

This is subject to the following conditions:

- Capping will apply only to general rates;
- Capping will apply only to land categorised in the differential rating categories listed above;
- Capping is not available retrospectively and will only apply from the beginning of a financial year; and
- If ownership of the land to which capping applies is transferred in the period after 1 July of any year, then capping will cease to apply for the following year (*eg. If rates-capped land is sold during 2021/2022, capping will not apply in 2022/2023 but will apply in 2023/2024 if Council resolves to apply a rates cap for that year (unless the land is sold again after 1 July 2021).*)

5.2 Utility Group Definitions

Group 31 - Charters Towers Reserve – Residential

A parcel of land contained completely within the Town Reserve area of Charters Towers, which is not zoned commercial and is either vacant or used for residential purposes.

Group 32 - Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential

A parcel of land contained completely within the Town Reserve area of Charters Towers, which is zoned commercial and vacant, or used for non-residential purposes.

Group 34 - Within 8 km radius of CBD Charters Towers: Residential - Both Water & Bitumen

A parcel of residential land, not within Utility Group 31, located partly or completely within an eight (8) kilometre radius of the CBD in Charters Towers which is serviced by both Charters Towers reticulated water and which has sealed road access to the property.

Group 35 - Within 8 km radius of CBD Charters Towers: Non-Residential - Both Water & Bitumen

A parcel of non-residential land, not within Utility Group 32, located partly or completely within an eight (8) kilometre radius of the CBD in Charters Towers which is serviced by both Charters Towers reticulated water and which has sealed road access to the property.

Group 36 - Within 8 km radius of CBD Charters Towers: Residential–One or Neither Water & Bitumen

A parcel of residential land, not within Utility Group 31, located partly or completely within an eight (8) kilometre radius of the CBD in Charters Towers which is not serviced by BOTH bitumen road access and Charters Towers reticulated water.

Group 37 - Within 8 km radius of CBD Charters Towers: Non-Residential - One or Neither Water & Bitumen

A parcel of non-residential land, not within Utility Group 32, located partly or completely within an eight (8) kilometre radius of the CBD in Charters Towers which is not serviced by BOTH bitumen road access and Charters Towers reticulated water.

Group 38 - Townships - Pentland, Ravenswood & Greenvale

Township – a parcel of land contained partly or completely within the defined Township Reserves of Pentland, Ravenswood, or Greenvale.

Group 39 - Outside 8 km radius of the GPO – All others not in Group 38

All other parcels of land contained within the region of Charters Towers and not contained within any other Utility Group.

5.3 Utility Groups 31 And 32

5.3.1 Sewerage Charges – Utility Groups 31 & 32

A Sewerage Charge will be levied in accordance with the Sewerage Charge Schedule, on each surveyed parcel of land, vacant and occupied, that Council has or is able to provide with sewerage services. The charge may also be levied on those areas where construction of the service infrastructure has commenced but access is not yet available to the sewerage service.

The sewerage charge will be set to recover all annual operating costs associated with the provision of sewerage and wastewater services provided by Council. These costs include loan interest, asset depreciation and the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system, including treatment plant operations.

The adopted Sewerage Charges Schedule is as follows:

- (1) Surveyed parcel of vacant land = 4 units.
- (2) 1 pedestal or urinal = 4 units. (Base Charge)
- (3) Residential Properties, including residential lots under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act, such as a house or strata title unit, shall be levied a base sewerage charge per dwelling and shall be entitled to unlimited pedestals.
- (4) Residential properties consisting of flats or units, covered by a single title, shall be levied a sewerage charge on a per pedestal basis.
- (5) Non-Residential connected to the Sewerage system:
 - (i) The first 5 pedestals or urinals = 4 units per pedestal.
 - (ii) From 6 to 15 pedestals or urinals = 2 units per pedestal.
 - (iii) From 16 or over pedestals or urinals = 1 unit per pedestal.

The Sewerage Charges per unit to be made and levied for the rating period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 are specified in the below table.

UTILITY GROUP	GROUP DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT For Sewerage
31	Charters Towers Reserve - Residential	\$221
32	Charters Towers Reserve - Non-Residential	\$221

5.3.2 Waste Collection Charges – Utility Groups 31 & 32

A Waste Collection Charge will be levied in accordance with the Waste Collection Schedule on each parcel of land or structure occupied or capable of being occupied for which Council is prepared to provide a waste collection service. Where there is more than one structure on land capable of separate occupation a charge will be made for each structure.

For domestic and non-residential users, the charge will be for a weekly collection of a 240-litre mobile bin. Charges will be made for additional collections per week from domestic or non-residential properties, referred to in the fees as Extra Waste Collection, or additional bins can be provided and collected at the weekly collection.

If any collection of industrial and bulk waste is required by Council, this will be charged based on volume and frequency of collection in accordance with market rates.

No refund of any charges in respect of a regular service duly made and levied in respect of a year or part thereof shall be made or given by Council for the reason that premises are unoccupied.

The costs incurred in the operation and maintenance of all waste management functions provided by Council, will primarily be funded by waste collection charges. The charges, together with the Landfill Management levy will fund the acquisition, operation and maintenance of Council's Landfill and recycling activities, the collection of waste from street side rubbish bins, the removal of dead animals and abandoned motor vehicles and environment protection activities related to waste generally.

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A unit charge covers the provision of one 240 litre mobile bin in accordance with the following Schedule:

	WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE	Units	Min	Max	
a.	Dwellings		1	1	
b.	Multiple Dwellings	Per unit/dwelling	1	1	
c.	Accommodation Units	Per 2 pedestals	1	2	10
d.	Motels, Caravan Parks, Hotel/Motels	Per 2 pedestals	1	2	20
e.	Hotel and Taverns	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	
f.	Clubs, Community Groups/Churches	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	2
g.	Education	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	20
h.	Childcare	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	4
i.	Hospitals, Nursing Home & Place of Retirement	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	20
j.	Non-residential Premises, Shops	Per shop/premise, whichever is greater	1		
k.	Supermarket (Gross floor area >800 m ²)	Per pedestal	1	6	
l.	Other non-residential		1	1	

The Waste Collection Charges per unit be made and levied by the Council for the rating period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 are specified in the table below.

UTILITY GROUP	GROUP DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT for Bin Collection	LANDFILL USAGE
31	Charters Towers Reserve - Residential	\$209	Fees apply
32	Charters Towers Reserve - Non-residential	\$246*	Fees apply

*Includes the Queensland Waste Levy annual charge of \$37 per bin collected in accordance with the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*

5.3.3 Landfill Management Levy – Utility Groups 31 & 32

The Landfill Management Levy is broken into two components being Provision and Use. In Utility Groups 31 and 32, the levy assumes that properties will use the Stubble Street Landfill where a 'user pay policy' has been implemented.

Utility Group	Provision	Use	Annual Levy
31	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
32	\$31	Pay per use	\$31

5.3.4 Regional Water Charges

The basis of the water charge is:

Residential: Ratepayers can choose between the Allocation Tariff or Two Part Tariff
Non-Residential: Two Part Tariff only

Allocation Tariff is an annual fixed charge combining an access charge with an annual allowance of water use and is levied per unit per parcel as set out in the Water Charges Schedule.

Two Part Tariff

First Part: Flat Charge covering Access or Availability (levied in advance)
 Second Part: Charge per kilolitre Used (levied in the year following meter read).

Residential Properties can choose annually between tariffs. A defined timeframe will be advertised each year, following water meter readings, during which time a request to transfer to the other tariff can be submitted online, or via a hardcopy Transfer Form. Transfer requests will not be accepted outside of the defined advertised 'Transfer Period'.