

2 STATEMENT OF CHARGES

In accordance with Section 501(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council may make and levy an annual charge for the following services:

- Water supply services
- Sewerage services
- Drainage services
- Waste management services (other than domestic waste management services)
- Any services prescribed by the regulations.

2.1 Water Supply, Sewerage Service and Drainage Charges

Wyong Shire Council is constituted as a Water Supply Authority under the Water Management Act 2000 No. 92 and charges for water and sewer are levied under this Act.

Being a Water Authority all of Council's water and sewerage charges are subject to approval by the Minister of Energy and Utilities following determination by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). Figures have been adjusted inline with the IPART determination after allowing for a CPI increase of 6.3% from the base determination period in 2006.

Water and sewerage charges for 2008/09 are as per IPART's determination No. 3, 2006.

Pension Rebates - Water and Sewerage Service Charges

In accordance with Part 8, Division 5 of the Water Management (Water Supply Authorities) Regulation 2004 Council provides a reduction of 50% of the water service charges levied up to a maximum of \$87.50 and a further reduction of 50% of sewerage service charges levied up to a maximum of \$87.50. Of these reductions 55% is reimbursed by the New South Wales Government.

The estimated total amount of the pension rebate in 2008/09 is \$2,439,000.

WATER CHARGES

The proposed charges for water supply are as follows:

Water Service Charge – Metered Services

Nominal Pipe/Meter Size (mm)	Total (\$)
20	112.16
25	166.89
40	404.06
50	622.98
80	1,571.66
100	2,447.36
150	5,487.98
200	9,744.86
250	15,217.98

The above charges incorporate the State Government's "Climate Change Fund", contribution of \$14.86 per property (subject to gazettal).

Charges for meters not specified above are calculated using the formula: $(\text{Meter Size})^2 \times \$97.31 / 400 + \$14.86$.

The total yield in 2008/09 from this charge is estimated to be \$6,551,000.

Water Usage Charge

All water consumed is proposed to be charged at the rate of 166.8 cents per kilolitre.

It is Council's policy not to levy a charge for accounts of \$5.00 or less.

The total yield in 2008/09 from this charge is estimated to be \$20,220,000.

Water Service Charges Strata Title Properties

It is proposed that where water usage to a residential strata titled property is measured through a common meter, each individual strata title lot be levied a service charge of \$112.16 (Inclusive of the Climate Change Levy of \$14.86). Water usage is to be apportioned and charged to the various lots in the strata plan in accordance with the schedule of unit entitlement and charged to the strata title owners at the rate of 166.80 cents per kilolitre.

Water Service Charges Retirement Villages

It is proposed that where water usage to a retirement village is measured through a common meter only, the service charge is to be commensurate with the size of the meter. Usage consumed through the common meter is to be charged at the rate of 166.8 cents per kilolitre.

Water Service Charges Community Development Lot

It is proposed that where water usage to a community development lot is measured through a common meter only, the service charge is to be commensurate with the size of the meter and this charge is apportioned to the various lots in the community development lot in accordance with the schedule of unit entitlement. Usage consumed through the common meter is to be apportioned and charged to the individual unit owners in accordance with the unit entitlement at the rate of 166.8 cents per kilolitre.

The total yield in 2008/09 from Strata Title Properties, Retirement Villages, and Community Development Lot charges is estimated to be \$683,000.

Water Service Charges Company Title Dwelling

It is proposed that where water usage to a company title dwelling is measured through a common meter only, each individual company title dwelling be levied a service charge of \$112.16 (Inclusive of the Climate Change Levy of \$14.86). Water usage is to be charged to the owner of the company title building (within the company title dwelling) at the rate of 166.8 cents per kilolitre.

Water Service Charges Vacant Land

It is proposed that a water service charge be levied on vacant land which is not connected to the water supply system but is reasonably available for connection to the water supply system at the rate of \$112.16 (Inclusive of the Climate Change Levy of \$14.86).

Total yield in 2008/09 from this charge is estimated to be \$198,000.

Water Fire Service

There is no charge for a separate Water Fire Service. Where a property has a combined fire and commercial service the property will be charged a Water Service Charge – Metered Service commensurate with the meter size.

