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# **SEWERAGE REGULATIONS 1996**

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# PART 1 PRELIMINARY

### Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Sewerage Regulations 1996.

#### Commencement

2. These regulations will come into operation on 1 September 1996.

### Revocation

3. The Sewerage Regulations 1973 are revoked.

### Interpretation

4. (1) In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

"the Act" means the Sewerage Act 1929;

"adjacent land" in relation to a sewer means-

- (a) land abutting upon part of a street in, or adjacent to, which a sewer has been laid; or
- (b) land abutting upon, or traversed by, a sewer;

"adjacent sewer" in relation to land means a sewer in relation to which the land is adjacent land;

"allotment" has the same meaning as in Part 19AB of the *Real Property Act 1886* but also includes common property and community and development lots within the meaning of the *Community Titles Act 1996* and common property and units within the meaning of the *Strata Titles Act 1988*;

"**AWT system**" means an advanced wastewater treatment system being a system designed for the treatment of wastewater by means of a septic tank and a secondary treatment process that includes the disinfection of effluent;

"business day" means every day except Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday;

"capital contribution" means the amount for the time being payable under Part 5 Division 1;

"complying AWT system" means an AWT system that—

- (a) was manufactured or constructed in accordance with the Waste Control Regulations; and
- (b) was installed (and, if altered, was altered) in accordance with those regulations; and
- (c) is used and maintained in accordance with those regulations,

and includes an AWT system installed before the commencement of the Waste Control Regulations that was—

- (d) manufactured or constructed; and
- (e) installed (and, if altered, was altered); and
- (f) used until the commencement of the Waste Control Regulations,

in accordance with the law applicable at the time and since the commencement of the *Waste Control Regulations* has been used and maintained and, if altered, has been altered in accordance with those regulations;

"council" means a municipal or district council;

"**Directions**" means the directions published by the Corporation under regulation 17 that are for the time being in force;

"entry point" means a fitting connected to the undertaking to enable a person to enter the pipes, fittings and other works of the undertaking;

"the higher rebate"—see regulation 37;

"inspection point" means a fitting designed to provide for inspection of pipes or other fittings or to provide access by means of tools to the inside of pipes or fittings;

"licensed plumbing contractor" means a person who is the holder of a plumbing contractor's licence granted under the *Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995*;

"the lower rebate"—see regulation 37;

"owner" of land means-

- (*a*) where the land is unalienated Crown land—the Crown;
- (b) where the land has been alienated from the Crown by grant in fee simple—the holder of an estate in fee simple in the land;
- (c) where the land is held of the Crown by lease or licence—the lessee or licensee;
- (d) where the land is held of the Crown under an agreement to purchase—the person who is entitled to the benefit of the agreement;

"non-complying AWT system" means an AWT system that is not a complying AWT system;

"non-urban area" means an area that is not an urban area;

"registered plumbing worker" means a person authorised by registration under Part 3 of the *Plumbers, Gasfitters and Electricians Act 1995* to carry out sanitary plumbing or draining work;

"the revoked regulations" means the *Sewerage Regulations* 1973 revoked by these regulations;

"**septic tank**" means a septic tank that is designed for the collection and treatment of wastewater;

"sewer connection" in relation to an allotment means-

- (a) the pipes and fittings (including an inspection point) connecting (or installed for the purpose of connecting) the allotment to a sewer across part of a street, road or other land;
- (b) where the sewer is situated in the allotment—the fitting (including an inspection point) connecting (or installed for the purpose of connecting) the allotment to the sewer;

"standard capital contribution"—see regulation 36;

"urban area" means an area designated as an urban area in the Urban Service Areas Handbook;

"the Urban Service Areas Handbook" means the handbook of that name maintained by the Corporation;

"**vent**" means a pipe, fitting or equipment connected to the undertaking to ventilate the undertaking or pipes connected to the undertaking;

"Waste Control Regulations" means the *Public and Environmental Health (Waste Control) Regulations 1995* (see *Gazette 10* May 1995 p. 1803) as varied from time to time;

"wastewater" means—

- (a) water used to flush human waste into the undertaking or other sewage disposal or treatment system; and
- (b) water used for personal washing; and
- (c) water used for washing clothes or dishes; and
- (d) water used in a swimming pool,

and includes material of the kind and quantity usually dissolved or suspended in, or mixed with, water of any of those kinds.

(2) For the purpose of applying the definition of "adjacent land"—

- (a) where the land comprised in a strata plan under the *Strata Titles Act 1988* is adjacent land in relation to a sewer, the common property and each of the units comprising the land will be taken to be adjacent land in relation to the sewer;
- (b) where land that is a community parcel within the meaning of the *Community Titles Act* 1996 is adjacent land in relation to a sewer and is divided by a strata plan under that Act, the common property and each of the strata lots comprising the parcel will be taken to be adjacent land in relation to the sewer;
- (c) where land that is a community parcel within the meaning of the *Community Titles Act* 1996 is adjacent land in relation to a sewer and is divided by a community plan (not being a strata plan) under that Act, those parts of the common property and those lots comprising the parcel that are, or are to be, connected to the sewer will be taken to be adjacent land in relation to the sewer.

### PART 2 DESIGN, MATERIAL AND WORK STANDARDS

### **DIVISION 1—DESIGN STANDARDS**

#### Pipes must not lie across allotment boundaries

**5.** (1) Subject to this regulation, a pipe connected to the undertaking must not lie across the boundary between adjoining allotments and accordingly—

- (a) a person must not—
  - (i) lay a pipe that is, or is to be, connected to the undertaking across the boundary of adjoining allotments; or
  - (ii) connect a pipe that has been laid across the boundary of adjoining allotments to the undertaking;
- (b) if, upon the division of land, the boundary of adjoining allotments intersects the line on which a pipe connected to the undertaking has been laid, the owner or occupier of each allotment may be directed by the Corporation under this regulation to disconnect the pipe from the undertaking.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in relation to allotments in the same site under the *Strata Titles Act 1988* or in the same community parcel under the *Community Titles Act 1996*.

