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**Urban Recycled
Water Connections**

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List here the related strategies, procedures, references, policy or other documents that have a bearing on this Policy and that may be useful reference material for users of this Policy.

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| Related Legislation* | Local Government Act 1993 s168. |
| Related Policies | Byron Bay Effluent Management Strategy 2006 |
| Related Procedures/ Protocols, Statements, documents | |

Note: Any reference to Legislation will be updated in the Policy as required. See website <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/> for current Acts, Regulations and Environmental Planning Instruments.



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1. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this policy to facilitate the connection to the Byron Bay Urban Recycled Water Scheme by commercial enterprises, sporting associations or clubs that are located within 100 metres of the recycled water infrastructure.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to commercial enterprises; sporting associations or clubs that are located within 100 metres of the recycled water infrastructure.

The maximum value that Council will fund for a single connection is \$20,000.

3. DEFINITIONS

List here all the terms and acronyms used in the Policy, and their definitions.

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| BBURWS | Byron Bay Urban Recycled Water Scheme |
| DPI | NSW Department of Primary Industries |
| Section 68 | Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 specifies a range of activities where approvals are required to be obtained from Council. These are often in addition, or ancillary to, standard development application (DA) requirements and are known as 'section 68 approvals' e.g. •managing waste in a public place, waste water connections, carrying out stormwater drainage works etc |

4. STATEMENT

Council will own and be responsible for all recycled water infrastructure up to the property boundary including valves and meter located at the property boundary.

The property owner will be responsible for and own all internal recycled water infrastructure inside the property.

A 2-tiered approach is offered by Council to facilitate connection to the BBURWS.

4.1. User Pays Upfront Costs of Installation

The property owner can pay for all upfront costs for the design and installation of the recycled water infrastructure inside the property boundary.

The property owner will be required to enter into an agreement with Council in accordance with the DPI (Water) Recycled Water Guidelines specifying the responsibilities of Council and the Property Owner for the use of recycled water.

The recycled water consumption will be charged at Council's nominal rate as detailed in published fees and charges.

A Section 68 application will be required to be submitted to initiate the installation of the recycled water connection.



Council nominated sewer and trade water charges will be applied to the combined consumption of recycled water and drinking water.



4.2. Council Pays Upfront Costs for Installation

Council will pay for all upfront costs for the design and installation of the recycled water infrastructure inside the property boundary. These costs will be recovered by the levying of the applicable drinking water rate for the recycled water consumption.

This rate will be charged until the upfront costs plus interest as specified in Council's revenue policy are recovered. Once these costs are recovered, Council's nominal rate for the recycled water consumption will be applied.

The property owner will be required to enter into an agreement with Council in accordance with the DPI (Water) Recycled Water Guidelines specifying the responsibilities of Council and the Property Owner for the use of recycled water and the recovery of costs.

A Section 68 application will be required to be submitted to initiate the installation of the recycled water connection.

Council nominated sewer and trade water charges will be applied to the combined consumption of recycled water and drinking water.

5. LEGISLATIVE AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This policy has a direct relevance to the Byron Bay Effluent Management Strategy adopted by Council in 2006.

6. SUSTAINABILITY

State here how this Policy incorporates social, environmental, economic and governance required for sustainability. Use the Sub Heading prompts below to organise the information about how this Policy incorporates the sustainability elements or delete the prompts if not required.

6.3. Social

Community aspiration to maximise recycled water use.

6.2. Environmental

Maximising recycled water usage in Byron Bay reduces the effluent discharge into the Belongil catchment and reduces the quantity of water imported from Rocky Creek.

6.3. Economic

Increasing recycled water usage reduces Council's costs through less water importation from Rous Water; decreases the business's costs through less drinking water costs and increases Council's asset utilisation with the existing Urban Recycled Water infrastructure.

6.4. Governance



The requirement to have binding agreements between the recycled water user and Council protects the community and complies with the State Government DPI Water recycled water guidelines.