Part Year Charges and Fees

For those properties that become chargeable or non-chargeable during the year a proportional charge or fee calculated on a daily basis is applied.

SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGES

Residential Charges

Single Residential Properties Including Residential Strata Properties and Company Title Dwellings

It is proposed to continue the current charging structure based on a service charge for each residential property. The proposed charge is \$412.67 for each single residential property/lot/dwelling. There is no usage charge for this category.

The total yield in 2008/09 from this charge is estimated to be \$22,968,000.

Non-Residential Charges

In the determination of Council's 1995/96 charges, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal approved the introduction of a pay for use system of charging for sewerage based upon a service charge and a usage charge.

Non-Residential customers are those that do not meet the classification as a single residential customer. These include non strata titled residential units and Retirement Villages.

In line with this approval it is proposed to continue with this charging structure, as detailed below:

The maximum price for sewerage services to a non-residential property connected to the sewerage system is the greater of:

- The non-residential minimum sewerage charge; or
- The sum of the non-residential sewerage service charge commensurate with meter size and the non-residential sewerage usage charge.

Non-Residential Properties - Service Charge

Meter Size (mm)	Meter Charge (\$)
20	148.67 x discharge factor
25	232.29 x discharge factor
40	594.68 x discharge factor
50	929.20 x discharge factor
80	2,378.73 x discharge factor
100	3,716.77 x discharge factor
150	8,362.75 x discharge factor
200	14,867.11 x discharge factor
250	23,229.68 x discharge factor

A discharge factor is applied to the charge based on the volume of water discharged into Council's sewerage system and the type of premises and use.

Charges for meters not specified above are calculated using the formula: $(\text{Meter Size})^2 \times \$148.67 / 400$.

Non-Residential Properties - Usage Charge

The price for sewerage usage charges is proposed to be 74.41 cents per kilolitre.

The usage charge is to be based on the estimated volume of metered water usage discharged into the Council's sewerage system. Metered water usage is to be multiplied by a discharge factor, based on the type of premises and use to estimate the volume of water discharged.

Non-Residential Properties - Minimum Charge

The proposed minimum amount payable for a non-residential customer is \$412.67.

Non-Residential Properties - Community Development Lots

The sewerage service charge for a community development lot connected to the sewerage system is the greater of :

- The non-residential minimum sewerage charge ; or
- The sum of the non-residential sewerage charge commensurate with meter size and the non-residential sewerage usage charge apportioned to the various lots in the community development lot in accordance with the schedule of unit entitlement.

The total yield in 2008/09 from these non-residential charges is estimated to be \$1,625,000 for service charges and \$743,000 for usage charges.

Sewerage Service Fees – Exempt Properties

For all properties exempt from service charges under Schedule 4 of the Water Management Act 2000 No 92 it is proposed that a fee be charged, in accordance with Section 310(2) of the Act, of \$58.26 per annum for each water closet and \$20.63 per annum for each cistern servicing a urinal where installed.

The total yield in 2008/09 from this fee is estimated to be \$233,000.

Sewerage Service Charges – Vacant Land

It is proposed that the charge for sewerage services on vacant land which is not connected to the sewerage system but is reasonably available for connection to the sewerage system is \$309.51.

The total yield in 2008/09 from this fee is estimated to be \$469,000.

Part Year Charges and Fees

For those properties that become chargeable or non-chargeable during the year a proportional charge calculated on a daily basis is applied.

Effluent Removal Charges

In accordance with the provisions of Section 310(2) of the Water Management Act 2000 No. 92 and Clause 6 of the Water Management (Water Supply Authorities) Regulation 2004, it is proposed the maximum fees for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 be as follows:

Service	Proposed Cost of Service \$
Residential	
Fortnightly effluent removal and disposal service	950.66 per annum
Additional effluent removal and disposal service	36.79 per service
Sludge removal and disposal services	
• Septic tanks with a capacity up to 2750 litres	266.69 per service
• Septic tanks exceeding 2750 litres or AWTS with one tank	346.00 per service
• AWTS with more than one tank	516.13 per service
• Sludge disposal only (collection organised by customer)	28.74 per kilolitre
Non Residential	
Commercial effluent removal and disposal service	12.19 per kilolitre
Sludge removal and disposal services	
• Septic tanks with a capacity up to 2750 litres	266.69 per service
• Septic tanks exceeding 2750 litres or AWTS with one tank	346.00 per service
• AWTS with more than one tank	516.13 per service
• Sludge disposal only (collection organised by customer)	28.74 per kilolitre

The yield from these charges in 2008/09 is estimated to be \$126,000.