(3) It is a defence to prosecution for an offence against subregulation (1)(a) to prove that the laying or connecting of the pipe was done with the written approval of the Corporation.

(4) Where a pipe connected to the undertaking lies across the boundary between adjoining allotments (except allotments in the same site under the *Strata Titles Act 1988* or in the same community parcel under the *Community Titles Act 1996*), the Corporation may give written notice to the owner or occupier of each of the allotments directing that the pipe be disconnected from the undertaking in the manner, at the point and within the time stated in the notice.

(5) A person to whom a notice is given under subregulation (4), or a person acting on his or her behalf, is entitled to carry out such work as is reasonably necessary in order to comply with the notice and for that purpose may enter either or both of the allotments or any adjoining land.

(6) A person who fails to comply with a notice is guilty of an offence.

(7) If the persons to whom notice has been given fail to comply with it, the Corporation or a person authorised by the Corporation may enter either allotment or any adjoining land and carry out the necessary work and those persons are jointly and severally liable to the Corporation for its costs in carrying out that work.

(8) The owners of the allotments are jointly and severally liable to-

- (a) the Corporation for its costs in carrying out work under subregulation (7); and
- (b) an occupier of either allotment for—
  - (i) the occupier's costs in carrying out work required by a notice given to the occupier under subregulation (4); and
  - (ii) for any amount that the occupier is liable to pay to the Corporation under subregulation (7).

#### Size of sewer connections

**6.** (1) In the area bounded by North Terrace, East Terrace, South Terrace and West Terrace in the City of Adelaide all sewer connections must be 150 millimetres nominal diameter unless the Corporation requires or authorises the connection to be of some other diameter.

(2) Sewer connections must be 100 millimetres nominal diameter in every other part of the State unless the Corporation requires or authorises the connection to be of some other diameter.

#### Allotments, etc., created by division to be connected to the undertaking

7. (1) Where adjacent land is divided under Part 19AB of the *Real Property Act 1886* or by a plan of community division (not being a strata plan) under the *Community Titles Act 1996* a sewer connection must be installed in relation to each allotment or community lot created by the division unless the Corporation decides that a sewer connection is not required.

(2) Where a standard capital contribution is not payable in relation to an allotment referred to in subregulation (1), the owner and occupier of the allotment are liable to pay to the Corporation a charge calculated by subtracting the connection charge under regulation 36 from the installation charge under that regulation.

#### **Fittings and equipment**

**8.** (1) Where, in the opinion of the Corporation, there is a risk of the backflow of wastewater in pipes, fittings or equipment on land connected to the undertaking the Corporation may direct the owner of the land—

- (a) to discharge wastewater to the undertaking at a point directed by the Corporation and where necessary to install an ejector pump or other equipment approved by the Corporation for that purpose; or
- (b) to install reflux fittings in accordance with the Corporation's directions; or
- (c) to take such other action as the Corporation directs.

(2) Where the vents connected to a building ("the existing building") cease to comply with the requirements of these regulations and the Directions because another building ("the new building") has been erected next to, or in the vicinity of, the existing building, the owner of the existing building must alter the vents so that they comply with those requirements and the cost of doing so may be recovered as a debt by the owner of the existing building from the owner of the new building.

(3) Subject to the Directions, where a pipe on an allotment is connected by a sewer connection to a sewer having a nominal diameter of 375 millimetres or more and the sewer connection does not incorporate a water seal, a trap or a water seal that blocks the movement of air or other gases must be installed on the allotment as close to the boundary of the allotment as is practicable.

(4) A grating that complies with the Directions must be used to cover an inlet to a pipe connected to the undertaking (except a toilet or any other fitting or equipment designed to flush wastewater into pipes connected to the undertaking) that would otherwise be open.

#### **Applications under s. 35 of Act**

**9.** An application to the Corporation for its authorisation under section 35 of the Act must be in a form approved by the Corporation and should be made at least seven days before the applicant wishes to commence the proposed work.

#### Fittings, etc., to be flush with road surface

10. (1) Entry points, inspection points and similar fittings situated in a road, footpath or an easement must be flush with the surface of the road, footpath or easement.

- (2) If the surface height of a road, footpath or easement is altered—
- (a) the council, other authority or person who made the alteration must give notice in writing to the Corporation of the alteration; and
- (b) the Corporation must, at the cost of the council, other authority or person who made the alteration, alter the height of the entry point, inspection point or other fitting.

(2) The Corporation may recover its costs as a debt from the council, other authority or person.

#### Disconnection of pipe, etc., from sewer connection

**11.** (1) A person must not disconnect a pipe or fitting that is directly connected to a sewer connection from the sewer connection unless he or she is authorised to do so by the Corporation.

(2) If a pipe or fitting that is directly connected to a sewer connection is no longer used to drain wastewater into the undertaking the owner of the land on which the pipe or fitting is situated must inform the Corporation in writing that the pipe or fitting is no longer used.

(3) The Corporation may direct the owner of land referred to in subregulation (2) to disconnect the land from the sewer connection.

(4) If a building, or part of a building, that is connected to the undertaking is to be demolished, the owner of the building must inform the Corporation in writing that the building, or part of the building, is to be demolished at least seven days before the demolition commences.

(5) The Corporation may direct the owner of the building referred to in subregulation (4) to disconnect the land from the sewer connection or to disconnect the building from the undertaking but leave the land connected to the sewer connection.

(6) If a person fails to comply with a direction under this regulation, the Corporation, or a person authorised by the Corporation, may take the necessary action (and for that purpose may enter the land or any adjoining land) and the Corporation's costs will be a debt due by the person to the Corporation.

(7) A person must give the Corporation at least seven days notice of his or her intention of complying with a direction under this regulation.

