

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

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POLICY:	WATER AND SEWERAGE CHARGES - APPLICATION OF S552 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
FUNCTIONS:	Water Services/Sewerage Services
OBJECTIVE:	To interpret S552 of the local government act and define how it should be applied.
DIVISION RESPONSIBLE:	WORKS

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POLICY:

1. S552 of the Local Government Act provides for the charges related to water supply and sewerage services.
2. The application of S552 of the Local Government Act is to be implemented on the basis that it is cost effective to connect to the reticulation, and that the property in question is within the reticulated area.
3. If the property is outside the reticulated area it can be connected on the basis that all associated costs with the provision of an adequate service to the property are met by the property owner including Section 64 charges if deemed applicable by the Manager of Water and Wastewater.
4. For new developments and subdivision within the reticulated area, it will be at cost to the property owner/developer. All new developments/subdivisions within the reticulated areas will be required to be connected to Council's water supply.
5. In the case where properties outside the reticulated area wish to connect to the water supply an acceptable method to Council is to have a connection within the reticulated area with the property owner to run their own private main from the connection to the property. In this case the private main will be the responsibility of the property owner and as such any consumption that flows through the water meter be it for consumption or due to a water break will be required to be paid to Council.
6. Permits to lay mains in road reserves etc will be required. There will be all care but no responsibility by Council for any substandard mains that might be broken in the maintenance of drains etc.
7. A water connection refers to the plumbing from Council's water main up to and including the water meter. The water meter shall have included with it a backflow prevention device which complies with the requirements of AS3500.

8. The owner/developer's responsibility to erect posts that indicate the location of substandard mains, ie, spacings to be no more than 500 metres and should be located at every crossing or bend.
9. Pump-out arrangements with sewerage will require approval by the Manager of Water and Wastewater prior to any works being carried out.
10. All water and sewerage connections into Council's assets shall be carried out by Council staff or by contractors approved by the Manager of Water and Wastewater.