



REGISTER FOR WATER AND SEWER PRICING HARMONISATION ONLINE Q&A

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) is reminding residents they will be able to ask questions about the proposed water and sewer pricing harmonisation in an online Q&A session on Tuesday 9 May from 5:30pm, before they have their say on the changes.

DRC is proposing to align the former Dubbo City Council and Wellington Councils water supply and sewage services charging structures to a single, consistent structure as part of the 2023/2024 Operational Plan and Revenue Policy.

Since the merger of Dubbo City Council and Wellington Council in May 2016, DRC has continued to use the existing pricing regimes for Water and Sewerage.

The existing charging structures result in residential dwellings and comparable business properties paying different amounts for water and sewerage, depending on which former local government area they are

located in.

DRC CEO Murray Wood said the aim of the Water and Sewer Harmonisation is to align the pricing structure to allow for consistency and equity.

“As was done when rates were harmonised, we are looking to ensure all residents are paying fair and equitable charges across the Local Government Area.”

“A number of different tariff models were considered by Council, with the single tiered water tariff deemed the most appropriate.”

“The pricing structure is currently on public exhibition, along with Council’s recently published Draft Budget, so community members have the opportunity to have their say,” Mr Wood said.

The live event will be accessible for viewing via Council’s new engagement platform Your Say. An online form will be used for those interested in asking a live question or residents can register via Council’s Your Say platform, yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au.

Key discussion points will be how the proposed pricing regime will work and what it will mean for ratepayers across the Local Government Area.

You can find all the details of the proposed changes, as well as the registration form at yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/watersewerharmonisation .

You can also make a submission on the proposed water and sewer pricing harmonisation as part of the 2023/2024 Budget, Operational

Plan, Fees and Charges and associated documents on the platform.

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