#### **Removal of disused pipes**

**12.** (1) The Corporation may direct the owner of land to disconnect a pipe or fitting (not being a pipe or fitting connected directly to the sewer connection) from the undertaking if the pipe or fitting is no longer used to drain wastewater into the undertaking.

(2) If a person fails to comply with a direction, the Corporation, or a person authorised by the Corporation, may take the necessary action (and for that purpose may enter the land or any adjoining land) and the Corporation's costs will be a debt due by the person to the Corporation.

(3) A person must give the Corporation at least seven days written notice of his or her intention of complying with subregulation (1).

### **DIVISION 2—MATERIAL STANDARDS**

Restrictions on the use of pipes, fittings, etc.

13. (1) A person must not use a pipe, fitting or equipment for connection to the undertaking unless—

(a) -

- (i) Standards Australia or a person acting on its behalf has authorised the marking of the pipe, fitting or equipment with a StandardsMark, a WaterMark or a TypeTest Mark and the Corporation has authorised the use of pipes, fittings or equipment of that type in this State; or
- (ii) the Corporation has determined that the pipe, fitting or equipment is suitable for connection to the undertaking; and
- (b) the pipe, fitting or equipment is free from defects.

(2) An authorisation given or determination made by the Minister under regulation 8.4A.1 of the repealed regulations being an authorisation or determination that was in force immediately before the commencement of these regulations will be taken to be an authorisation given or determination made by the Corporation under subregulation (1).

(3) Subregulation (1) does not apply in relation to a pipe, fitting or equipment of a type excluded from the operation of that subregulation by the Corporation.

(4) An authorisation given, or a determination made, by the Corporation under subregulation (1) will be subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

(5) The Corporation may vary or revoke an authorisation given, or a determination made, by it under subregulation (1) at any time.

(6) A person applying for a determination by the Corporation under subregulation (1) must pay to the Corporation such charges as it thinks are reasonable for its consideration (including examination and testing) and determination of the application.

(7) Where the Corporation has made a determination under subregulation (1) it may, in order to ensure that the original standard is maintained, arrange for the periodical inspection of—

- (a) the premises at which pipes, fittings or equipment to which the determination relates are manufactured and the processes used in manufacture;
- (b) the premises at which pipes, fittings or equipment to which the determination relates are stored and the pipes, fittings and equipment stored on those premises,

and the occupier of the premises must pay the Corporation's reasonable costs of inspection.

(8) A person must not mark a pipe, fitting or equipment with a mark that suggests that the pipe, fitting or equipment is the subject of a determination by the Corporation under subregulation (1) unless it is the subject of such a determination.

### DIVISION 3—WORK STANDARDS

#### Work to be carried out in a competent manner

14. All work comprising, or relating to, the installation, replacement, repair, maintenance or cleaning of pipes, fittings or equipment connected to the undertaking must be performed in a competent manner in accordance with the Act, these regulations and the Directions by a licensed plumbing contractor authorised to perform the work under the *Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995*.

#### **Inspection of work**

**15.** (1) The Corporation, or a person authorised by the Corporation is entitled, but is not obliged, to inspect work comprising, or relating to, the installation, replacement, repair, maintenance or cleaning of pipes, fittings or equipment connected to the undertaking.

(2) A licensed plumbing contractor or other person must not cover work of a kind referred to in subregulation (1) or do anything else that will prevent or hinder the inspection of the work unless—

- (a) the Corporation has informed him or her that the Corporation does not wish to inspect the work or work of that kind; or
- (b) the contractor or other person has agreed with the Corporation on the time for a person authorised by the Corporation to inspect the work and the same time on the next business day has passed,

and, where the work comprises or includes the installation of pipes, fittings or equipment, the licensed plumbing contractor or other person has made a record of all information needed for the preparation of the drawing referred to in subregulation (3)(b).

(3) A licensed plumbing contractor who has carried out work of a kind referred to in subregulation (1) must, within seven days after completing the work, provide the Corporation, and the owner or occupier of the land on which the work was carried out, with—

- (a) a certificate signed by the contractor certifying that the work has been carried out in accordance with the Act, these regulations and the Directions; and
- (b) in the case of the installation of pipes, fittings or equipment—a drawing showing the position and dimensions of the work which has been carried out.

(4) If the Corporation rejects a drawing, the person who carried out the work must, within 14 days, provide a new drawing that meets the Corporation's requirements.

(5) If the Corporation does not reject a drawing within 7 days after it has been provided, the Corporation will be taken to have accepted it.

#### **Defective work**

16. (1) If within the prescribed period the Corporation—

- (a) finds that a pipe, fitting or equipment has been installed in contravention of the Act, these regulations or the Directions; or
- (b) finds that a pipe or fitting connected to the undertaking is defective; or

(c) forms the opinion that the work has not been performed to an acceptable standard,

the plumbing contractor must remedy the defect at his or her expense.

(2) In subregulation (1)—

"the prescribed period" means-

- (a) if a drawing of the work is required under regulation 15(3)(b)—the period from the completion of the work until the expiration of 12 months after the drawing of the work is accepted by the Corporation; or
- (b) if a drawing of the work is not required—the period from the completion of the work until the expiration of 12 months after the certificate referred to in regulation 15(3)(a) was provided to the Corporation.

(3) If a plumbing contractor fails to remedy the defect as required by subregulation (1), the owner of the land on which the work was done must cause the defect to be remedied and may recover the cost from the plumbing contractor as a debt.

### **DIVISION 4—DIRECTIONS**

#### **Directions by the Corporation**

**17.** (1) In order to ensure the safe and proper operation of the undertaking and the pipes, fittings and equipment connected to it, the Corporation may publish written directions—

- (a) specifying the nature and quality of the materials from which pipes, fittings and equipment connected to the undertaking must be constructed; and
- (b) specifying the design and size of pipes, fittings and equipment that may be connected to the undertaking; and
- (c) specifying the number of pipes, fittings and equipment that may be connected to the undertaking; and
- (d) specifying the position of pipes, fittings and equipment connected to the undertaking; and
- (e) specifying the procedures to be adopted when installing, replacing, repairing, maintaining, cleaning or connecting pipes, fittings or equipment.
- (2) The Corporation may vary or revoke a direction.

