

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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BACKGROUND

The Stratford urban water supply has traditionally only supplied the urban area and rural properties that adjoin the urban area. There are several exceptions to this relating mainly to the fact that Council has had a financial interest in some operations eg. the Stratford Abattoir and the Aerodrome Farm.

The reason for limiting the area of supply is that there is a restriction on the quantity of water that can be extracted from its sources, the Patea River and the Konini Stream, the volume of the storage reservoir and the size of the trunk main from the treatment reservoir to the town. To increase the area of supply into the rural area would require identifying a new source and considerable expenditure on upgrading the existing infrastructure.

In the 2006 LTCCP provision will be made for funding to investigate new sources of supply but until a new source is identified there is insufficient water available to consider extending the supply into the rural area, particularly if the target for a population increase of 12,000 is to occur mainly in the urban area..

In Midhirst and Toko supplies were designed around the urban areas and any extension to these supplies is restricted by the size of the reticulation. However there is the possibility of some extension to the Midhirst supply provided the farms are prepared to accept a limited volume of supply and provided they have their own on site storage.

POLICY

1. Urban water supply needs have priority.
2. Rural properties adjoining the urban ward boundary may be supplied with water provided that all connections are from a main located on a legal road.
3. The water to be supplied through a meter with charges as set by Council through the LTCCP or Annual Plan process.