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Draft water and sewer connection policy open for comment

DRAFT changes to the Clarence Valley Council's sewer and water connections policy aim to provide increased clarity and in some cases simplify existing policy.

The council's water cycle manager, Greg Mashiah, said the draft changes included a clear definition of what constitutes a water main, information about water and sewer connection eligibility and associated costs, simplification of metering requirements of some strata unit developments and clearer distinctions between council and developer responsibilities in gravity sewer systems.

Submissions on the draft changes close at 4pm on Friday, October 27.

Mr Mashiah said various sewer and water connection requirements had historically been approved by Clarence Valley and its predecessor councils. Ownership of water meters, property connection sewers and property water service mains (and maintenance responsibility) also varied depending on the connection requirements.

"This policy provides the minimum sewer and water connection requirements for Torrens, community and strata titles, dual occupancy and commercial/industrial development types," he said.

"Where feasible, approved developments will have five years from the date of adoption to meet the connection requirements outlined in this draft.

"If adopted, all new applications for connection will be required to meet the requirements of the draft.

"I encourage anyone with an interest in sewer and water connections to review the draft and provide comment."

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