

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson

DATE: 20 January 2009

SUBJECT: **POLICY ON REMISSIONS OF EXCESS METERED WATER RATES**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Council to amend the policy on "Remissions of Excess Metered Water Rates" to better reflect the policy's original intention and to eliminate the ability to claim remissions on pipework outside of what is considered essential for the supply of water to the dwelling.

2 COMMENT

The present remissions policy has been challenged on several occasions as to what water reticulation within a property is covered by the policy.

The change in this policy endeavours to try and limit remissions to pipework directly between the dwelling and the point of supply (water meter).

Any connections, taps etc that feed off this direct link pipework are not covered by this policy.

3 BUILDING ACT

In accordance with the Building Act all work relating to a repair of the potable water supply is to be undertaken by a registered plumber.

The exception to this is in accordance with the Sanitary Plumbing (Exemption) Notice 1978. This gazetted notice allows plumbing to be undertaken by any person in the township of Murchison only.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates be included in the Tasman District Council 2009-2016 LTCCP.

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<http://tdctoday:82/Shared Documents/Meetings/Council/Full Council/Reports/2009/Reports for Council meeting 29 January 2009/RCN090129 Policy on remissions fo excess metered water rates.doc>