

Council charges and recovers approved fees for any services it provides — all fees are outlined in our schedule of fees and charges.



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### **Pricing Policy**

Sections 608-610 of the Local Government Act 1993 authorise Council to charge and recover fees for any service it provides apart from services for which the charging of a fee is prohibited. Council may waive all or part of a fee unless it is a fee regulated directly by the State Government. In determining whether a fee should be charged for a service Council will consider a number of principles, firstly, whether the service provides a public benefit or a private benefit.

A 'public' service is one where there is a general benefit to the community and where there is limited opportunity of collecting a fee, for example, roads and parks.

A 'private' service is one which provides a discernible private benefit to persons and which offers an opportunity of collecting a fee, for example processing a rezoning application. Where a service generates a private benefit then recovery of costs through a fee is appropriate.

#### **Pricing Methods**

Fees and charges made by Council will be classified according to the pricing structures as outlined below. Full cost pricing will apply to all of Council's fees and charges, except in the circumstances outlined in the alternative pricing structures.

#### **Full cost pricing**

Council will recover all direct and indirect costs of the service (including on-costs, overheads and depreciation of assets employed).

#### **Partial cost pricing**

Council will recover less than the full cost (as defined above).

Partial cost pricing may be used if shared benefits are derived from the provision of the service that accrue to the community as a whole as well as to individual users. It may also be applied where charging full cost recovery pricing will result in widespread evasion.

The price structure may also be used to stimulate demand for a service in the short term, although foregoing full cost recovery must be for a defined term only.

#### **Statutory pricing**

The price of this service is determined by legislation and dependent on that price, Council may or may not recover its full costs, but has no discretion to do so.

Statutory fees and charges are not required to follow the same approval process as other fees and charges as Council is not responsible for setting the price.

The release date for statutory fees and charges varies dependent on the governing body and often does not align with Council's time frame for releasing its fees and charges each year, in this instance Council will endeavor to update the fee or charge once pricing for the relevant period is made available.

DISCLAIMER: Where a fee (or charge) is a statutory one and where the amount is set outside of Council, then the actual statutory fee (or charge) shall prevail if it is different to the fee (or charge) contained within this schedule.

#### **Pricing Methods (continued)**

#### **Market pricing**

The price of the service is determined by examining alternative prices of surrounding service providers (this also may or may not recover the full cost of the service).

This pricing structure should apply in cases where the service is in competition with that provided by another council, agency or commercial provider and there is consequent pressure to set a price that will attract adequate usage of the service.

Market pricing should also apply where a service is predominantly provided for Council's in-house use, but sale to external markets will defray costs.

#### Free (zero priced)

Some services may be provided free of charge and the whole cost determined as a community service obligation and may fall within the class of a public good. This price structure may be used where the services provide a broad community benefit; and/or it is impractical or inconceivable to charge for the service on a user basis.

This price structure may also apply where the service is a minor part of the overall operation of Council and the potential for revenue is minimal.

		Year 24/25		Year 25/26		Unit Logislation Pricing		
Name	Description	Fee	Fee	GST	Fee	Unit	Legislation	Policy
		(incl. GST)	(excl. GST)		(incl. GST)			Folicy

# **Port Stephens Council**

# **Engineering & Works**

### **Subdivision Certificate Fees**

## **Application Fees**

Subdivision Certificate	\$400.00 plus \$150.00 per lot	Per lot Market pricing
Strata Certificate	\$400.00 plus \$100.00 per lot	Per lot Market pricing

#### **Other Fees**

Release / vary / modify restrictions as to user, covenants/caveats, rights of carriageway, easements and the like	Per covenant / easement / etc. Includes up to 4hrs of investigation and assessment work. Additional charge of \$260 per hour for any work incurred in excess of 4hrs	\$385.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	Per covenant	Market pricing
Endorsement of new restriction as to user, covenant/caveat, right of carriageway, easement or the like	Per endorsement. Includes up to 4hrs of investigation and assessment work. Additional charge of \$260 per hour for any work incurred in excess of 4hrs	\$385.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	Per endorsemen t	Market pricing
Termination of Strata Plan		\$385.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	Per covenant	Market pricing
Resigning of subdivision certificate, strata certificate, deposited plan, 88b instrument or the like		\$385.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	Per document	Market pricing

# Subdivision Works Certificate (SWC) Application/Inspection/Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) Fees

Additional Assessment and/or Reinspection	Includes but is not limited to: review of additional documentation, providing revised certificate, failed inspection where reinspection is required, any additional inspections requested by applicant, any combination of above. Minimum 1 hour	\$270.00 per hour  Minimum 1 hour		Market pricing
Drainage not part of road construction – Application Fee	Includes but is not limited to: Interallotment drainage, additional pipes outside of road construction, etc. Fee includes two reviews of submitted documentation. Additional reviews attract additional fees at hourly rate of \$260.00 per hour.	\$11.50 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00		Market pricing
Drainage not part of road construction – Inspection/PCA Fee	Includes but is not limited to: Interallotment drainage, additional pipes outside of road construction, etc.	\$23.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00		Market pricing
Formal Engineering Advice		\$270.00 per hour  Minimum 1 hour	Per hour or part thereof	Market pricing

# Subdivision Works Certificate (SWC) Application/Inspection/Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) Fees [continued]

