



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

Preserving the Past, Enhancing the Future

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY

WATER MAIN EXTENSION REQUEST AND CONNECTION

PREAMBLE

The Federal and State Governments have identified that water cycle management is a significant issue. The State Government established the "Inquiry into secure and sustainable urban water supply and sewerage services for non metropolitan New South Wales" in an attempt to evaluate and improve the provision of water utilities in New South Wales.

In an attempt to evaluate the viability of water and sewer services provided by Leeton Shire Council an 'Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan' has been completed. This plan was adopted by Council in April 2009.

This policy allows Council to consider requests for water main extensions to non-urban properties and urban properties other than when mains extensions are required as a condition of development consent.

1. PURPOSE

This policy will provide a systematic approach to assessing these requests in a consistent manner.

This policy ensures that the life cycle costs of all new assets are considered before construction.

2. OBJECTIVES

- To provide a sustainable water utility.
- To provide water and sewer assets that are economically viable.
- To ensure that construction of new assets is consistent with Councils Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan.

3. REFERENCES

Leeton Shire Council, Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan Volume 1 and 2
Leeton Shire Council, Water Conservation and Demand Management Strategy January 2009

4. COUNCIL WATER ALLOCATION

Leeton Shire Council has 163km of water mains.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A request to extend a Leeton Shire Council water main or sewer main is only to be considered where the application is made in writing, addressed to the General Manager.

6. APPLICATION EVALUATION

When considering the merit of any application the following criteria must be met:

6.1 Conditions

- i. In general, no water mains extensions will be permitted to service properties zoned rural.
- ii. Mains extensions within the urban zone areas and rural residential zoned areas will be fully funded by the recipients of the new service.
- iii. Application to extend a water main is to be made under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- iv. An extension will not be permitted if Council has assessed that extension will have detrimental consequences for the water system or that the use of the land is inappropriate for supply of town water.
- v. An extension will only be approved if the existing infrastructure is sufficient to provide a satisfactory service utility.
- vi. An extension will not be permitted if Council has assessed that the financial return from the extension will not be sufficient to cover ongoing operation, maintenance and replacement cost.
- vii. Water mains are to be constructed within public property as an extension of Council's system to a point one (1) metre beyond the furthestmost property boundary. The mains shall become Council property upon completion.
- viii. Council will provide a service connection upon application by the landholder and payment of the applicable fee as set by Council. The water meter shall be placed at a convenient location no greater than one (1) metre within the property boundary. The applicant/s will be responsible for all costs of internal supply pipes, plumbing, etc., within the property boundaries which must be carried out in accordance with the standard water supply by-law by a licensed plumber.
- ix. No new 'Piggy-back' services or master-deduct meter combinations shall be permitted.
- x. Once a connection to the water main is made, that property will be rated for water supply according to Council's current rating structure.
- xi. Properties that have not been rated for water supply and to which a service is provided, a connection fee will be levied at the time of application equivalent to the new connection fee as listed in the current "Fees and Charges" plus the water supply headwork's contribution where applicable.

6.2 Cost Sharing

- i. Where an application is received for the extension of a water main in an area not provided in Council's Budget, the applicant(s) will be required to

meet the full cost of the extension of the Council specified dimension main.

- ii. All affected property owners are to provide written confirmation of their concurrence or otherwise to the scheme and the cost sharing arrangements.
- iii. Council will consider at the time of application any proposal to finance the scheme with repayment to be made by the affected property owners over a maximum period of five (5) years. These payments are to include interest payments.
- iv. Should an affected property owner not wish to participate in the scheme, those remaining shall fund the scheme. Please note Council's standard access fee will still be charged in accordance with Section 552 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
- v. There is no entitlement for reimbursement of costs, or any proportion of costs to the applicant from the future additional connections to mains constructed under this policy.

7. WATER MAINS AND CONNECTIONS

7.1 Water Mains

Specifications for the water main will be determined by Council. The development of these specifications will consider the number of residential properties that are capable of being served by the proposed extension. This can include consideration of possible future development.

The minimum specifications for a water main are 100mm diameter UPVC Class 12 pipe with rubber ring joints.