Chemical Closet Charges for Residential & Non Residential Properties

In accordance with the provisions of Section 310(2) of the Water Management Act 2000 No. 92, and Clause 6 of the Water Management (Water Supply Authorities) Regulation 2004, it is proposed the maximum fees for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 be as follows:

Type of Service	Proposed Cost of Service \$
Annual Fortnightly service	1,370.17
Each requested weekly special service	26.69

The yield from these charges in 2008/09 is estimated to be \$1,000.

LIQUID TRADE WASTE CHARGES

A summary of the trade waste policy outlining the property classifications and charges is as follows:

Premises are classified into the following classifications:

- Classification A is for low risk liquid trade waste (<5KL per day) with standard non-complex pre-treatment requirements.
- Classification B is for medium risk liquid trade waste (<20KL per day) with prescribed pre-treatment requirements.
- Classification C is for high risk and large liquid trade waste dischargers which are not nominated as a Classification A or B discharger and/or involve a discharge volume of over 20 kL/day.
- Classification S is for acceptance of septic tanks and pan waste into Council's sewerage system.

Categories for liquid trade waste pricing:

Pricing for Liquid Trade Waste discharges from the above classifications (excluding Classification S) is calculated based on the following three categories.

Category 1 Liquid Trade Waste Dischargers are those conducting an activity deemed by Council as requiring nil or minimal pre-treatment equipment and whose effluent is well defined and or relatively low risk to the sewerage system. Also included are Classification A or B activities with prescribed pre-treatment but low impact on the sewerage system.

Category 2 Liquid Trade Waste Dischargers are those conducting an activity deemed by Council as requiring a prescribed type of liquid trade waste pre-treatment equipment and whose effluent is well characterised.

Category 3 Liquid Trade Waste Dischargers are those conducting an activity which is of an industrial nature and/or which results in the discharge of large volumes (over 20kL/day) of liquid trade waste to the sewerage system. Any Category 1 or 2 discharger whose volume exceeds 20 kL/day becomes a Category 3 discharger.

The charging components associated with Category 1, 2 and 3 are indicated below;

Liquid Trade Waste Discharge Category	Liquid Trade Waste Application Fee	Annual Trade Waste Fee	Re-inspection Fee	Liquid Trade Waste Usage Charge/kL	Excess Mass Charges/kg	Non-compliance Excess Mass Charges
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Trade Waste Charges

Charge Component	Basis	Proposed Charge \$
Trade Waste Application Fee	<p>The application fee covers the cost of administration and technical services provided in processing an application on a scale related to the category into which the discharger is classified, and reflects the complexity of processing the application. It includes processing change of ownership of the discharger and the renewal of existing approvals.</p> <p>The application fee for Category 2 dischargers covers the primary treatment device e.g. grease arrestor, with an additional fee for each subsequent treatment device.</p> <p>The application fee for Category 3 dischargers includes allowance for two site visits. Additional site visits will incur an extra cost.</p>	Classification 1 – 42.94 Classification 2 – 54.65 Classification 3 – 838.09
Annual Trade Waste Fee	This fee recovers the cost incurred by Council for administration and the scheduled inspections each year to ensure a liquid trade waste discharger's ongoing compliance with the conditions of their approval.	Category 1 – 75.09 Category 2 – 300.36 Category 3 – 504.54
Re-inspection Fee	Where non-compliance with the conditions of an approval has been detected and the discharger is required to address these issues, Council will undertake re-inspections to confirm that remedial action has been satisfactorily implemented. Council will impose a fee for each re-inspection. The re-inspection fee will be based on full cost recovery.	All Categories – 70.40 per inspection
Trade Waste Usage Charge	The trade waste usage charge is imposed to recover the additional cost of transporting and treating liquid trade waste from Category 2 dischargers. Either one of two charges is applicable.	0.31/kL – Compliant pre-treatment equipment 12.90/kL – Non-compliant pre-treatment equipment.
Excess Mass and Non-compliant Excess Mass Charge	Excess mass charges will apply for the substances specified that are discharged in excess of the deemed concentrations in domestic sewage.	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand Suspended Solids Total Oil and Grease Ammonia (as Nitrogen) pH Total Kheldhal Nitrogen Total Phosphorus Total Dissolved Solids	<p>Non-compliant excess mass charges will apply for the substances specified that are discharged in excess of the Trade Waste Approval Limit.</p> <p>The nominated charges are applied in accordance with the formulas contained in Council's Liquid Trade Waste Policy.</p>	0.63 / kg 0.80 / kg 1.13 / kg 0.63 / kg 0.35 / kg 0.15 / kg 1.28 / kg 0.04 / kg
Septic and Chemical Toilet Charges	Volume charges will apply for each kilolitre of waste specified, that is discharged to the sewerage system.	14.08 / kL

