

SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEMES – ROADS, STREET AND DRAINAGE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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Responsible Officer:	Manager Built Environment
Related Policies:	Nil
Related Documents:	Special Charge Schemes Procedures Infrastructure Design Manual
Statutory Reference:	<i>Local Government Act 1989</i>

OVERVIEW

To facilitate the development of road, street and drainage infrastructure, this policy has been established for the management of special charge schemes as follows.

THE POLICY

To implement its vision and mission, Wellington Shire Council will optimise its capacity to raise funds for the undertaking of works and services pursuant to section 163 (Special Rate and Special Charge) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

We shall identify those circumstances where persons will receive special benefit and should, as a consequence, be required to pay a Special Charge for the development of roads, streets and drainage infrastructure.

We shall provide a uniform administrative procedure for the carrying out of Special Charge Schemes to be undertaken by Wellington Shire Council.

We shall provide an accepted basis of fairness and equity in the apportionment of costs associated with such works.

We shall provide appropriate construction standards for roads, streets, and drains intended to be constructed and/or provided throughout the municipality under Special Charges Schemes in accordance with the Infrastructure Design Manual.

This policy will enable the construction of roads, streets and drains that would not ordinarily be capable of being provided through other funding sources and in doing so, these schemes will recognise the special benefit that accrues to property owners joined to them.

Council has procedures in place to give effect to its position on special charge schemes for roads, streets and drainage development which are available to staff via the Intranet. The responsibility to ensure that the maintenance and implementation of the procedures accords with Council's policy position is vested in the Manager Built Environment. Any matter specifically requiring a Council determination shall be reported by the Manager Built Environment.

REVISION HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	December 2022	Updated Responsible Officer title.
1.1	December 2023	Date of Next Review updated to December 2024. Minor formatting changes. Update to applicable units. Nominated position title in final paragraph updated to Manager Built Environment.
1.2	December 2024	Date of Next Review updated to December 2025. Minor grammatical update in Overview.
1.3	December 2025	Date of Next Review updated to December 2026.