(3) The Directions published by the Minister under regulation 16 of the revoked regulations that were in force immediately before the commencement of these regulations will be taken to have been published by the Corporation as Directions under this regulation.

(4) A person who installs, replaces, repairs, maintains or cleans pipes, fittings or equipment for connection or that are connected to the undertaking or who connects or disconnects pipes, fittings or equipment to or from the undertaking must comply with the specifications, standards or procedures specified in the Directions.

### PART 3

# MAINTENANCE OF PIPES, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

#### **Obligations of landowners**

**18.** (1) The owner of land must ensure that the pipes and fittings connected to the undertaking that are situated on the land are properly maintained and repaired and replaced when necessary by a licensed plumbing contractor or a registered plumbing worker authorised to perform the necessary work under the *Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995*.

(2) A person must not, without the written approval of the Corporation, introduce any substance into pipes, fittings or equipment connected to the undertaking for the purpose of cleaning, clearing or repairing, or preventing the growth of roots in, pipes or fittings connected to the undertaking.

(3) Without limiting the manner in which it may give its approval under subregulation (2), the Corporation may give its approval by notice published in the *Gazette*.

(4) An approval, whether published in the *Gazette* or given in any other manner, may be revoked or varied by the Corporation at any time.

(5) A licensed plumbing contractor or a registered plumbing worker may use an inspection point in the undertaking to gain access to pipes or fittings connected to the undertaking.

(6) The Corporation's costs of repairing any damage caused to the undertaking by a person using an inspection point under subregulation (5) is a debt due by that person to the Corporation.

(7) A person must not enter the undertaking unless he or she is—

- (a) an employee of the Corporation; or
- (b) authorised by the Corporation to enter the undertaking.

### PART 4 PROTECTION OF THE UNDERTAKING

#### Interpretation

19. In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears—

"public land" means-

- (a) land vested in, or that is under the care control and management, of a municipal or district council; and
- (*b*) unalienated land of the Crown;

"trade waste" means material (other than wastewater) that is discharged or otherwise introduced into the undertaking in the course of carrying out an industrial or manufacturing process or carrying on a business of any kind;

"wastewater" does not include material from a septic tank, an AWT system or any other facility for the on site treatment or storage of wastewater.

#### What material may be discharged into undertaking

**20.** (1) A person may discharge the following kinds of material into the undertaking:

- (a) wastewater; and
- (b) all other kinds of material except those referred to in subregulation (2); and
- (c) material of a kind referred to in subregulation (2) that the Corporation has authorised the person to discharge into the undertaking.

(2) Subject to subregulation (1)(c), a person must not discharge into the undertaking material of the following kinds:

- (a) material that is in a solid or gaseous form (except wastewater);
- (b) material from a septic tank, an AWT system or any other facility for the on site treatment or storage of wastewater;
- (c) trade waste;
- (*d*) rainwater;
- (*e*) sea water;
- (f) blood, urine or any other bodily fluid of an animal (except wastewater);
- (g) petrol or any other inflammable or explosive material;
- (*h*) liquid that is radioactive;
- (*i*) any liquid that is likely to—
  - (i) damage the undertaking either directly or indirectly; or

- (ii) have a detrimental effect on the efficiency with which the undertaking is able to dispose of wastewater; or
- (iii) be a danger to employees of the Corporation or any other persons engaged in maintaining the undertaking.

#### Corporation may authorise the discharge of material

**21.** (1) A person may apply to the Corporation for its consent to discharge material into the undertaking.

(2) The Corporation may require the applicant to provide it with such information as it thinks is necessary to consider the application.

(3) The Corporation may grant the application subject to such conditions (including the payment of a charge for the discharge of the material) as it thinks fit.

(4) The Corporation may, on giving one month's notice in writing to the person who has the benefit of an authorisation under this regulation, revoke the authorisation on the ground—

- (a) that there has been a breach of a condition on which the authorisation was granted; or
- (b) on such other ground as the Corporation thinks fit.

#### Damage, etc., to the undertaking

22. If a person—

- (a) causes a partial or total blockage of the undertaking; or
- (b) closes, or obstructs access to, an entry point, inspection point or other similar fitting; or
- (c) causes damage to the undertaking,

the Corporation may recover its costs in clearing the blockage, opening, or removing the obstruction from, the entry point, inspection point or other fitting or repairing the damage as a debt from the person responsible.

#### Interference with property of the Corporation

23. A person must not interfere with any property of the Corporation used in, or in connection with, the administration of the Act or these regulations without the authority of the Corporation.

#### Trees, etc., on public land

**24.** (1) Trees and shrubs (except those listed in schedules 1 and 2) must not be planted on public land without the written approval of the Corporation.

(2) The trees and shrubs listed in schedule 1 must not be planted in a public street or road closer than 2 metres to any part of the undertaking.

(3) The trees and shrubs listed in schedule 2 must not be planted in a public street or road closer than 3.5 metres to any part of the undertaking.

(4) If a council plants a tree or shrub on land that is situated in a drainage area and that is owned by the council or is under its care control or management, the council must, within one year after planting the tree or shrub, inform the Corporation in writing of the botanical name and location of the tree or shrub.

### Action in relation to trees and shrubs

25. (1) If—

- (a) a tree or shrub has been planted in contravention of regulation 24; or
- (b) the Corporation is of the opinion that a tree or shrub is causing, or is likely to cause, damage to any part of the undertaking or a reduction in the efficiency with which the undertaking operates,

the Corporation may, by written notice served on the council or other person who owns or has the care, control and management, of the land on which the tree or shrub is situated, direct that action specified in the notice (including the killing of the tree or shrub) be taken.

