

Connection to Reticulated Wastewater and Stormwater Services Policy



1.0 Purpose

This policy sets out the conditions and requirements for a property owner to connect to the Council's urban reticulated wastewater and/or stormwater systems.

It should be noted that:

- (a) Connections to the Council's reticulated water system is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Gore District Council Water Supply Bylaw 2015. Consideration must also be given to the Council's Backflow Prevention Policy.
- (b) Connections to the Council's reticulated wastewater network are also subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Gore District Council Trade Waste Bylaw 2016.
- (c) The location, design and standards required to be met in installing any infrastructure that will be vested in the Council's ownership are specified in the Gore District Council Subdivision and Land Development Bylaw 2019.

2.0 Definitions

Lateral – The section of pipe that connects the private property to the Council's reticulated main.

3.0 New connections

- 3.1 Any property owner may apply to the Gore District Council to connect to the Council's reticulated wastewater or storm water systems.
- 3.2 Connection to the Council's reticulated water, wastewater or storm water systems will be permitted where sufficient capacity is available on all parts of the network into which wastewater and/or stormwater is to be discharged and flow.
- 3.3 Approval of a connection to a property located outside the "serviceable area" as defined in the Council's current Long Term Plan will be at the discretion of the Council.

- 3.4 Where a property has been charged a “half rate” for a period of more than five full rating years the property will be deemed to be disconnected. Where a property is deemed to be disconnected a new connection shall be installed in accordance with condition 5 and 6 of this policy.
- 3.5 The owner of a property requiring a new connection to infrastructural services, in addition to the payment of any financial contribution payable under Rule 9.9(5) of the District Plan, shall be responsible for the full cost of installing the services to their property and all on-site works. Where the Council wishes to provide services to a higher standard ie to allow for further development in the future, it may pay the difference in cost between the Council’s desired level of service and that required to service the property subject to the request.
- 3.6 From 1 January 2021, where a new connection is required the property owner must engage a Council approved 3 Waters contractors to undertake the works. A register of the Council’s approved 3 Waters contractors is available on the Council website.
- 3.7 Where a new connection is required full separation of the internal stormwater and wastewater reticulation must be achieved.
- 4.0 Ownership**
- 4.1 Where a property is connected to a Council main in the road reserve or Council owned land the Council owns and maintains the lateral between the Council main and private property boundary.
- 4.2 Where a property is connected to a Council main located inside private property the Council owns and maintains the lateral up to one meter from the Council main.
- 4.3 Where a properties lateral passes through a neighbouring property, the property owner is required to obtain an easement from the relevant property owner and will be responsible for maintaining this section of the lateral.
- 5.0 Fault resolution and damage**
- 5.1 The property owner is responsible for all blockages or damage occurring to Council infrastructure as a result of the actions by an occupier. The Council reserves the right to recover all costs from the property owner associated with resolving any blockage or damage caused by the occupier of the property.
- 5.2 If an issue (ie a blockage) arises with a lateral, in the first instance, the private property owner is required to engage a contractor to undertake a CCTV inspection of the lateral. If the CCTV inspection confirms the fault is in the Council owned portion of the lateral, and the fault is not a result of actions by the occupier, the Council will cover reasonable costs for undertaking the inspection.
- 5.3 It is the responsibility of the private property owner to ensure there is suitable maintenance access to inspect the portion of the lateral owned by the property

owner. The Council will not cover any costs associated with gaining access to the private property lateral to undertake an inspection under clause 11 of the policy.

6.0 Connections to wastewater and stormwater infrastructure

6.1 Separate connections shall be made to each property from the Council's infrastructure. Dual connections are prohibited.

6.2 Where connections from wastewater and stormwater infrastructure are made to any site on which non-residential activities occur or are proposed, an assessment shall be carried out by the Council to determine whether a Trade Waste Agreement is required. Refer to the Gore District Council Trade Waste Bylaw 2016 for further details.

7.0 Dispensation

7.1 Dispensation from any of the conditions specified in this policy will be at the discretion of the Council. The following procedure shall be adopted where a request is sought for Council to exercise its discretion:

7.2 The property owner shall submit a request in writing to the Chief Executive, setting out the matters of non-compliance, the reasons why the required standard cannot be complied with, and why an exemption should be granted.

7.3 The Chief Executive will forward a copy of the request to the relevant Council department(s). A written report is to be prepared by the relevant Council department(s) highlighting the implications of the request and the matters of non-compliance and the potential for a precedent to be created. That report is to include a recommendation.

7.4 The report shall be submitted to either the Council's Community Strategy Committee, or the full Council, for consideration and determination of the request.

7.5 A copy of the report shall also be forwarded to the property owner, and if they wish they will have the opportunity of speaking to their request at the relevant Committee or Council meeting prior to the request being determined.

7.6 The determination of the Council shall be final.

This policy was adopted by the Gore District Council at its meeting held on 14 July 2020.