In addition to the substances listed above, the following excess mass charges will apply per kilogram of waste discharged in excess of the Liquid Trade Waste Policy Guideline Acceptance Limits. Non-compliant excess mass charges will apply for trade waste discharged in excess of the Liquid Trade Waste Approval Limit. The nominated charges are applied in accordance with the formulas contained in Council's Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

Substance	Proposed Charge \$	Substance	Proposed Charge \$
Aluminium	0.63 / kg	Manganese	6.33 / kg
Arsenic	0.63 / kg	Mercaptans	63.36 / kg
Barium	31.67 / kg	Mercury	2,112.03 / kg
Boron	0.63 / kg	Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	0.63/ kg
Bromine	12.67 / kg	Molybdenum	0.63 / kg
Cadmium	293.33 / kg	Nickel	21.12 / kg
Chloride	No Charge	Organoarsenic compounds	633.61 / kg
Chlorinated Hydrocarbons	31.67 / kg	Pesticides general (excludes organochlorines and organophosphates)	633.61 / kg
Chlorinated Phenolics	1267.22 / kg	Petroleum Hydrocarbons (non-flammable)	2.11 / kg
Chlorine	1.28 / kg	Phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated)	6.33 / kg
Chromium	21.12 / kg	Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's)	12.90 / kg
Cobalt	12.90 / kg	Selenium	44.58 / kg
Copper	12.90 / kg	Silver	1.16 / kg
Cyanide	63.36 / kg	Sulphate (as SO4)	0.12 / kg
Fluoride	3.16 / kg	Sulphide	1.28 / kg
Formaldehyde	1.28 / kg	Sulphite	1.40 / kg
Herbicides/defoliants	633.61/ kg	Thiosulphate	0.22 / kg
Iron	1.28 / kg	Tin	6.33 / kg
Lead	31.67 / kg	Uranium	6.33 / kg
Lithium	6.33/ kg	Zinc	12.90 / kg

It should be noted that Trade Waste Charges apply in addition to Sewer service charges.

Where properties discharging Liquid Trade Waste become chargeable or non-chargeable for a part of the financial year a proportional charge calculated on a weekly basis is to apply. The total yield in 2008/09 from liquid trade waste charges is estimated to be \$662,000.

2.2 Interest on Overdue Water, Sewerage and Drainage Charges

In accordance with Section 356 of the Water Management Act 2000 No. 92, Council charges interest on all water supply and sewerage service charges which remain unpaid after they become due and payable. The due dates for payment of water supply and sewerage service charges are as follows:

- If payment is made in a single instalment, the instalment is payable by 31 August 2008.
- If payment is made by quarterly instalments, the instalments are payable by 31 August 2008, 30 November 2008, 28 February 2009 and 31 May 2009.
- For water consumption charges, the account is due 30 days after posting date.

Interest will be calculated on a daily basis using the simple interest method. The rate of interest will be the maximum rate payable on an unpaid judgement in the Supreme Court. The rate of interest is currently 10.0%.

2.3 Developer Contributions

Developer contributions for Water and Sewerage services are levied in accordance with the methodology developed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

The various contributions are contained in Council's Development Servicing Plans (DSPs) which are available for inspection at Council's Offices.

Other Developer Contributions are levied in accordance with Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. The various contribution rates are listed in the section 94 plans available for inspection at Council's offices.