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Report to the Utility Services Committee
from Murray Kennedy, Strategy and Asset Manager

Wholesale Water Supply : Review of Fees and Charges for Private Supplies : Period July 2000 to June 2001

1. Purpose

To make recommendations for fees and charges for private water supplies from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

2. Background

Wholesale water supplies in the area serviced by Wellington Regional Council (WRC) are generally delivered to territorial authority owned service reservoirs. However, within the area there are 13 private supplies fed directly by the WRC.

The relevant territorial authority is billed for the WRC fees and charges, which are then charged by the appropriate City Council to the individual consumers. These fees and charges are reviewed annually by WRC and are separate from the wholesale water levy.

3. Variable Water Rate (GST exclusive)

It is proposed that the *variable* water rate charge for metered consumers reduces from 44.4 cents per cubic metre, which was the charge in 1999/2000 to 42.6 cents per cubic metre. This is a four percent reduction and in line with the decrease in wholesale water charges for the same period.

4. **Supply Points, Fixed Fees and Charges (GST exclusive)**

These fees and fixed charges include the cost of meter reading, meter maintenance, backflow prevention and independent inspection of backflow equipment, and in some cases fire hydrants. The total revenue from the fees and charges is approximately \$2,400 a year.

It is not proposed to review these charges for 2000/2001. This will be the third year that these charges have not changed.

5. **Recommendations**

That the Utility Services Committee:

- (1) *Approves a variable water rate of 42.6 cents per cubic metre for private supplies for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.*
- (2) *Approves fixed fees and charges the same as was set for the 1997/98 financial year.*

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