

Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Connection Policy



1. Document Control

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2. Statement of Intent

- 2.1. The Policy provides guidance for current and future CWMS customers on the requirements to allow them to connect to The Barossa Council Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS).

3. Policy Statement

- 3.1. This policy provides information when assessing an application for CWMS connection. When applying for a CWMS extension residents are acknowledging that they are the owner of the property or are authorised to submit a request on behalf of the owner.
- 3.2. If the resident is moving into an existing property with a CWMS wastewater service, they are already connected to Council's network and do not need to apply for a connection.
- 3.3. If the property does not have a CWMS wastewater connection to the CWMS network, the resident may apply for connection.
- 3.4. When subdividing an existing property, or for community title division, the CWMS Officer of Council will determine connection requirements and inform the owner or person authorised to submit on their behalf.
- 3.5. Pursuant to the *Planning and Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (PDI Act), the Council will require an augmentation charge to be paid for each additional allotment connected to the CWMS unless written exemption approval has been obtained from the Council.
- 3.6. Prior to an application for Section 138 under the PDI Act, clearance and payment of the CWMS augmentation charge is required before the Certificate of Approval can be issued.
- 3.7. The Council Fees and Charges Register outline the appropriate fees set by the Council.

4. Scope

- 4.1. Properties in The Barossa Council who may be connected and serviced by our Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS).

5. Responsibilities

- 5.1. The CWMS Officer of Council will review all connection applications and extension requests to determine compliance with regulatory requirements.
- 5.2. The CWMS Officer of Council will ensure current drain and treatment capacity is available to receive additional loads.
- 5.3. The CWMS Officer of Council will ensure that current CWMS customers will not be adversely affected by the connection of new customers.
- 5.4. The owner of the property or their authorised person will supply requested information on the nature of new connection and its wastewater quality

6. Legislation and References

Legislation

- Section 138 of the *Planning and Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
- Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Water Industry Act 2012*
- Essential Services Commission of South Australia's (ESCOSA) Water Retail Code

Additional Resources

- Customer Charter – Water and Sewerage Services
- Council's Fees and Charges Register

7. Definitions

PDI Act	<i>Planning and Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i>
CWMS	Community Wastewater Management Scheme

8. Version History

This Policy will be reviewed by the Policy Author in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, within four years or more frequently if legislation or Council's need changes.

Version No.	Date.	Summary of Changes
1	19/06/2022	New Policy
2	16/06/2026	Updated into new templates and content reviewed and updated to reflect legislative changes.

9. Further Information

This Policy is available on Council's website at www.barossa.sa.gov.au. It can also be viewed electronically at Council's principal office at 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa during ordinary business hours. A printed copy of this Policy can be obtained upon payment of a fixed fee.

Feedback regarding this Policy or its application can be made to the Customer Service Team on 8563 8444 or barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au in the first instance, who will refer you to the most appropriate officer.