

Policy:	Water Supply to Rural Properties
Department:	Assets
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 As the district has a limited supply of water, this policy has been created to clarify water provision priorities.

2. Policy

- 2.1 The primary purpose of the council water supply is service residential and commercial users within the urban area.
- 2.2 Existing rural connections will remain connected unless a disconnection request is submitted by the property owner or there are extraordinary circumstances making the ongoing supply impractical or financially non-viable.
- 2.3 Rural properties adjoining existing reticulation, may be connected to an existing main, either located on a legal road or covered by an easement for access in favour of Council at the property owner's request.
- 2.4 Applications for new rural connections will be considered subject to the practicalities, costs and risks of connecting to the existing infrastructure and in compliance with Council's Water Supply Bylaw 2019.
- 2.5 Water will be supplied through a meter, with charges as set by Council, through the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan process.