

Connection Fees Policy

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Related Procedures:	<i>Nil</i>
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Purpose

This policy intends to ensure the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the CWMS infrastructure, and to provide for sustainable development within the Berri Barmera Council Area.

Principles

To assist in the long term management of the scheme this policy has been developed to ensure no disadvantage to existing users caused by the increased wear and tear to the infrastructure by reason of new connections.

Policy

Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999* entitles the Council to impose a fee or charge for the use of any property or facility owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the Council.

Pursuant to Section 188 of the Act, the Council requires a person who obtains development authorisation in respect of a land division application, to pay a fee to the Council for each new allotment that will utilise Council's CWMS infrastructure.

The fee to connect to Council's CWMS system, is reflected in Council's Fees and Charges Register, which is available for viewing at www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au and are charged per new allotment created, this fee is reviewed annually and may increase in the future and will be published in Council's fees and charges annually. Allotments already existing and paying a CWMS contribution fee shall not pay a fee to connect to the system.

To gain approval to install a new connection point to Council's CWMS infrastructure the fee must be paid and the application form completed.