(2) If a person on whom a notice has been served fails to comply with the notice, the Corporation may enter the land and take the action specified in the notice or such other action as it thinks fit (including the killing of the tree or shrub).

(3) The Corporation may recover its costs in taking action under subregulation (2) as a debt from the person on whom the notice was served.

(4) A person is not entitled to compensation for action taken under subregulation (2).

#### Damage caused by trees or shrubs

26. The Corporation's costs of repairing damage to the undertaking caused by a tree or shrub may be recovered as a debt by the Corporation from the owner for the time being of the land on which the tree or shrub is, or was, situated or, in the case of land under the care, control or management of a council, from the council.

#### PART 5 CHARGES

### **DIVISION 1—CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION**

#### Land in urban area

**27.** (1) An amount is payable to the Corporation in relation to each allotment in an urban area that comprises adjacent land in relation to a sewer laid after the commencement of this regulation as follows:

(a) in the case of an allotment that is not used solely or predominantly for residential purposes and has an area of 1 200 square metres or more—an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$A = SC \times \sqrt{\frac{AA}{1200}}$$

Where-

- A is the amount payable
- SC is the standard capital contribution
- AA is the area of the allotment expressed in square metres;
- (b) in every other case—the standard capital contribution.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in relation to allotments created by the division of land in relation to a sewer laid within the boundaries of that land to service those allotments.

(3) The amount referred to in subregulation (1) is payable on the date for payment specified in a notice given by the Corporation to the owner or occupier of the land.

- (4) A notice may not be given under subregulation (3) until—
- (a) the land has been connected to the sewer; or
- (b) a notice has been published in the *Gazette* under section 78(1) of the Act in relation to the sewer.

#### Division of land in an urban area

**28.** (1) Where land in an urban area that is adjacent land in relation to a sewer is divided so as to create additional allotments, an amount is payable to the Corporation in respect of each of those additional allotments as follows:

(a) in the case of an allotment that will not be used solely or predominantly for residential purposes and will have an area of 1 200 square metres or more—an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$A = SC \times \sqrt{\frac{AA}{1200}}$$

Where-

A is the amount payable

- SC is the standard capital contribution
- AA is the area of the allotment expressed in square metres;

(b) in every other case—the standard capital contribution.

(2) The allotments to be regarded as additional allotments for the purpose of subregulation (1) will be determined as follows:

- (a) for the purposes of the determination "original allotments" will be the allotment or allotments comprising the land before the division being land that comprised adjacent land in relation to the sewer and "new allotments" will be confined to those allotments created by the division that comprise adjacent land in relation to the sewer;
- (b) only new allotments will be regarded as additional allotments and of those a number equivalent to the number of original allotments will be rejected in accordance with subparagraphs (c) or (d);
- (c) where all of the new allotments are not of the same size—
  - (i) a larger allotment must be rejected before a smaller allotment;
  - (ii) if a group of those allotments are of the same size—an allotment in the group to be used solely or predominantly for residential purposes (a "residential allotment") must be rejected before a non-residential allotment in the group;
- (d) where all of the new allotments are of the same size—a residential allotment must be rejected before a non-residential allotment.

(3) For the purposes of subregulation (2)(a) where the land comprised in a strata plan under the *Strata Titles Act 1988* is to be divided under Part 19AB of the *Real Property Act 1886*, that land will be regarded as the original allotment and the allotments comprised of the strata units and the common property will be disregarded.

#### Land in non-urban area

**29.** (1) The following amounts are payable to the Corporation for the extension of a sewer to an allotment in a non-urban area and for the connection of the sewer to the allotment:

- (a) capital contribution—estimated cost quoted by the Corporation; and
- (b) connection charge—see regulation 36.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not impose any obligation on the Corporation to extend a sewer.

(3) The following amounts are payable to the Corporation for the connection of an allotment in a non-urban area to an adjacent sewer laid after 1 July 1987:

- (a) standard capital contribution; and
- (b) connection charge—see regulation 36.

#### Charge for extension of sewer in other cases

**30.** Where a person applies for the extension of a sewer in circumstances for which no fee or charge is provided under this Part, the Corporation may extend the sewer and charge the applicant an amount that does not exceed the estimated cost quoted by the Corporation.

### Rebate for septic tank or AWT system

31. (1) Where—

- (a) at the time at which a capital contribution becomes payable under regulation 27 or 29 in relation to an allotment, there was situated on the allotment one or more septic tanks or non-complying AWT systems, the amount payable under that regulation is reduced by the lower rebate;
- (b) if the owner or occupier of an allotment referred to in regulation 27 or 29 satisfies the Corporation that, at the time at which a capital contribution becomes payable under that regulation in relation to the allotment, there was situated on the allotment one or more complying AWT systems with the capacity to properly treat all the wastewater produced on the allotment, the amount payable under that subregulation is reduced by the higher rebate.

(2) The owner or occupier of an allotment is not entitled to a rebate under both paragraphs (a) and (b) of subregulation (1).

### Division of land in non-urban area

**32.** (1) Where land that comprises one or more allotments in a non-urban area and that constitutes adjacent land in relation to a sewer is divided so as to create additional allotments, the standard capital contribution is payable to the Corporation in respect of each of a number of allotments determined by subtracting the number of allotments comprising the land before the division from the number of allotments created by the division that constitute adjacent land in relation to that sewer.

(2) For the purposes of subregulation (1) where the land comprised in a strata plan under the *Strata Titles Act 1988* is to be divided under Part 19AB of the *Real Property Act 1886*, that land will be regarded as one allotment and the allotments comprised of the strata units and the common property will be disregarded.

