

CABONNE WATER SUPPLY POLICY

STRATEGIC POLICY

Responsible Department: Cabonne Infrastructure

Responsible Section: Urban Infrastructure

Responsible Officer: Department Leader - Urban Infrastructure

Objective

This policy lists all Council's water supply policies which are developed to meet legislative requirements to do with local water utilities.

Introduction

Water policies are developed to meet legislative requirements to do with local water utilities and applies to all water supply systems managed by Cabonne Council.

Policy

Cross Connection Control in Water Supplies

That Council adopt the following for Cross Connection Control in Water Supplies:

- Develop emergency procedures to deal with water supply contaminated at Molong, Yeoval, Cumnock and Delgany Estate (in that order) immediately.
- Hazard rate all Council owned premises in the abovementioned areas in 1993 and install the appropriate boundary backflow prevention devices in 1994.
- Set up a backflow prevention device register from 1st January, 1994.
- Require the Molong Water Operator to complete the P.W.D. Backflow Prevention Device Testing Course in 1994 as annual testing of testable devices is required.
- All new water service connections in all of the abovementioned areas be required to include the installation of an appropriate boundary backflow prevention device from 1st January, 1994 (full cost to applicant).

- Council's Environmental Services Officer be required to complete the Public Works Department "Surveying and Administration for a Cross Connection Control Programme" course.
- The Department of Environmental Services staff to commence general internal surveying at all Council and non-Council premises which are rated high or medium hazards and subsequently require the property owner to install the appropriate boundary and internal backflow prevention devices (at the owners full cost).

For Cross Connection Control in Water Supplies Council is to install non-testable devices on all hazard premises.

Molong Water Supply – Private Connections

Any further private connections to raw or treated trunk water mains be disallowed in the Molong Water Supply Scheme because this is a delivery main not a reticulation main.

Water Agreements – Special Water Agreements on Main

That Council adopt the following conditions relating to special water agreements and that all Special Water Agreement users be requested to sign a copy of an agreement based on the conditions.

The owner of the property to pay Council the FULL COST of connecting the Council's water main, such amount to be paid prior to actual connection at a standard satisfactory to the Director of Engineering and Technical Services.

The owner to be responsible for all maintenance of the line and relocation of said line if such is warranted at any time, any maintenance of the connection to the main shall be performed by Council at the property owner's cost;

The owner of the property to pay an amount, by way of a SPECIAL WATER AGREEMENT CHARGE, equal to the minimum water rate levied for the relevant water fund and such owner to then be entitled to the applicable annual excess-free consumption beyond which the applicable excess water charges will apply;

Council reserves, at all times, the right to restrict the supply of water to the property, as the supply of water to the village area takes first precedent, and the owners shall abide by water restrictions at all times;

Failure to pay Council's annual charge, or any excess water charge that may be levied, will lead to Council disconnecting the supply to the property until the amount due is paid. Reconnection to be at the owner's full cost;

Water from Council's supply is to be used for stock and domestic purposes only, irrigation use is not permitted;

If water is lost as a result of a break in the private pipe line, Council will NOT waive any excess water charges that may result from such break;

Annual Special Water Agreement charge to be levied as at 1st January each year and to apply for the whole of the year, whether supply is maintained for the whole of the year or disconnection made during the year.

Water Main Extension – Riddell Street, Molong

That new dwellings or subdivision proposals in Riddell Street between Phillip and George Streets shall incur a water main extension contribution to be included in the Fees and Charges register.

Water Main Extension – South Street, Molong

That Council approves a water connection to the properties on the north side of South Street, Molong west of George Street and the applicants meet the full cost of the main extension and the road works connection fee determined by Council. Further, the area of this extension be restricted to the aforementioned lots by appropriate amendment of Council's current policy.

Water Main Extension

That the following requirements be adopted with the matter to be reviewed:

- In the case of any water main extension required to an **existing allotment** within the town or village zone, such extension cost will be shared on a 50/50 basis between Council and the applicant.
- Any extension developed to serve land subdivision with the town and village zone will be shared on a 50/50 basis between Council and the applicant provided Council is satisfied that such subdivision is in the interest of immediate residential development and any contribution will be limited to available funds in reserve and to \$5,000 in the case of Molong and \$2,000 in respect of Cumnock and Yeoval in any one year.

Provision of water service connection between main and allotment shall be provided at the applicant's cost as per set charges.

Water Supply – Properties in 1 (c) zones – Molong

That no new water main extensions or connection to the Molong Water Supply Scheme are to be authorised outside the village zone except for the north side of South Street between George Street and Peabody Road subject to:

- Applicants meeting full cost of mains construction
- Applicant meeting Council's headworks connection charge

Water Supply for Golf Club Heights

That the Water Supply policy be amended to allow supply of raw water to the Golf Club Heights Estate from the Borenore trunk mains and that the supply be subject to water restrictions as and when they may be applied by Cabonne Council and that flow (pressure) reducing valves be required for outdoor use.

Responsibilities

General Manager: responsible for the overall control and implementation of the policy.

Deputy General Manager & Leaders: responsible for the control of the policy and procedures within their area of responsibility.

Definitions

LWU: Local Water Utility

References

None Applicable

History

Minute No.	Summary of Changes	New Version Date
93/10/71	Cross Connection Control in Water Supplies	18/10/93
95/11/57-15	Molong Water Supply – Private Connections	20/11/95
8333/16	Water Agreements – Special Water Agreements on Main	12/06/88
93/2/60 & 93/7/110-3	Water Main Extension – Riddell Street, Molong	15/02/93 & 19/07/93
00/01/28-1 & 00/07/13	Water Main Extension – South Street, Molong	03/07/00 & 17/07/00
91/4/84-10	Water Main Extension	15/04/91
92/8/71, 99/1/24 & 00/07/13	99/1/24 “THAT no new water main extensions or connection to the Molong Water Supply Scheme are to be authorised outside of the Village Zone” be rescinded and replaced by:	17/08/92 & 18/01/99
10/02/17	Merged into one Document & Readopted by Council	15 February 2010

11/07/11- W0115/11	Provision for water supply for Golf Club Heights	18 July 2011
13/09/30	Readopted as per s165(4)	17 September 2013
n/a	Administration update for clarity purposes at "Water Main Extension" section	14 February 2017
18/05/20	Author title updated. Readopted as per s165(4)	22 May 2018
22/11/15	Transferred on to new strategic policy template and position titles changed to reflect organizational restructure. Readopted as per s165(4)	22 November 2022