



Gladstone Regional Council

Council Policy

Title	WATER ALLOCATIONS AND SEWERAGE CONNECTION CONCESSIONS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT SPORTING CLUBS AND OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
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1.0 PURPOSE:

To assist local non-for-profit sporting clubs and other not-for-profit community organisations with meeting the cost of sewerage connection charges and water to maintain community sporting and other community use facilities.

2.0 SCOPE:

This policy applies to:

Not-for-profit Sporting clubs and other not-for-profit community organisations that:

- Occupy Council owned/leased/controlled land; or
- Own private (freehold) property; or
- Occupy a deed of grant in trust land; and

Where the sporting clubs or community organisations;

- a. Do not have a gaming licence;
- b. Do not have a liquor licence, except for a Community Club Licence;
- c. Provide free public access to playing fields and/or the sporting facility outside of scheduled competition/training (for example, playing fields that are not locked up);
and
- d. Are responsible for the payment of the rates for the property.¹

3.0 RELATED LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012.

¹ Section 119 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, concessions are available to ratepayers only.

4.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Nil.

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

Community Club Licence means a liquor licence granted to a non-proprietary club such as a sporting club, RSL club or ethnic club. The *Liquor Act 1992* defines a non-proprietary club as an association where any income, profits and assets are used only to promote its objects and are not distributed to its members.

Playing fields are the actual fields upon which the sport provided by the Sporting club is played and required to be irrigated or watered, not including the area outside of the field which is used for spectators, or other activities associated with the sport.

Sporting clubs means sporting bodies that are Not-For-Profit and provide sporting facilities and opportunities for the public to engage in sport.

6.0 POLICY STATEMENT:

The concessions available under this policy are;

- Water Availability Charges;
- Water Consumption Charges; and
- Sewerage Availability Charges.

Water Availability Charges

6.1 Ratepayers/Occupiers of Council owned/leased/controlled land and those that provide playing fields or facilities qualifying under the scope of this policy shall receive a concession on water availability charges calculated as follows:

- Applicable water charge based on meter size – LESS difference to base 20mm meter charge.

Water Consumption Charges

6.2 On those occasions where no general water restrictions have been applied, occupiers of Council owned/leased/controlled land and those private playing fields / facilities qualifying under the scope of this policy shall receive a concession on water consumption charges equivalent to the cost of 5,000Kl/ha playing fields per annum (pro-rata).

Sewerage Availability Charges

6.3 Ratepayers/Occupiers of Council owned/leased/controlled land qualifying under the scope of this policy shall receive a concession on sewerage availability charges for charges greater than the equivalent charge for a single unit dwelling, irrespective of the number of pedestals installed.

6.4 The minimum amount to be paid by the eligible sporting club or not-for-profit community organisation is the equivalent charge for a single unit dwelling.

6.5 Ratepayers/Occupiers of Council owned/leased/controlled land qualifying under the scope of this policy shall receive a concession of 100% on unconnected water and sewerage charges until such time that the Occupiers undertake building works on the land requiring connection to water and sewerage services.

Concession Mechanism

6.6 Normal charges will be levied against all relevant assessments, with these concessions processed as a credit against the relevant rate assessment.

6.7 Officers will conduct an audit annually to check the eligibility and quantum of the concessions available under this policy for all organisations.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.

8.0 REVIEW MECHANISM:

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related legislation or governing documents are amended or replaced; or
2. Other circumstances as determined by resolution of Council or the CEO; or
3. Annually in preparation for budget adoption.

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS			
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Amendment 3	4 July 2017	G/17/3107	
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Amendment 5	19 June 2018	G/18/3440	Formerly Policy P-2018-05
Amendment 6	18 June 2019	G/19/3820	Formerly Policy P-2018-21

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