### **Exemption from capital contribution**

**33.** (1) Notwithstanding regulation 27 or 29, a capital contribution is not payable in relation to an allotment if—

- (a) the allotment is not connected to a sewer; and
- (b) the owner or occupier of the allotment satisfies the Corporation that all the wastewater produced on the allotment is treated by means of a complying AWT system that is situated on the allotment and has the capacity to properly treat the wastewater; and
- (c) the owner or occupier of the allotment complies with subregulation (5).

(2) A capital contribution, less the rebate prescribed by subregulation (4), becomes payable in relation to an allotment referred to in subregulation (1) if, at any time in the future, the requirements of paragraph (a) or (c) of subregulation (1) are not satisfied.

(3) The amount of the capital contribution referred to in subregulation (2) is the amount prescribed by regulation 27 or 29 at the time at which the capital contribution becomes payable under that subregulation.

(4) A capital contribution that becomes payable in relation to an allotment under subregulation (2) is subject to—

- (a) the higher rebate if it becomes payable within one year after notice of the laying of the sewer was published in the *Gazette*; or
- (b) the lower rebate in all other cases.

(5) For the purposes of subregulation (1), the owner or occupier of an allotment referred to in that subregulation, or a person acting on behalf of the owner or occupier, must satisfy the Corporation at three monthly intervals that the AWT system situated on the allotment—

- (a) has the capacity to properly treat all the wastewater produced on the allotment; and
- (b) has been used and maintained in accordance with the Waste Control Regulations during the immediately preceding period of three months.

(6) The owner or occupier of an allotment will be taken to have complied with subregulation (5) if he or she, or a person acting on his or her behalf, satisfies the Corporation of the matters referred to in that subregulation at any time during a period commencing 14 days before and ending 14 days after the time prescribed by that subregulation or the time as extended by the Corporation under subregulation (8).

(7) The Corporation may release a person who is liable to pay sewerage rates in respect of land from one half (or such lesser proportion as the Corporation thinks fit) of the rates if, at the commencement of the period in respect of which the rates are payable, all the wastewater produced on the land was treated by means of a complying AWT system that is situated on the land and has the capacity to properly treat the wastewater.

(8) The Corporation may, to avoid or reduce hardship in a particular case, extend-

- (a) the period of one year referred to in subregulation (4);
- (b) a three monthly interval referred to in subregulation (5),

either prospectively or retrospectively.

### **DIVISION 2—OTHER CHARGES**

### Information as to rates and charges already paid

**34.** (1) The Corporation must on application by a person who has paid rates or charges under the Act or these regulations or the revoked regulations provide the person with a statement of the rates or charges paid.

(2) The Corporation may on application by any other person provide that person with information of the kind referred to in subregulation (1).

(3) A charge is not payable to the Corporation on application under subregulation (1) if the statement relates only to rates or charges that became due and were paid in the financial year in which the application is made or in the preceding financial year.

(4) The charge prescribed by regulation 36 is payable for all other statements under subregulation (1) and must be paid when the application is made.

(5) Where a person applies to the Corporation under the *Waterworks Regulations 1996* and under this regulation at the same time and in relation to the same land for—

- (a) a certificate of rates or charges unpaid; or
- (b) a statement of rates or charges already paid; or
- (c) a statement as to encumbrances,

. . .

the prescribed charge for the certificates or statements is payable under these regulations or the *Waterworks Regulations 1996* but not under both regulations.

## Certificate as to encumbrance

**35.** The Corporation must on application by an interested person and payment of the charge prescribed by regulation 36, provide the person with a statement as to—

- (a) the existence or non-existence of encumbrances in relation to the land to which the application relates that are prescribed encumbrances for the purposes of the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994* and the regulations under that Act and that are in favour of the Corporation;
- (b) whether the Corporation has, or has not, given its consent under regulation 21 to discharge material into the undertaking from land to which the application relates and, if consent has been given, the conditions (if any) to which the consent is subject.

# **Other charges**

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**36.** (1) Subject to the other provisions of these regulations the following charges are payable to the Corporation:

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Installation charge (including connection charge)	
Nominal diameter \$	
100 mm	)
150 mm or less (but greater than 100 mm)	
greater than 150 mm estimated cost quoted	
by Corporation	
Disconnection charge:	
Nominal diameter \$	
150 mm or less	
greater than 150 mm estimated cost quoted	L
by Corporation	L
Connection charge:	
Nominal diameter \$	
100 mm	
150 mm or less (but greater than 100 mm) 392	
greater than 150 mm	
by Corporation	
by Corporation	•
Charge to provide certificate of rates or charges unpaid for the purposes of settlement of	•
land transactions	
Charge for statement of existence or non-existence of easements or other encumbrances in	l
favour of the Corporation \$5.95	i.

Charge for Corporation to consider and determine application for authorisation to discharge trade waste into the undertaking \$
In relation to commercial land
In relation to industrial land
Charge to check compliance with conditions of authorisation to discharge trade waste into undertaking \$ In relation to commercial land

(2) An installation charge is not payable in addition to the amount payable under regulation 27, 28, 29 or 32.

(3) In this regulation—

"**commercial land**" means land used for a use defined as "Commercial—Shop", "Commercial—Office" or "Commercial—Other" by the *Local Government (Land Use) Regulations 1989*;

"industrial land" means land used for a use defined as "Industry—Light" or "Industry—Other" by the *Local Government (Land Use) Regulations 1989*.

(4) Where the same charge is imposed by this regulation and regulation 29 of the *Waterworks Regulations 1996* in respect of the same matter, only one of those charges is payable.

#### **Rebates under Part 5 Division 1**

**37.** The following rebates are prescribed for the purposes of regulations 31 and 33:

( <i>a</i> )	the lower rebate	 \$1 500;
(b)	the higher rebate	 \$2 500.

#### **Release from or deferral of charge**

**38.** The Corporation or the Minister may, on such conditions as the Corporation or the Minister thinks fit, release a person from, or defer, the obligation to pay part or all of an amount due under these regulations.

### PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS

### Entry points, etc., must not be permanently closed, etc.

**39.** (1) A person must not permanently close or permanently obstruct an entry point, inspection point or other similar fitting comprising part of the undertaking.

(2) The Corporation may open, or remove an obstruction from, an entry point, inspection point or other similar fitting and may recover its costs from the person who closed or obstructed the entry point, inspection point or other similar fitting as a debt.

#### Exemption

40. (1) The Minister may by notice published in the *Gazette* exempt a person from any provision of these regulations.

(2) An exemption may be made subject to such limitations and conditions as the Minister thinks fit and sets out in the notice.

#### Offence

**41.** A person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, a provision of these regulations is guilty of an offence whether or not the provision states explicitly that the person is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$2 000.

#### **Applications and notices**

**42.** (1) All applications to the Corporation under these regulations and all notices relating to plumbing and drainage work required to be given under these regulations must be in writing in a form approved by the Corporation.

(2) All drawings to be submitted to the Corporation under these regulations must be in a form approved by the Corporation.

### **SCHEDULE 1**

Botanical	Name
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**Common Name** Knife-leaved Wattle W.A. Coastal Wattle Sticky Wattle Flinders Range Wattle Sallow Wattle Wirilda S.A. Coastal Wattle Western Myall Hindmarsh Wattle Varnish Wattle Elegant or Bramble Wattle Swan River Cypress Orchid Tree, Bauhinia Crimson Bottlebrush Gawler Hybrid Bottlebrush Lilac Bottlebrush S.A. Red Bottlebrush Fiery Bottlebrush Stiff-leaved Bottlebrush Willow Bottlebrush Weeping Bottlebrush Rough-leaved Net Bush Ceanothus Himalayan Cotoneaster Lavalle Hawthorn Hawthorn, May Tree Washington Thorn Mexican Hawthorn Sky Flower, Duranta

Gungunnu Square-fruited Mallee S.A. Cup Gum

Acacia retinodes Acacia sophorae Acacia sowdenii Acacia trineura Acacia verniciflua Acacia victoriae Actinostrobus pyramidalis Bauhinia variegata and forms Callistemon cirtrinus (C. Lanceolatus) Callistemon "Harkness" Callistemon lilacinus (C. violaceus) Callistemon macropunctatus (C. rugulosus) Callistemon phoeniceus Callistemon rigidus Callistemon salignus Callistemon viminalis Calothamnus aspera

Acacia cultriformis

Acacia cyclops Acacia howitii

Acacia iteaphylla

Acacia longifolia

Acacia microbotrya

Ceanothus species

Cotoneaster Frigida

Crataegus lavallei (C. carrieri)

Crataegus oxyacantha and forms

Crataegus phaenopyrum (C. cordata)

Crataegus pubescens (C. mexicana)

Duranta repens

Eucalyptus "Augusta Wonder"

Eucalyptus caesia

Eucalyptus calycogona

Eucalyptus cosmophylla

Eucalyptus crucis	Southern Cross Mallee
Eucalyptus dielsii	Diels Gum
Eucalyptus diversifolia	S.A. Coastal Mallee
Eucalyptus eremophila	Tall Sand Mallee
Eucalyptus erythrocorys	Red-capped Gum
Eucalyptus erythronema	Lindsay Gum
Eucalyptus foecunda (E. lepto-phylla)	Slendor-leaved Mallee
Eucalyptus forrestiana	Fuchsia Gum
Eucalyptus orbifolia	Round-leaved Mallee
Eucalyptus preissiana	Bell-fruited Mallee
Eucalyptus pyriformis subspecies youngiana	Oooldea Mallee
Eucalyptus rodantha	Rose Gum
Eucalyptus rugosa	Kingscote Mallee
Eucalyptus socialis	Red Mallee, Morrel
Eucalyptus stoatei	Pear-fruited Gum
Eucalyptus tetraptera	Four-winged Mallee
Eucalyptus websterana	Webster's Mallee
Euonymus japonicus	Evergreen Spindle Tree
Feijoa sellowiana and forms	Pineapple Guava
Geijera parviflora	Wilga
Hakea elliptica	Oval-leaved Hakea
Hakea laurina	Pincushion Hakea
Hakea petiolaris	Broad-leaf Sea Urchin
Hakea salicifolia (H. saligna)	Willow Hakea
Hakea sulcata	Furrowed Hakea
Hakea undulata	Wavy-leaved Hakea
Hibiscus species	Hibiscus
Homalanthus populifolius	Queenslander Poplar, Bleeding-Heart Tree
Lagerstroemia "Eavesii"	Mauve Crepe-Myrtle
Lagerstroemia indica	Pink Crepe-Myrtle
Leptospermum laevigatum	Victoria Coastal Tea Tree
Malus species	Flowering Crabs and Apples
Melaleuca elliptica	Granite Honey Myrtle
Melaleuca Fulgens	Scarlet Honey Myrtle
Melaleuca Glomerata	
Melaleuca hypericifolia	Hillock Bush

Yellow-Flowered Grey Honey Myrtle Melaleuca incana Melaleuca lateritia Robin Redbreast Bush Melaleuca nesophila Western Honey Myrtle Melaleuca pentagona Melaleuca radula Graceful Honey Myrtle Melaleuca squamea Chinese Hawthorn Photinia serrulata Pittosporum crassifolium and veriegated form Karo Native Apricot, Weeping Pittosporum Pittosporum phylliraeoides New Zealand Kohuhu Pittosporum tenuifolium Pittosporum tenuifolium "Pirpureum" Prunus species Flowering Almonds, Plums, Apricots, Cherries, Peaches Pyracantha coccines "Lalandei" Lalande Firethorn Nepal Firethorn Pyracantha crenulata Pyracantha rodgersiana Yellow-Berry Firethorn Yellow Kowhai Sophora tetraptera Spanish Broom Spartium junceum Stenolobium alatum (Tecoma smithii) Winged Yellow-Trumpet Stenolobium stans (Tecoma stans) Florida Tellow-Trumpet Syzygium Coolminianum Blue Lilly Pilly Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Lilac Chaste Tree Vitex agnus-castus

