adjustment

If there is no review of Developer Charges in any given year (Year n), the Developer Charges then prevailing must be multiplied to take effect from 1 July in each such year by the number derived from the application of the following formula:

$$\frac{CPI_{\text{March year } n}}{CPI_{\text{March year } n-1}}$$

Where:

*CPI* = the consumer price index, All Groups index number for the weighted average of eight capital cities as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, or if the Australian Bureau of Statistics does not or ceases to publish the index, then *CPI* will mean an index determined by IPART;

*March<sub>year n</sub>* = the March quarter for Year n; and

*March<sub>year n-1</sub>* = the March quarter for the year before Year n.

## **13.2 Dispute Resolution**

A developer who is dissatisfied with how Council has calculated a developer charge has a right to have the dispute arbitrated under the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal Act.

The first step of this arbitration process is to contact Central Coast Council.

If the complaint has been reviewed by Council and the customer is still dissatisfied, the customer may request to have the dispute arbitrated under Section 31 of the IPART Act.

**Figure 1**  
**Development Servicing Plan Area**

**Figure 2**  
**Water Supply Capital Works**

**Figure 3**  
**Sewerage Capital Works**



**Appendix A**  
**Central Coast Water Supply Headworks Development Servicing Plan**  
**2019**

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**Appendix B**  
**Water Supply Capital Works Summary**

**Appendix C**  
**Wyong Water Supply – Distribution System Review 2007**

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## **Appendix D**

### **Developer Strategies Included in 2019 Northern Region DSP**

**Appendix E**  
**Sewerage Capital Works Summary**

**Appendix F**  
**SKM Catchment Load Assessment Technical Memo**

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**Appendix G**  
**Central Coast Council Equivalent Tenement Calculation Matrix**

**Appendix H**  
**Valuation of Existing and Proposed Assets**



**Appendix I**  
**Developer Charge Calculation**