



DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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DCS1 SEWERAGE ACCESS AND USAGE CHARGES
FILE: * GBS

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the development of a draft Policy to define the categories to be used for sewerage charges.



The 2005/06 Draft Management Plan proposed adoption of new best practice sewerage pricing with categories for –

- Residential, and
- Non-residential

A draft Policy has been prepared to define how the sewerage charges will be applied. The policy addresses the circumstances where a single property has “mixed development” ie. some residential and some non-residential usage.

A copy of the draft Policy “Definition of Categories Used for Sewerage Access and Usage Charges” is attached at [\(Appendix A\)](#).

In brief where mixed development (residential and non-residential) occurs in strata units, each unit will be charged the residential charge, whereas mixed development in the one ownership will be charged the non-residential access charge plus a charge per kilolitre discharged to the sewer.

An issue which arises is that of Holiday Flats which currently are charged a sewerage charge of 50% of the ordinary residential sewerage charge per unit. Under the new pricing structure Holiday Flats would be categorised as “Residential” and charged accordingly, ie. sewer charges increased from \$249.50 to \$499 per unit.

The Policy also covers provisions for relief to customers for fire service access charges.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Included in body of report.

- *Policy or Statutory*

New Policy proposed to define categories for new sewerage charges.

- *Director's Review*

As per Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Policy "Definition of Categories Used for Sewerage Access and Usage Charges" be adopted.

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