

Stormwater Management Services Charge

1 What is the Stormwater Management Services Charge?

The NSW Government has supported the introduction of this charge to allow Councils to undertake large amounts of work on this vital infrastructure. It provides a mechanism by which Councils can fund capital and recurrent costs associated with the introduction of additional stormwater management programs.*

2 Why do we need a Stormwater Management Services Charge?

Council currently maintains 4200 drainage pits and 125kms of pipes through a program of minor works, cleaning of pits and stormwater quality improvements. Council's current expenditure does not provide sufficient funds to improve our stormwater systems in terms of minor or major improvements and flood protection, nor does it provide funds to improve runoff quality.

3 What projects will benefit?

Council is proposing to utilize the funds generated by the charge to carry out the following projects in 2007/08:

- Installation of culverts to storage pond at the intersection of Brewer Street and Majors Bay Road in Concord;
- Works to address an overland flow at Pine Avenue, Five Dock;
- Works to address an overland flow at Gallipoli Street, Concord;
- Works at Nirranda Street Concord West to reduce ponding;
- Works at Fremont Street Concord West to increase intake capacity.

4 How is the levy calculated?

The Stormwater Management Services Charge is an annual charge that is paid along with your rates. It is anticipated these charges will generate funds in the order of \$550,000 per annum.

The charges are as follows:

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| • Residential Property | \$25 per annum |
| • Residential Strata Property | \$12.50 per annum |
| • Business Property | \$25 per annum (per 350sqm or part thereof) |
| • Business Strata Property | \$12.50 per annum |

* The Stormwater Management Services Charge is a new annual charge enabled by the Local Government Amendment (Stormwater) Act 2005 and the Local Government (General) Amendment (Stormwater) Regulation 2006 which came into force on 13 April 2006.

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