

Connection of beneficiary lots to water or wastewater main extensions

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Introduction

This information sheet explains the cost of a standard (base) water or sewer connection to a property that has acquired service availability because of water or sewer pipes being laid past that property to connect to another property, or development. Properties acquiring service availability are referred to as **beneficiary lots**.

Owners of these lots incur the following set of charges:

Infrastructure contribution

Where a property gains a service availability as a result of a mains extension (**Beneficiary Lot**), infrastructure contributions and connection fees are payable when a connection is sought.

Infrastructure contributions are a one off charge and only apply at the time of connection for that service. In all cases, the fees and charges quoted only apply to works up to the connection point on the property boundary.

For further information relating to the Corporation's infrastructure charges please refer to:

- [What are infrastructure contributions](#)
- [Standard infrastructure contributions](#)

Note: You only pay infrastructure contributions if you did not previously have the service. For example, if you already have a water connection and you are the beneficiary of a wastewater main extension, you only pay connection fees and an infrastructure contribution for the wastewater service.

Connection/building charges

If you are building on a property then in addition to the infrastructure contribution, a cost of connection fee, sewer service administration fee and building application fees are payable prior to connection to the Corporation's water and wastewater services. Please contact the Water Corporation on **13 13 95** for details regarding the fees applicable.

Annual service charges

Owners of beneficiary lots are notified of service availability and that annual service charges apply whether the property is connected or not.

Further information regarding the Corporation's annual service charges is available on our [website](#) by calling **13 13 85**.

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General information

Beneficiary Lot infrastructure contributions are required where a contribution or Annual Service Charges have never been paid. For example, privately owned freehold land, freehold crown land or public reserves

Plumbing works connecting to the water meter or sewer junction are the responsibility of the property owner.

Property owners are advised to inform builders if infrastructure contributions have not been paid. This information is provided as a guide only, all connection charges must be verified by the Water Corporation.

Information for your plumber

Prior to connecting your property to the sewer main, it is a legal requirement that the plumbers makes application to the Plumbers Licensing Board and Water Corporation as well as pay the connection charges detailed above.

On completion of the work the plumber is also required to prepare an as constructed drawing of the connection details and submit the drawing to the Plumbers Licensing Board.

This drawing will be essential for any future maintenance (for example blockages) of your plumbing so I recommend you ensure your plumber meets these legal requirements and you obtain a copy of the drawing for your use.

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