# **SCHEDULE 2**

Botanical Name	Common Name
Acacia acuminata	Raspberry Jam Wattle
Acacia cyanophylla	Orange Wattle
Acacia pendula	Weeping Myall
Acacia salicina	Broughton Willow or Wattle
Acacia terminalis (A. elata)	Cedar Wattle
Acer negundo	Box Elder
Agonis Flexuosa	W.A. Willow Myrtle or Peppermint
Albizia julibrissin	Silk Tree
Amygdalus pollardii	Flowering Almond
Angophora cordata	Dwarf or Scrub Apply Myrtle
Angophora costata	Smooth-barked Apply Myrtle
Arbutus unedo	Irish Strawberry
Bauhinia carronii	Queensland Bean or Ebony Tree
Berberis species	Barberry, Berberis
Betula pendula (B. alba)	Silver Birch
Brachychiton acerifolium	Flame Tree
Brachychiton discolor	Queenland Lace Bark
Brachychiton acerifolium x populneum (B. Hydridum)	Hybrid Flame Tree
Brachychiton populneum	Kurrajong
Callitris columellaris	White Cypress Pine
Callitris preissii	Slender Cypress Pine
Casuarina cristata	Black Oak, Belah
Casuarina stricta	Weeping Sheoak
Casuarina torulosa	Rose Sheoak
Celtis australis	Southern Hackberry, Celtis
Celtis occidentalis	Americal Hackberry, Celtis
Cercis siliquastrum	Judas Tree
Citharexylum species	Fiddlewood
Cotoneaster serotina	Cotoneaster
Cupressus glabra	Arizona Cypress
Erythrina "Indica"	Hybrid Indian Coral Tree
Eucalyptus behriana	Broad-leaved Box
Eucalyptus campaspe	Silver Gimlet
Eucalyptus Cinerea	Mealy Stringybark, Argyle Apple
Eucalyptus cneorifolia	Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Gum

Eucalyptus conglobata Eucalyptus dundasii Eucalyptus "Ericoides" Eucalyptus Ficifolia Eucalyptus flocktoniae Eucalyptus gardneri Eucalyptus gracilis Eucalyptus incrassata Eucalyptus intertexta Eucalyptus landsdowneana Eucalyptus lehmanni Eucalyptus le souefii Eucalyptus leucoxylon "Rosea" Eucalyptus megacornuta Eucalyptus nutans Eucalyptus oleosa Eucalyptus pileata Eucalyptus platypus Eucalyptus "Pterocarpa" Eucalyptus pulverulenta Eucalyptus salubris Eucalyptus sargentii Eucalyptus sideroxylon Eucalyptus spathulata Eucalyptus steedmanii Eucalyptus stricklandii Eucalyptus torquata Eucalyptus "Torwood" Eucalyptus "Urrbrae Gum" Eucalyptus viridis Eucalyptus woodwardii Eugenia smithii (Acmena smithii) Ficus rubiginosa "Variegata" Fraxinus excelsior "Aurea" Fraxinus ornus Hakea kippistiana Hakea suaveolens

S.A. Coastal Gum Dundas Blackbutt W.A. Scarlet Flowering Gum

Merrit Blue Mallett Yorrell Ridge-fruited Mallee Smooth-barked Coolibah Port Lincoln Gum **Bushy Yate** Le Souef's Blackbutt Pink-flowering Blue Gum Warty Yate Nodding Gum Red Mallee Ravensthorpe Mallee Round-leaved Moort Silver-leaved Mountain Gum Gimlet Gum Salt or Sargent's Mallet Manna Red Ironbark, Mugga Swamp Mallee Steedman's Gum

Yellow-flowering Gum Coral or Coolgardie Gum Hybrid Coral gum

Green Mallee Lemon-flowering Gum Lilly Pilly Variegated Rusty Fig Golden Ash Manna Ash

Sweet Hakea

Harpephyllum caffrum	Kaffir Plum
Hymenosporum flavum	Woolum, Native Frangipani
Jacaranda species	Jacaranda
Juniperus sheppardii var. pyramidalis ("J.africans")	Toon in our
	Juniper
Koelreuteria paniculata	Varnish Tree
Laburnum species	Laburnum
Lagunaria patersonii	Pyramid Tree
Ligustrum japonicum and forms	Japanese Privet
Ligustrum ludidum and forms	Glossy Privet
Liquidambar styraciflua	Liquidambar
Melaleuca alternifolia	Alternate-leaved Honey Myrtle
Melaleuca armillaris	Bracelet Honey Myrtle
Melaleuca halmaturorum	S.A. Swamp paper Bark
Melaleuca huegelii	Chenile Honey Myrtle
Melaleuca Lanceloata (M. pubescens)	Dry Land Tea Tree
Melaleuca linariifolia	Flax-leaved Honey Myrtle
Melaleuca styphelioides	Prickly Paperbark
Melia axedarach	White Cedar
Metrosideros excelsa (M. tomentosa)	New Zealand Christmas Tree
Myoporum insulare	Boobialla
Myoproum montanum	Water Bush
Nerium oleander	Oleander
Parkinsonia aculeata	Jurusalem Thorm
Pittosporum rhombifolium	Queensland Pittosporum
Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
Pittosporum undulatum "Variegatum"	Varigated Sweet Pittosporum
Quercus ilex	Holm Oak
Sophora japonica	Pagoda Tree
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan, Mountain Ash
Syzygium paniculatum	Brush Cherry
Tamarix juniperina	Flowering Tamarisk
Tristania conferta	Brush Box

# APPENDIX

### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

(entries in bold type indicate amendments incorporated since the last reprint)

Regulation 36: **Regulation 36(1):** 

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