

Council Policy

Scotland Island – Emergency Water Pipeline & Non-Potable Water Supply

Policy Statement

This policy establishes:

- the role of the Scotland Island Residents' Association (SIRA) and Sydney Water in the supply of non-potable water to Scotland Island
- Council's role which is limited to involvement in the supply of emergency water to Scotland Island
- that Council's costs are reimbursed on a user pays basis

Principles

The primary agreement for the supply of non-potable water to Scotland Island is between the Scotland Island Residents' Association (SIRA) and Sydney Water. Through this primary agreement SIRA shall:

- ensure that the agreement with Sydney Water is valid and up to date
- ensure that the non-potable water is only supplied on that basis, is clearly sign posted for that purpose, is only used in the manner and for the specific purposes as specified under that agreement, there is an education program to highlight this restricted use along with regular monitoring
- ensure that secondary water supply lines that distribute the non-potable water supply are well maintained to the required standards as per Sydney Water specifications
- nominate a person(s), being a resident(s) member of SIRA to be the authorised person(s) to issue water from the standpipe to residents of Scotland Island
- charge users for the supply of the non-potable water at a rate that covers the reasonable costs involved including a 20% service commission and maintenance of the SIRA non-potable water supply network
- reimburse Northern Beaches Council as per invoice for the full cost of water used as per account issued by Sydney Water to Council
- keep appropriate non-potable water supply and accounting records in a form that can be readily audited.
- keep relevant insurance policies up to date.

Separate to this agreement, Northern Beaches Council's involvement will be limited to the following:

- keep its existing submarine emergency water supply pipeline from Church Point Reserve to Scotland Island along with associated meters and standpipes in good repair and to required standards (including checking and monitoring for leaks) utilising funds held in Trust by Council for this purpose derived from SIRA through user pays arrangement. It should be noted that this Trust fund is not for a pipeline replacement and should this be required it will need to be separately funded on a user pays basis
- invoice SIRA as per Sydney Water accounts.

- continue to lobby Sydney Water to seek the provision of a mains water supply and associated sewerage system for Scotland Island.
- ensure that funds held in Trust are only used for the specified purpose and are subject to audit process.

Scope and application

This policy applies to all employees, agents and officers of Northern Beaches Council, along with all Councillors, SIRA and Sydney Water.

References and related documents

Nil

Definitions

Nil

Responsible Officer

Executive Manager Property

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July 2021

Revision History

Revision	Date	Change	HPE CM Ref
1	25/7/2017	Policy adopted by Council with no changes following exhibition	2017/136541
1.1	08/02/2021	Responsible office changed to Executive Manager Property	