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Water Services Funding Growth Disclosure

Tēnā koutou,

South Taranaki District Council (Council) is pleased to provide the attached information in accordance with the Water Services Information Disclosure Determination 2026.

In relation to clause 4.7 of the of the disclosure requirements, we disclose the following information:

Purpose

South Taranaki District Council does not currently have a standalone Funding Growth Policy for water services. This disclosure summarises the Council's existing approach to funding growth-related water services infrastructure.

Growth Planning

The Council identifies growth-related water infrastructure requirements through:

- Long Term Plan processes;
- Annual Plan processes;
- Water Services Asset Management Plans;
- Growth-related investigations and structure planning;
- District Plan planning and development processes.

Growth-related projects are incorporated into the Council's capital works programme and are prioritised alongside renewal, compliance and service-level projects.

Funding Sources

Growth-related water services infrastructure may be funded through a combination of:

- Financial contributions collected under the South Taranaki District Plan;

- Water targeted rates;
- User charges;
- Borrowing;
- General rates where permitted by Council funding policies;
- Other grants, subsidies or third-party contributions where available.

Financial Contributions

Where permitted under the District Plan, financial contributions may be charged to development to recover a share of growth-related infrastructure costs.

Financial contributions currently apply on a district-wide basis and, where relevant, within the Hāwera North Structure Plan Area. Applicable contribution amounts are published annually through the Council's Fees and Charges Schedule.

Hāwera North Structure Plan Area

Specific growth-related infrastructure costs have been identified for the Hāwera North Structure Plan Area and are recovered through additional financial contribution charges applicable to residential and business park developments within the structure plan area.

Western Structure Plan Area

Financial contributions for the Western Structure Plan Area have not yet been determined. Any future contribution framework for this area will be developed through future Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

Future Policy Development

The Council intends to develop and adopt a standalone Funding Growth Policy as part of the ongoing development of its Water Services In-House Business Unit governance framework. Until that time, the Council's approach to funding growth is reflected through the documents and mechanisms described above.

Should the Commission require any additional information in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the Council.

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