

## Information Sheet

### Augmentation Charges

#### What is an Augmentation Charge?

Land developers are continually creating new allotments throughout the state. Where SA Water reticulated water supply and/or wastewater services are required, the developers fund and construct the mains within the development.

Occasionally the existing adjacent water and/or wastewater infrastructure may not have sufficient capacity to cope with serving the newly created allotments. When this occurs the developer is also required to meet the cost of the upgrade work that will provide additional capacity to specifically serve the development.

When the development is part of a large area where further development will occur, rather than only consider what upgrade work is required for each specific development, a broader approach is taken by determining what upgrade work is required to serve the total area. To recover the cost of the upgrade works for the whole area from several developers, an Augmentation charge is established.

Augmentation charges have been payable for approximately 20 years and are applicable for both water and wastewater services. There are defined areas where a charge has been approved, the majority of the augmentation areas are located in country townships, although there are a few in fringe metropolitan suburbs. Current Augmentation charges and associated defined areas can be viewed at [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au)

#### How is the Augmentation Charge Calculated?

The charge is based upon the cost of providing the required infrastructure to a defined area where land is being developed. When the infrastructure work that is required has been defined, a charge based upon the cost of the work and the size of the area, or the number of potential allotments that can be served is established.

As an example, augmentation work may consist of:

- The duplication of a water main.
- Additional water storage capacity.
- A sewage pumping station.
- Construction of larger diameter sewers.

These services can be staged or delayed until the existing infrastructure is no longer able to serve the level of development that has taken place.

#### Payment

The payment of an Augmentation charge is in addition to the normal costs associated with creating new allotments or extending any new mains to a land development.

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