7.2 Water Connections

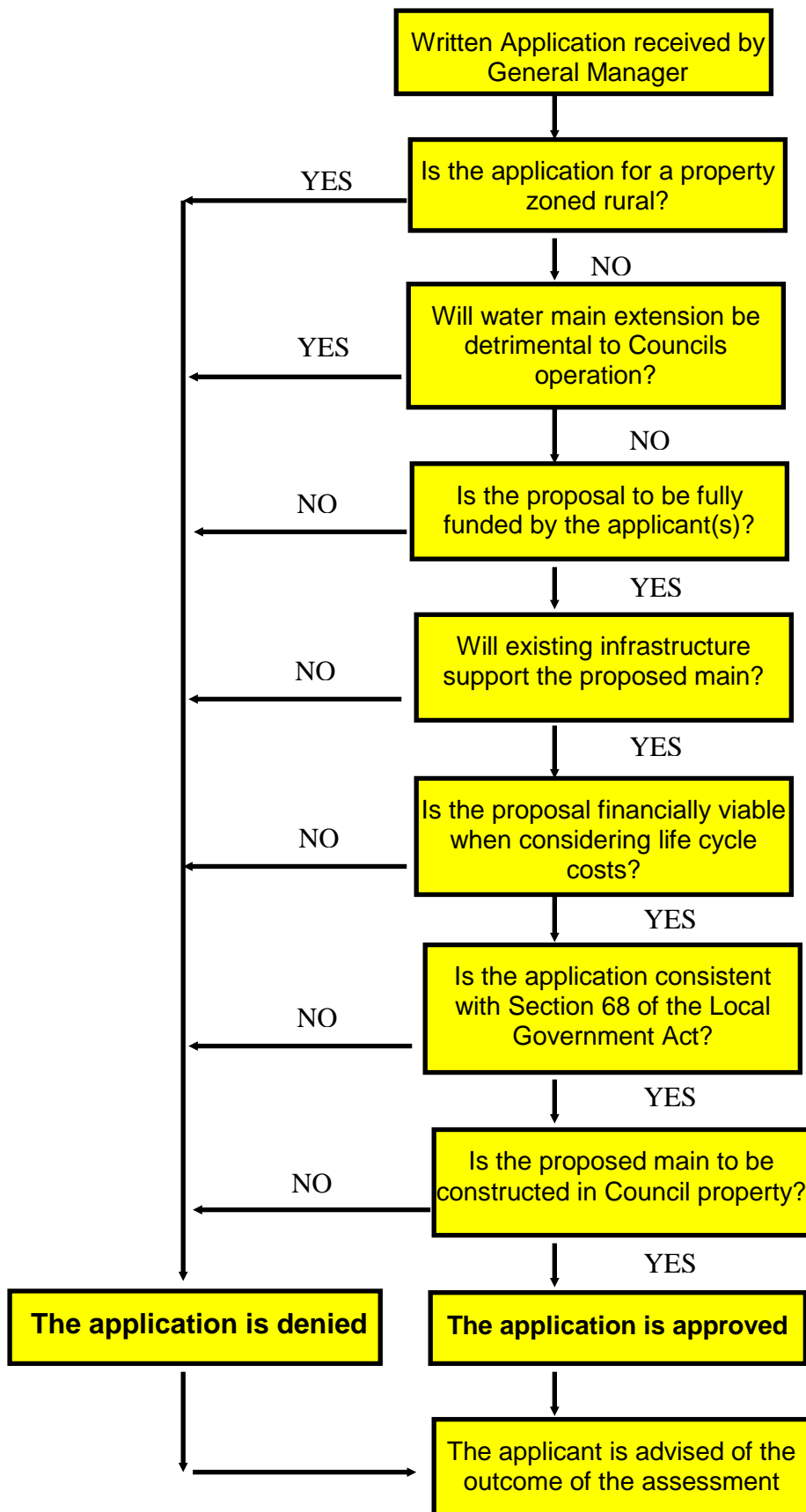
Properties to be connected to town water must have a water main adjacent to the property boundary which will allow a normal connection from the main to the property boundary. That is, the connection must be made at a 90° angle to the water main.

The maximum size of water service for domestic usage is 20mm PVC.

Where a rate of flow test is carried out on an existing service that has been in place for more than one year and the flow rate is less than 25 litres per minute, the water service will be deemed inadequate and the service will be replaced free of charge by Council from the water main to the meter.

If the flow test result is greater than 25 litres per minute and/or the service is less than one year old then the property owner shall reimburse Council for the cost of replacement of the water service.

8. ASSESSMENT FLOWCHART



9. POLICY REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed as required with a maximum review period of five years from the time of adoption by Council.

Policy History:

Date of Adoption/Amendment	Resolution Number
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