

# RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

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<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>CATEGORISATION AS A FOOD PRODUCER</b>
<b>FUNCTION:</b>	<b>Water Supplies</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	<b>To determine a definition of 'Food Producer' for the purpose of charging user-pays water</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>WORKS</b>

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## **POLICY:**

1. Council's Revenue Policy as varied from year to year commencing from 2004/2005 provides specific water pricing for ratepayers/consumers/customers deemed to be food producers. To be defined as a food producer, all the following criteria is required to be met:
  - Annual consumption must be equal to or greater than 5,000 kilolitres.
  - The ratepayer/consumer/customers are subject to potential significant increases in their water charges as major consumers.
  - The ratepayer/consumer/customer must be a non-residential ratepayer/consumer/customer.
  - It must be demonstrated the ratepayer/consumer/customer is carrying on a business activity associated with the processing of food products from a raw form to a product available for sale.
2. Any ratepayers/consumers/customers defined for rating purposes as farmland, residential, rural residential and non-rateable will not be classified as a 'food producer' for the purposes of water charging.
3. Any ratepayer/consumers/customers offering food products for sale on a retail basis are not eligible for classification as a 'food producer' for the purposes of water charging.
4. This policy does not relate to water availability charges being the annual fixed charge based on water meter size but to water consumption charges determined by Council to apply to 'food producers'.
5. Council reserves the right to review and modify any aspects of this policy if required at its discretion.