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South Taranaki District Council – Water Services Information Disclosure Determination 2026

Tēnā koutou,

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

The attached documents comprise:

1. **Attachment 1 – Dividends Policy Disclosure (Clause 4.6)**
2. **Attachment 2 – Request for Exemption from Clause 4.7 (Policy for Funding Growth)**
3. **Attachment 3 – Charges and Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) Levies Disclosure (Clauses 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10)**
4. **Appendix A – Schedule of Water Services Charges and Fees (2026/27)**

The Council is able to comply with the disclosure requirements relating to dividends policy and charges and IFF levies and has provided the relevant disclosures accordingly.

In relation to clause 4.7, the Council does not currently have a standalone Policy for Funding Growth. Growth-related water services investment is presently planned and funded through a combination of the Long Term Plan, Annual Plan processes, Asset Management Plans, Revenue and Financing Policy, borrowing, rates, user charges and financial contributions collected under the South Taranaki District Plan.

While these arrangements provide the framework for funding growth-related infrastructure, they are currently documented across several statutory planning and funding instruments rather than within a single dedicated Funding Growth Policy. As part of the ongoing establishment and governance development of the Council's Water Services In-House Business Unit, the Council intends to develop and adopt a formal Policy for Funding Growth.

Accordingly, the Council respectfully requests an exemption from the requirements of clause 4.7 until 30 June 2027. The Council expects that a formal Policy for Funding Growth will be developed, approved and publicly disclosed by that date.

The Council also acknowledges the requirement under Clause 2.5 of the Water Services Information Disclosure Determination 2026 to make disclosures publicly available in a prominent place on its website. The Council does not currently have a dedicated section of its website established for Water Services Information Disclosure publications. As an interim measure, the attached disclosures and associated exemption request will be published in a publicly accessible location on the Council's website. The Council intends to establish a permanent and prominent location on its website for Water Services Information Disclosure publications and future disclosures, and will transfer these documents to that location once it has been established.

In the interim, the Council will continue to publicly disclose information regarding growth-related infrastructure funding through its Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, Revenue and Financing Policy, Asset Management Plans and District Plan provisions relating to financial contributions.

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

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Attachment 1: Dividends Policy

Clause 4.6

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Disclosure Statement

South Taranaki District Council does not have a dividends policy for its Water Services In-House Business Unit.

The Water Services In-House Business Unit is operated as part of South Taranaki District Council and does not declare or pay dividends to Council or any other party.

Any operating surplus generated from water services activities is retained within Council, ring-fenced to water activities and managed through Council's statutory planning, funding and budgeting processes.

Disclosure position

No dividends are declared or paid for Council water services. A standalone dividends policy is therefore not applicable.

Basis for Disclosure

- The Water Services In-House Business Unit is not a separate dividend-paying entity.
- Council water services are managed through Council's wider statutory financial planning and accountability framework.
- Any surplus or deficit is addressed through Council's planning, budgeting and funding processes.

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Attachment 2: Request for Exemption

Clause 4.7 - Policy for Funding Growth

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Request

South Taranaki District Council respectfully requests an exemption from the disclosure requirements of clause 4.7 of the Water Services Information Disclosure Determination 2026 until 30 June 2027.

Reason for Request

The Council does not currently have a standalone formal Policy for Funding Growth for its Water Services In-House Business Unit.

Growth-related investment in drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is currently planned and funded through existing Council planning and funding mechanisms, including:

- the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes;
- Asset Management Plans;
- the Revenue and Financing Policy;
- borrowing, rates and user charges; and
- financial contributions collected under the South Taranaki District Plan.

South Taranaki District Council does not currently operate a Development Contributions Policy under the Local Government Act 2002. Instead, growth-related infrastructure costs may be recovered through financial contributions imposed under the Resource Management Act framework and the South Taranaki District Plan.

Nature of the compliance gap

Council has established mechanisms for planning and funding growth-related infrastructure, but these arrangements are documented across several planning and funding instruments rather than in a single dedicated Funding Growth Policy.

Proposed Compliance Date

The Council is progressing work associated with the establishment and governance of its Water Services In-House Business Unit. As part of that programme, Council expects to develop, approve and publish a formal Policy for Funding Growth by 30 June 2027.

Interim Transparency

In the interim, Council will continue to publicly disclose information regarding growth-related infrastructure funding through its Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, Revenue and Financing Policy, Asset Management Plans and District Plan provisions relating to financial contributions.

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Attachment 3: Charges and IFF Levies Disclosure

Clauses 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10

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Disclosure Statement

South Taranaki District Council recovers costs associated with drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services through a combination of targeted rates, volumetric charges, fixed charges, trade waste charges and financial contributions where applicable.

Financial contributions may apply to subdivision and development activities in accordance with the South Taranaki District Plan. Council does not currently collect development contributions under the Local Government Act 2002. Instead, growth-related infrastructure costs may be recovered through financial contributions imposed under the Resource Management Act framework and the South Taranaki District Plan.

Water Supply Charges

Water supply charges include targeted rates, volumetric charges, fixed metered connection charges, bulk water supply charges and water connection fees. Detailed charges are set out in Appendix A.

Wastewater Charges

Wastewater charges include targeted rates and trade waste charges for relevant commercial and industrial customers. Detailed charges are set out in Appendix A.

