

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act 1955
Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996

Determination of Fees for Water and Sewerage Services No. 1 of 2010

Section 3 of the *Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996* (the Ordinance) authorises the Administrator to make provision for the supply and use of utilities and services in relation to, amongst other things, water and drainage and sewerage in the Territory. Section 4 of the Ordinance provides that the Administrator is to impose a fee for the provision to a person, or the use by a person, of such utilities and services.

The *Determination of Fees for Water and Sewerage Services No. 1 of 2010* (the Determination) sets the fees for water and wastewater charges on Cocos (Keeling) Islands and replaces the *Determination of Fees for Water and Sewerage Services No.3 of 2009*.

It is Government policy that there should be parity between the prices in the Territory and those in Western Australia wherever possible. The fees set in the Determination are substantially the same as those which apply in Western Australia and are considerably less than the cost of supply. Accordingly, consultation on the fees was not undertaken.

The Determination commences on 1 July 2010.

Approximate rates of increase in the various fees from the previous year are described below:

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Percent Increase
SCHEDULE 1 – FIXED CHARGES FOR WATER				
1 Residential	\$180.50	\$200.40	\$186.60	-6.9%
2 Commercial or Industrial except as specified in item 6.				
15 or 20mm meter or un-metered	\$500.30	\$463.80	\$365.90	-21.1%
25mm	\$781.70	\$724.80	\$571.70	-21.1%
30mm	\$1,126.00	\$1,044.00	\$823.20	-21.1%
35, 38 or 40mm	\$2,001.00	\$1,855.00	\$1,463.50	-21.1%
50mm	\$3,127.00	\$2,899.00	\$2,286.70	-21.1%
70, 75 or 80mm	\$8,005.00	\$7,422.00	\$5,853.90	-21.1%
100mm	\$12,507.00	\$11,596.00	\$9,146.70	-21.1%
140 or 150mm	\$28,142.00	\$26,091.00	\$20,580.10	-21.1%
3 Institutional/Public, Charitable or Government	Nil	Nil	Nil	
4 Vacant land	\$180.50	\$200.40	\$186.60	-6.9%
5 Fire service	\$180.50	\$200.40	\$186.60	-6.9%

6 Strata titled Commercial or Industrial property sharing a water service	\$180.50	\$200.40	\$186.60	-6.9%
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SCHEDULE 2 – FIXED CHARGES FOR SEWERAGE

1 Residential				
Rate in the dollar	3.562 cents per \$ of GRV	3.711 cents per \$ of GRV	3.860 cents per \$ of GRV	4.0%
Minimum Annual Charge	\$275.90	\$287.50	\$293.50	2.1%
Maximum Annual Charge	\$687.50	\$716.40	\$731.40	2.1%
Increase in GRV based charges from one year to the next limited to	13.40%	14.20%	12.10%	
2 Commercial / Industrial				
Rate in the dollar	2.625cents per \$ of GRV	2.735 cents per \$ of GRV	2.776 cents per \$ of GRV	4.0%
Minimum Annual Charge	\$607.90	\$633.40	\$658.50	4.0%
Increase in GRV based charges from one year to the next limited to 13.6%.	13.40%	14.20%	12.10%	
3 Vacant Land				
Annual Charge	\$181.60	\$189.20	\$193.20	2.1%
4 Institutional/public and Charitable Purposes				
First major fixture	\$163.30	\$170.20	\$176.90	3.9%
Each additional major fixture	\$71.80	\$74.80	\$77.80	4.0%
5 Government				
Per connection	\$907.65	\$945.75	\$983.60	4.0%

