

Standard Wastewater Contribution Rebates for 2010 - 11

Service

Under the current mains extension policy, the owner of each holding that has applied for a connection to a newly constructed wastewater main must contribute towards the cost of the main by the payment of a Standard Capital Contribution (**SCC**).

Where a property owner is required to pay a **SCC** for a wastewater main gazetted on or after 28 September 1995, and has an existing wastewater treatment system installed on the property, the following rebates will apply.

Conventional Septic Tank Systems

The rebate for a conventional septic tank and soakage trench system is **\$1 500**. This means that a property owner who has an existing conventional septic tank system installed will be required to contribute **\$1 500 less** than the **SCC**. Normal sewerage rates apply from the date of gazettal of the main, and the current **wastewater application** fee is payable upon application for connection to the wastewater.

Advanced Wastewater Treatment and Effluent Disposal (AWT) Systems

A property owner who has an AWT system, which has been installed, operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Public and Environmental Health (Waste Control Regulations) can choose to adopt one of the following options when a wastewater connection is made available to their property:

▪ Option 1

The AWT system can be disconnected and the sanitary plumbing redirected to the wastewater connection when advice is received that a SCC is payable.

Providing the notification requirement specified in the general information section on page 2 of this information sheet is met, and the AWT system is maintained in accordance with an approval issued under the Waste Control Regulations, the property owner will be entitled to a rebate of **\$2 500** off the **SCC** that applied at the time the wastewater main was approved. Payment of the current **wastewater application fee** will also be required and normal **sewerage rates** will apply.

▪ Option 2

The AWT system can continue to be used and providing its maintenance and operation meet the requirements of an approval issued under the Waste Control Regulations, the disinfected effluent can be used for landscape garden watering or discharged into the wastewater when not required (eg, during the winter months or a prolonged wet period).

The property owner will be entitled to a rebate of **\$2 500** off the **SCC** that applied at the time the wastewater main was approved. The payment of the current **wastewater application fee** will be required and **half normal sewerage rates** (or the minimum sewerage rate if greater) will be charged for as long as only treated effluent is discharged into the wastewater.

However, the AWT system must be operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements contained in the approval for the system, and a copy of each maintenance certificate that is forwarded to the local council on a regular (three monthly) basis must be forwarded within 14 days of the date of its issue to SA Water's Manager billing and Revenue Collection. If a certificate is not received by SA Water for a period of three and a half months, then normal **sewerage rates** will be payable for the property from the beginning of the next rating period.

▪ Option 3

The AWT system can continue to be used as in Option 2, and at some later date the system can be disconnected and the sanitary plumbing directly connected to the wastewater main as in Option 1.

The payment of the **SCC** can be deferred until a connection to the wastewater is required. However, when this occurs, the **SCC** and the **wastewater application fee** which are applicable at that time will be payable, and the property owner will be entitled to a rebate of **\$1 500 only** off the **SCC**.

As the property abuts a wastewater main and is rateable under Section 78 of the Sewerage Act, payment of the minimum **sewerage rate** will be required. When the property is connected directly to the wastewater, normal **sewerage rates** will apply.

General Information

Notification

SA Water does not maintain records of properties with AWT systems. It is therefore important that any property owner, who is advised that the payment of a **SCC** is required, should notify SA Water as soon as possible about the existence of an AWT system on the property.

This is because a property owner only has until the due date that appears on the first Mains Contribution Statement to decide upon which of the above three options to accept and to notify SA Water of their decision. The first Mains Contribution Statement will not be forwarded to the property owner until a notice appears in the SA Government Gazette that states the wastewater main is "available for connection".

SA Water Records

Where a property owner elects to adopt either **Option 2 or 3**, the arrangement will be recorded on our file. However this record will be deleted when the sanitary drainage on the property is connected directly to SA Water's wastewater.

General Enquiries

General enquiries about AWT systems or their maintenance and operation should be directed to the supplier or manufacturer of the AWT system or to your local council.

Rebate Enquiries

Enquiries relating to the rebates that apply and rating provisions should be directed to SA Water on telephone 1300 650 950.

Policy and Connection Fee Enquiries

Any enquiries concerning policy issues and connection fees should be directed to 1300 650 951.

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