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SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Policy for the reduction of water supply Access Charges where the water meter records the water usage of a fire service



At Council's Extra-Ordinary meeting of 23rd March 2004 it was resolved:

"That a Draft Policy be submitted to the next Ordinary meeting of Council with regards the qualifying requirements for capped Access Charges for fire services."

A draft Policy has been developed and is presented for Council's consideration ([Appendix B](#)).

In time, it may be necessary to develop a Procedure to go with this Policy but at present a Procedure is considered unnecessary. The Policy is relatively straightforward and the foreseen issues would be that of disputing the decision or the constraints of the Policy. It is believed that Macleay Water staff could deal with issues arising from the Policy, on the merits of the case. If issues were deemed significant, a decision would then be sought from Council. Should reoccurring issues present themselves, a procedure for disputes or amendments to the Policy would then be developed.

Director's Comment:

As per report.

Report Implications:

The financial implications of this draft Policy have already been considered by Council and accommodated within in the water supply pricing structure. At present there are 26 water meters that would be meet the qualifications of the draft Policy.

The following recommendation establishes a new Policy.

There are no statutory implications arising from the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council adopt the draft Policy “Water Supply Access Charges for Fire Services”.**
- 2. That Macleay Water staff resolve issues arising from the Policy’s application on a ‘merits of the case’ basis**
- 3. Should significant issues arise from the application of this Policy that the matter be referred to Council for a decision.**