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Review of DEUS Guidelines for
Water Supply, Sewerage & Stormwater
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Review of DEUS Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage & Stormwater

I refer to the current review of *DEUS Developer Charges Guidelines for Water, Sewerage and Stormwater*. Ballina Shire Council wishes to lodge a submission as follows.

In the opinion of Council, the current methodology for the calculation of charges is adequate. However, the area in which the Guidelines are deficient is in providing sufficient guidelines as to how the developer charges, once calculated, are to be applied in a range of circumstances.

Clarification is particularly required as to whether developer charges apply to the situation where an existing development, which has been occupied for several years without being connected to water and/or sewer, has work undertaken to enable the development to connect to the water or sewer. (ie Should such developments pay a developer charge at the time they connect to either water and/or sewer). This issue is further complicated by the fact that, in many of these cases, it is not necessary to lodge a development application to undertake such work.

The above issue is relevant to the issue of 'backlog sewerage' programs being undertaken by Council but is also relevant to the situation where the owner of the subject land proposes to undertake work to achieve this goal 'independently' of Council.

I look forward to receiving the results of the current review and would appreciate the opportunity to comment further on any proposed changes to the Guidelines.

Yours faithfully

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