Stormwater Charges

Stormwater services are funded through General Rates and the Uniform Annual General Charge. No separate stormwater targeted charge currently applies.

Infrastructure Funding and Financing Levies

South Taranaki District Council does not currently collect any Infrastructure Funding and Financing levy on behalf of a responsible Special Purpose Vehicle.

- No Infrastructure Funding and Financing levies are currently payable in relation to Council water services.
- No Infrastructure Funding and Financing levy revenue is collected.
- No levy order under the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020 applies to Council water services activities.

Disclosure scope

This document should be read together with Appendix A: Schedule of Water Services Charges and Fees 2026/27.

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Appendix A: Schedule of Water Services Charges and Fees

2026/27 Financial Year

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All amounts are presented as GST inclusive except where the GST treatment is not specified in the underlying source document.

A1. Water Supply Charges

Urban Water Supply - Targeted Rates

Charge	Amount
Connected	\$779.70 per SUIP
Serviceable	\$389.85 per SUIP

Metered Urban Water Supply

Charge	Amount
Town Supply	\$3.30/m ³
Extra High User	\$3.48/m ³

Rural Water Supply

Charge	Amount
Rural Water Supply	\$1.36/m ³

Fixed Meter Charges

Meter Size / Connection Type	Charge
≤32mm connection	\$150
≤32mm connection with backflow prevention	\$260

≤40mm connection	\$175
≤40mm connection with backflow prevention	\$325
≤50mm connection with backflow prevention	\$460
>50mm connection with backflow prevention	\$630

Other Water Charges

Charge	Amount
User Fee for Bulk Water Supply at filling points – throughout District	\$8.50/m ³
Water per cubic metre (extraordinary)	\$8.50/m ³
Water Connection Application Fee	\$430
Permitted Urban Flow Exceedance	\$1.00/m ³
Permitted Rural Flow Exceedance	\$0.50/m ³
Contribution to Join Council Water Main - Turuturu Road Hāwera Water Supply Extension from Haowhenua Place	\$2,000

A2. Wastewater Charges

Wastewater Targeted Rates

Charge	Amount
Connected	\$1,058.00 per SUIP
Serviceable	\$529.00 per SUIP

A3. Stormwater Charges

Stormwater services are funded through General Rates and the Uniform Annual General Charge. No separate stormwater targeted charge currently applies.

A4. Trade Waste Charges

Annual Trade Waste Consents

Charge	Amount
Controlled Industry Consent	\$175
Conditional Industry Consent	\$175

Conditional Industry Charges - Hāwera

Charge	Amount
Flow	\$3.00/m ³
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$4.00/kg
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	\$3.00/kg

Conditional Industry Charges - Eltham

Charge	Amount
Flow	\$4.00/m ³
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$5.00/kg
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	\$3.00/kg

Conditional Industry Charges - Other Areas

Charge	Amount
Flow	\$4.00/m ³
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$3.00/kg
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	\$3.00/kg
Re-inspection	\$203
Extra Inspection - Controlled	\$533
Extra Inspection - Conditional	\$839

Administrative Charges

Charge	Amount
Application Fee	\$269
Connection / Disconnection Fee	\$242
Compliance Monitoring	\$472
Inspection / Re-inspection Fee	\$203
Screenable Solids	\$3 00/kg

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Charge	Amount
Tanker Septage Disposal	\$82.00/m ³
Septage Clean-up Fee	\$836
Toxicity Charge	\$340

Other Wastewater Charges

Charge	Amount
Wastewater Connection Application Fee	\$430

A5. Growth Funding Charges

South Taranaki District Council does not currently levy Development Contributions under the Local Government Act 2002. Growth-related infrastructure costs may instead be recovered through Financial Contributions under the South Taranaki District Plan.

A5.1 District-Wide Contributions - per allotment or per dwelling

Per additional dwelling or allotment, including permitted activities, at a district-wide scale.

Infrastructure Type	Financial Contribution
Roading	\$9,238.00
Water	\$8,957.00
Wastewater	\$4,108.00
Stormwater	\$0.00
Total	\$22,303.00

A5.2 Hāwera North Structure Plan - Residential Area

Financial contribution per 1m² of land area, after adjustment factors. These apply in addition to the district-wide contributions where applicable.

Infrastructure Type	Financial Contribution
Roading	\$21.57/m ²
Water	\$10.56/m ²
Wastewater	\$19.26/m ²
Stormwater	\$18.05/m ²
Total	\$69.44/m²

A5.3 Hāwera North Structure Plan - Commercial / Industrial / Non-Residential Development

Financial contribution per 1m² of land area, after adjustment factors.

Infrastructure Type	Financial Contribution
Roading	\$17.31/m ²
Water	\$5.06/m ²
Wastewater	\$8.40/m ²
Stormwater	\$3.08/m ²
Total	\$33.57/m²

A5.4 Hāwera West / Western Structure Plan Area

Financial contributions for the Western Structure Plan area are not available at this time and will be determined through future Long Term Plans and Annual Plans. Refer to the District Plan for further information.

A6. Infrastructure Funding and Financing Levies

South Taranaki District Council does not currently collect any Infrastructure Funding and Financing levy on behalf of a responsible Special Purpose Vehicle.

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