

**HEATHCOTE SEWERAGE SCHEME**

# Customer contribution

## Capital cost

The cost of building the new Heathcote sewerage system, including all pipes, manholes and pumps, is known as the capital cost.

The estimated capital cost of this project is \$5.8 million which will be fully funded by Coliban Water.

## Customer contributions

Properties connecting to a system are required to pay a share of the cost which is equivalent to our New Customer Contribution fee (NCC).

The NCC for 2017/18 is \$1596.10. This will increase in line with inflation. The final amount to be paid will be calculated once the scheme is approved to proceed.

## Payments

Landowners will have six months to pay their contribution in full upon the completion of the scheme. If a customer is unable to pay within six months, Coliban Water offers a 20-year instalment plan. All instalment plans will accrue interest in line with the prevailing 20-year market annuity rate as determined by the Treasury Corporation of Victoria. Customers are encouraged to pay up front to avoid these extra interest charges.

In the event that you sell the property, any outstanding term payments are required in full.

## Ongoing charges

Once the scheme is completed, developed properties will be billed for the Scheduled Sewer Access charge quarterly.

The 2017/18 sewer charge is \$686.64 per annum.

Unconnected vacant land does not attract a Sewer Access charge.

## Other costs and assistance

It will be your responsibility to pay for works to decommission your on-site system and connect your house to the new sewer system. We will arrange for an assessment of the best options to connect your house to the sewer, at no cost to you.

When you dispose of septic waste at one of our treatment plants we will reimburse you for the cost. This is a one-off rebate capped at \$70.00 and does not include any costs in facilitating the waste removal.

We will waive the Property Connection Application Fee (currently \$74.26) for new connections, provided that the application is within two years of the completion date of the new system.

Concession card holders who currently receive a rebate for water may also be eligible for a further concession for sewer access charges. Please call our Customer Contact Centre to discuss if eligible.

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