

**8. APPLICATION OF CHRISTCHURCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAPACITY UPGRADE CHARGE IN SELWYN DISTRICT**

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The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors that the Selwyn District Council has agreed to the application of the Capacity Upgrade Charge to all new lots created in Selwyn District that will discharge wastewater into the Christchurch system.

**INTRODUCTION**

The report recommending the application of a Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Upgrade Charge was presented to the City Services Committee on 9 March 1999. Adoption of the charge was approved and the Council subsequently deferred the implementation of the charge from 1 May 1999 to 1 July 1999. The Committee asked for a further report on contributions to upgrade costs from subdividers and developers in the Selwyn District Council areas accessing the City Council's Wastewater reticulation through the agreement with Selwyn District Council.

**DISCUSSION**

Discussions were held with Selwyn District Council staff and legal advice sought in respect of the City Council's right to apply the charge in Selwyn and the ramifications for the existing agreement between the two Councils for Selwyn to discharge wastewater into the system.

The matter was fully reported to the Selwyn District Council on 12 May 1999. That meeting resolved as follows:

*"1. That the proposed variation to the sewage Trade Wastes Disposal Agreement to provide for a treatment plant capacity upgrade charge on all new lots created by subdivisions that will discharge to the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant effective from 1 July 1999 be accepted subject to amendment of the agreement to accommodate this. The capacity upgrade charges will be as follows:*

<i>Prebbleton</i>	<i>\$540 + GST</i>
<i>Springston</i>	<i>\$540 + GST</i>
<i>Tai Tapu</i>	<i>\$540 + GST</i>
<i>Lincoln (80%)</i>	<i>\$432 + GST</i>

- 2. There will be no charge for collection on behalf of the City of the Capacity Upgrade Charge.*
- 3. That the above resolutions are subject to the approval of the Christchurch City Council."*

## CONCLUSION

The above resolution is satisfactory in that the developers in the Selwyn District discharging wastewater to the city system will pay the same as developers in Christchurch. The exception to this is in Lincoln where developers will pay 80% of the rate as wastewater from Lincoln is treated in oxidation ponds prior to discharging to the Christchurch system. This is exactly in line with the existing Sewage and Trade Wastes Agreement and recognises the lower impact of a treated effluent on the Christchurch Capacity Upgrade requirements.

**Recommendation:** That the existing Sewage and Trade Wastes Disposal Agreement be amended to accommodate the application of the above Capacity Upgrade Charge in Selwyn District areas accessing the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant.