

## Information Sheet

### Extension of Wastewater Main to Existing Allotments

#### Service

The current mains extension policy was implemented on 1 July 1987. It replaced a number of policies and procedures that contained many anomalies and inequities that had developed over many years.

The aim of the current policy is to provide clear and concise guidelines under which water and wastewater services will be provided to existing allotments in urban and non-urban areas, as defined from the South Australian Development Plan, sequential, compact and orderly development to promote the maximum use of existing infrastructure and a fair and equitable means of apportioning the cost of services by requiring the owners of all holdings served to contribute towards the cost of the work.

#### Extensions of Mains to Urban Residential Allotments

Providing it is technically possible and the estimated cost of the work is less than \$500 000, wastewater mains will be extended to existing urban properties that are either developed or are in the process of being developed upon receipt of an application under the following conditions.

- **Development criteria**

The number of holdings developed plus one, when divided by the total number of holdings served, must be greater than 50 per cent.

- **Financial criteria**

SA Water's maximum financial outlay for an extension of wastewater main must not exceed two and a half times the total amount of the Standard Sewer Capital Contribution (SSCC).

Where the property being served already has an all-purpose septic tank system installed the SSCC is reduced by \$1 500. The contribution is reduced by \$2 500, under certain conditions if an Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant is serving the property.

Current [SA Water fees and charges](#) can be viewed at this link.

#### Payments by Property Owners

The applicant/s has to pay the SSCC in full before the extension is constructed.

All other property owners (beneficiaries) who request a connection to an extension of wastewater main are required to contribute towards the cost of the work by the payment of a SSCC, alternatively the payment of the contribution for short extensions of main gazetted after 1 July 2008 can be deferred until a connection is required. The amount payable will be the SSCC current at the time of application and payment of a connection fee.

A beneficiary being served by a Temporary Indirect Connection has to pay the SSCC on gazettal of the main, in accordance with the agreement they have signed with SA Water.

Eligible pensioners can still defer the payment of the SSCC even if they decide to connect providing the property being connected is their principal place of residence and the concession continues to apply.

The deferral of the payment of the SSCC may not apply to government approved 'backlog' schemes.

#### Industrial / Commercial Zoned Properties

When industrial / commercial zoned properties are served, the standard capital contribution is escalated to reflect the higher cost of servicing larger properties. The escalated contribution applies to properties that are larger than 1 200 square metres in area and the contribution is calculated in the following manner:

$$\text{Escalated Contribution} = \text{Standard Sewer Capital Contribution} \times \sqrt{\frac{\text{Area of holding}}{1,200 \text{ Square metres}}}$$

## Extension to Non Urban Properties

The applicant/s is required to meet the full estimated cost of extensions of main to non urban properties.

All beneficiaries who require a connection are required to pay the standard capital contribution applicable at that time of application.

As the wastewater main will be gazetted "Available on Application" the owners of all abutting properties that can be served will not have to pay sewer rates until they apply for a connection.

The construction of the main can be carried out by private contract.

## Customer Application

### Information We Need From You

- Your name, postal or email address, fax and phone number.
- Your property address and owner's name.
- Details of reasons for your request for an extension of main.

### Making an Application

- Email [cc@sawater.com.au](mailto:cc@sawater.com.au) and specify your requirements.
- You can write to the Mains Extension Officer, SA Water, Land Development & Connections, GPO Box 1751, Adelaide 5001 or fax to (08) 7003 1119.

**Any financial quote provided will be valid for 60 calendar days from the date of issue.**

### Other Approval Conditions

- An application may take 10 - 12 weeks to investigate.
- The applicant must have an existing dwelling on the property or have approval from the Local Authority for building to commence. Extensions are not approved to allotments that are to remain vacant in the immediate future.

### Further Information

Mains Extension Officer

(08) 7424 1241 or 1300 650 951

### For further information call 1300 650 951

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