



DEVELOPER SERVICES FEES & CHARGES FOR 2016-17

THE NEW PRICING RELEASED FOR 2016-17 HAS SEEN SOME DEVELOPER SERVICES FEES BEING SET TO ZERO DOLLARS, HOWEVER THE SERVICES ARE STILL REQUIRED.



FEES AND CHARGES 2016-17

There are a number of notable changes to the IPART approved Developer Services fees and charges applicable to 2016-17 that relate to reducing the cost of Design Assessments and Works Inspections. All other services will continue to attract a fee for service.

From 1 July 2016 the services in the table below will attract a 'Nil Fee' however will continue to be delivered by Hunter Water as business as usual until further development and implementation of a third party certification system is able to take place:-

Design Assessment	2016-17
Minor Works Assessment / Administration	Nil Fee
Major Works Assessment / Administration	Nil Fee
Major Works Design Re-assessment	Nil Fee
Works Inspection Fees	
Minor Works Inspection	Nil Fee
Major Works Inspection	Nil Fee
Major Works Gravity Sewer Main	Nil Fee
Major Works Recycled Water Main	Nil Fee

The services listed in the table will be impacted by the future implementation of third party certification system and possible future modification of work-as-completed processing by Hunter Water. An update on the Third Party Certification Project is provided below.

THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF DEVELOPER WORKS PROJECT

Hunter Water remains committed to continuing to develop a new system, processes and documentation to enable third party certification of routine water and sewer reticulation infrastructure delivered by the development community. A delivery program will be made available in the near future.

The new certification system is intended to apply to relatively low risk, routine, linear water and sewer reticulation assets delivered by the development community. Other more complex works, for example water and sewer pump stations, trunk water and sewer infrastructure, and pressure sewer systems, will continue to involve more input and support from Hunter Water and accordingly will continue to attract a fee for service.

The Project aims to ensure that infrastructure continues to be delivered in compliance with relevant design and construction standards, however, will move Hunter Water towards providing an audit function rather than full design review and inspection of developer funded and delivered network infrastructure.

This places more emphasis on the developer to manage and be responsible for ensuring the works are delivered with due regard for quality, safety and environmental compliance.

A legal consultant has been engaged by Hunter Water to develop new documentation to replace the Instrument of Agreement that is currently used to deliver construction phase services. The new Developer Deed(s) will span both design and construction phase services and more clearly outline roles, responsibilities and accountabilities in the delivery of developer funded infrastructure.

Certification of developer works will by necessity also require changes to how Hunter Water interacts with Accredited Suppliers for Developer Works: Accredited Design Consultants and Accredited Construction Contractors. As the Project evolves more information will be provided to industry with further opportunities for consultation.

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