

INFORMATION SESSIONS AHEAD OF PROPOSED WATER AND SEWAGE HARMONISATION

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) is proposing to align the former Dubbo City Council and Wellington Council's 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 Sewage.

The existing charging structures result in residential dwellings and comparable business properties paying different amounts for water and sewage, 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."

"During the February 2023 Meeting of Council, Councillors resolved to undertake a collaborative style engagement process and DRC are keen to hear from the community about the proposed harmonised water and sewage charges.

"The pricing structure will then be placed on public exhibition during May, along with Council's Draft Budget, so community members have the opportunity to have their say," Mr Wood said.

DRC will hold two information session for Community Members across the Local Government Area so they can fully understand the proposal and how it will affect them.

A meeting will be held for community members of Wellington on Tuesday 18 April and a Live Q and A session will be held for community members within the wider Local Government Area on Tuesday 9 May.

Community members are invited to attend the session or watch the live stream, with registration encouraged.

For more information and to register attendance visit: www.yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au .

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