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Report to the Utility Services Committee
from Murray Kennedy, Strategy and Asset Manager

Wholesale Water Supply : Review of Fees and Charges for Private Supplies : Period July 1999 to June 2000

1. Purpose

To make recommendations for fees and charges for private water supplies.

2. Background

Wholesale water supplies in the area serviced by Wellington Regional Council are generally delivered to territorial authority owned service reservoirs. However, within the area there are 13 private supplies fed directly by Wellington Regional Council.

The relevant territorial authority is billed for Wellington Regional Council fees and charges which are then charged by the City Council to the individual consumers. These fees and charges are reviewed annually by Wellington Regional Council and are separate from the wholesale water levy.

3. Variable Water Rate (GST exclusive)

It is proposed that the *variable* water rate charge for metered consumers reduce from 46.2 cents per cubic metre to 44.4 cents per cubic metre. This is a four percent reduction and in line with the decrease in wholesale water charges.

4. **Supply Points, Fixed Fees and Charges (GST exclusive)**

These fees and charges include the cost of meter reading, meter maintenance, backflow prevention and independent inspection of backflow equipment, and in some cases fire hydrants. The total revenue from the fees and charges is approximately \$2,400 a year.

It is not proposed to review these charges for 1999/2000. This will be the second year that these charges have not changed.

5. **Recommendations**

That the Utility Services Committee:

- (1) *Approves a variable water rate of 44.4 cents per cubic metre for private supplies for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000.*
- (2) *Approves fixed fees and charges the same as was set for the 1997/98 financial year.*

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