

# Initial Development Contributions Policy

Policy Owner Title	Chief Financial Officer
Title	Initial Development Contributions Policy
Approval Authority	Board
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Due for review date	No later than 3 years
Consultation / Engagement required	N/A
Version Control	1.0

## Context

The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 enables Waikato Waters to require development contributions in accordance with a development contributions policy ("**DC Policy**") adopted under it. As its initial DC Policy, Waikato Waters is permitted to adopt the relevant parts of its shareholding councils' DC Policies that were in place at the time those councils transferred responsibility for providing water services to WWL.

## Policy adopted

For the purpose of supporting a seamless transition of water and wastewater services, Waikato Waters has resolved to adopt, as its initial DC Policy, the current versions of DC Policies of its shareholder councils insofar as they relate to the collection of development contributions in relation to water and wastewater services infrastructure,

The versions of the DC Policies of Waikato Waters' shareholding councils that are to be adopted are included at Appendix 1 to 6:

- [Appendix 1- Waipā District Council](#)
- [Appendix 2 - South Waikato District Council](#)
- Waitomo District Council does not have a DC policy, therefore does not collect development contributions. WWL may implement a DC policy if required in the appropriate way
- [Appendix 3 - Matamata-Piako District Council](#)
- [Appendix 4 - Ōtorohanga District Council](#)
- [Appendix 5 - Hauraki District Council](#)

## Phased application dates

The relevant provisions of the adopted DC Policies will apply within the service area of Waikato Waters as follows:

- **From 1 July 2026:**
  - a) Appendix 1 applies within Waipā district
  - b) Appendix 2 applies within the <sup>12</sup>
- **From 1 October 2026**
  - c) Appendix 3 applies to the service area within the Matamata-Piako district

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that this excludes financial contributions

- **From the earlier of 1 July 2027 or completion of transfer agreements,**
  - d) Appendix 4 applies within the Ōtorohanga district
  - e) Appendix 5 applies within the Hauraki district.

## Collection of Development Contributions

Development contributions for water supply and wastewater services are required by Waikato Waters under this DC Policy.

Waikato Waters will engage its shareholding councils to act as its agent to administer this policy within their respective districts. This includes assessing, invoicing, and collecting development contributions through existing council systems and processes.

Where a council acts as agent:

- development contributions are assessed in accordance with this DC Policy;
- assessments/invoices may be issued by the council to developers; and
- all development contributions (excluding any administration fees received by the council in accordance with relevant agreements) are payable to, and are the revenue of, Waikato Waters.

This approach ensures continuity for developers while enabling Waikato Waters to exercise its statutory powers under the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025.

## Future Policy Review

Waikato Waters will review and replace this initial DC Policy no later than three (3) years after adoption or earlier to reflect the replacement Development Levies regime.