SCHEDULE 3 – WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

1 Residential or Vacant Land	c/kL	c/kL	c/kL	
0 - 150kL	64.3	72.6	98.2	35.3%
151 - 350kL	82.8	88.0	108.7	23.5%
351 - 500kL	82.8	88.0	123.7	40.6%
501 - 550kL	98.4	124.7	180.5	44.7%
551 - 650kL	108.5	133.1	186.2	39.9%
651 - 750kL	173.2	186.4	222.5	19.4%
751 - 1150kL	292.7	325.8	365.1	12.1%
1151 - 1550kL	513.4	524.5	500.3	-4.6%
1551 - 1950kL	592.4	589.5	544.6	-7.6%
Over 1950kL	671.2	654.4	588.8	-10.0%
Note additional tier 351-500kL from 01/07/2010				
2 Commercial, Industrial or Government				
0 - 300kL	226.8	255.5	282.1	10.4%
over 301kL	335.3	349.4	356.7	2.1%

3 Institutional/Public (non-government schools, churches, community facilities etc) Charitable purposes

0 - 300kL	226.8	119.7	134.7	12.5%
over 301kL	335.3	176.8	180.5	2.1%

SCHEDULE 4 – BUILDING APPLICATION FEES

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Percent Increase
1 Building plans to construct a new residential building or alter an existing residential building (charge is for each residential unit).	\$106.00	\$106.00	\$108.25	2.1%
2 Minor building fee for approval of an outbuilding to a single residential property, includes pools, garages and pergolas (in sewerred areas only).	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.65	2.1%
3 Building plans for multi-residential units. Per unit	\$106.00/unit	\$106.00	\$108.25	2.1%
4 Building plans for other than residential and multi-residential units (construct new building/alter existing building) at a cost of:				
Up to \$22,500 (sewerred area only)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.0%
Over \$22,500 but not over \$200,000	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	0.0%
\$200,001 but not over \$500,000	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	0.0%
\$500,001 but not over \$1,000,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	0.0%
And where the cost exceeds \$1,000,000 —				
First \$10,000,000	\$0.90 per \$'000	\$0.90 per \$'000	\$0.90 per \$'000	0.0%
Over \$10,000,000	\$9,000 plus \$0.25 per \$'000 Over \$10,000,000	\$9,000 plus \$0.25 per \$'000 Over \$10,000,000	\$9,000 plus \$0.25 per \$'000 Over \$10,000,000	0.0%

SCHEDULE 5 – OTHER FEES, DISCOUNTS, INTEREST RATES AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
1 Relocation of service	Actual / quoted cost	Actual / quoted cost	Actual / quoted cost
2 Water service disconnection or reconnection	Actual / quoted cost	Actual / quoted cost	Actual / quoted cost
3 Special meter readings for change of ownership/tenancy			

	Within 7 days	\$13.70	\$14.30	\$14.60	2.1%
	Within 2 days	\$46.15	\$48.10	\$49.10	2.1%
4	Advice of Sale Requests				
	Electronic advice – standard	\$36.40	\$37.95	\$38.75	2.1%
	Electronic advice – urgent	\$68.75	\$71.65	\$73.15	2.1%
	Manual advice – standard	\$62.55	\$65.20	\$66.55	2.1%
	Manual advice – urgent	\$94.60	\$98.55	\$100.60	2.1%
5	Meter Tests				
	20mm to 25mm meters	\$88.00	\$91.50	\$93.50	2.2%
	Over 25mm meters	Actual quoted cost	Actual quoted cost	Actual quoted cost	
6	Restoration of service after restriction between 7:00am and 4:00pm any day except Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays	\$118.00	\$123.00	\$ 134.00	8.9%
	Any Other time	\$187.00	\$195.00	\$ 212.40	8.9%
7	Sewer Connection Charge	Actual/quo ted cost	Actual/quoted cost	Actual/quot ed cost	
8	Installation of Sewer Junction	Actual/quo ted cost	Actual/quoted cost	Actual/quot ed cost	
9	Discount	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	0.0%
10	Discount Interest Rate	5.36%	2.46%	3.91%	
11	Instalment Charge	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.0%
12	Instalment Charge Interest Rate	6.36%	3.46%	4.91%	

SCHEDULE 6 – HEADWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS

Headworks contributions will be payable for building developments, subdivisional developments and upgrading of existing water and wastewater services in accordance with the current charges as adopted by the Water Corporation of Western Australia. Details