Engineering Information Certificate	All Development Engineering Information (excluding specific flooding information – see 'Flood Certificate') that should be considered prior to submitting an application.	\$286.00	\$245.45	\$24.55	\$270.00	Per lot	Market pricing
Miscellaneous Works - Application Fee	Includes but is not limited to: industrial/ commercial driveways, car parks, bulk earthworks, footpaths, cycleways, kerb and gutter, etc. Fee includes two reviews of submitted documentation. Additional reviews attract additional fees at hourly rate of \$260.00 per hour.			2% of the co	st of works \$1,080.00		Market pricing
Miscellaneous Works - Inspection/PCA Fee	Includes but not limited to: industrial/ commercial driveways, car parks, bulk earthworks, footpaths, cycleways, kerb and gutter, etc.			2% of the co Min. Fee:	\$1,080.00		Market pricing

# Subdivision Works Certificate (SWC) Application/Inspection/Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) Fees [continued]

Engineering Certification - Application fee	Where the following works are requested to be assessed by Council: private road and drainage design compliance, private road and drainage construction compliance, private storm water management facilities design compliance, private storm water management facilities construction compliance. Fee includes two reviews of submitted documentation. Additional reviews attract additional fees at hourly rate of \$260.00 per hour.	Minimum is based on fee unit applicable  2% cost of works or hourly rate or any other fee as applicable in the schedule  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00	Market pricing
Principal Certifying Authority fee	Where private Accredited Certifier has been appointed	2% cost of works or hourly rate or any other fee as applicable in the schedule.  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00	Market pricing
Rural Road Construction - Application Fee	Includes but is not limited to: construction of road in rural areas, turning lanes, slip road, extension, widening, etc. Fee includes two reviews of submitted documentation.  Additional reviews attract additional fees at hourly rate of \$260.00 per hour.	\$15.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00	Market pricing

# Subdivision Works Certificate (SWC) Application/Inspection/Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) Fees [continued]

Rural Road Construction - Inspection/PCA Fee	Includes but is not limited to: construction of road in rural areas, turning lanes, slip road, extension, widening, etc.	\$30.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00	Market pricing
Urban, Industrial, Commercial and Residential Road Construction - Application Fee	Includes but is not limited to: construction of roads in urban, industrial, commercial and residential areas, turning lanes, slip road, extension widening, etc. Fee includes two reviews of submitted documentation.  Additional reviews attract additional fees at hourly rate of \$260.00 per hour.	\$21.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00	Market pricing
Urban, Industrial, Commercial and Rural Residential Road Construction - Inspection/PCA Fee	Includes but is not limited to: construction of roads in urban, industrial, commercial and rural residential areas.	\$42.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1,080.00	Market pricing
Stormwater quality and/or quantity improvement structure - Application fee	Includes but is not limited to: detention basins, nutrient ponds, gross pollutant traps, rain gardens, etc. Fee includes two reviews of submitted documentation.  Additional reviews attract additional fees at hourly rate of \$260.00 per hour.	\$1,080.00 per structure	Market pricing

Name	Description	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Fee (incl. GST)	Unit	Legislation	Pricing Policy	
Subdivision Works Certificate (SWC) Application/Inspection/Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) Fees [continued]									
Stormwater quality and/or quantity improvement structure - Inspection/PCA fee	Includes but is not limited to: detention basins, nutrient ponds, gross pollutant traps, rain gardens, etc.			\$1,080.00	per structure			Market pricing	
Works Quality and Outstanding Works Bonds Fees									
Outstanding works bond	Where Council			200% (	cost of works			Market	

Outstanding works bond	Where Council accepts to bond works not completed. Includes administration/ management	200% cost of works Min. Fee: \$6,500.00	Market pricing
Works Quality Bond	Where Council accepts completed works as satisfactory and requires a bond for a period of 12 months to ensure quality of works.	5% cost of works (works excluding water and sewer)  Min. Fee: \$6,500.00	Market pricing

# **Flooding Information**

Flood Certificate – single lot, standard request	Flood level information & Coastal Hazard Information (where applicable)	\$305.00 per lot	Per lot	Market pricing
Flood Certificate – multiple adjoining Lots – standard request	Flood level information & Coastal Hazard Information (where applicable)	\$240.00 per lot	Per lot	Market pricing
Flood Certificate – single lot – urgent request	Flood level information & Coastal Hazard Information (where applicable)	\$610.00 per lot	Per lot	Market pricing

## Flooding Information [continued]

Flood Certificate – multiple adjoining Lots – urgent request	Flood level information	\$480.00 per lot	Per lot	Market
	& Coastal Hazard			pricing
	Information (where			
	applicable)			

### **Drainage Works (Section 307 of the Water Management Act 2000)**

### **Approvals/Inspections**

Additional Assessment and/or Reinspection	Includes but is not limited to: review of additional documentation, providing revised certificate, failed inspection where reinspection is required, any additional inspections required by applicant, any combination of the above.  Minimum 1 hour	\$250.00 per hour  Minimum 1 hour	Per hour or part thereof	Market pricing
Connect to public system	Includes but is not limited to: Pipes that connect to public stormwater system, pipes that eventually flow to public stormwater system (even if not directly connected), pipes that flow into catchments or wetlands, etc.	\$250.00 per connection	Per connection	Market pricing
Public drainage line	Includes but is not limited to: Construction of public drainage line within the road reserve before connection to public system, etc.	\$26.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1000 (GST not applicable)	Per metre of drainage	Market pricing

		Year 24/25		Year 25/26	Year 25/26			
Name	Description	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	Unit	Legislation	Pricing Policy
Approvals/Inspections [continued]								
Stormwater quality and/ or quantity improvement structure approval	Includes but is not limited to: detention basins, nutrient ponds, Gross Pollutant Traps, rain gardens, etc.			\$1000.00	per structure	Per structure		Market pricing
Kerb & Guttering								
Corner Lots		\$58.00	\$55.00	\$5.50	\$60.50	Per lineal metre		Partial cost pricing
Frontage (other than corner lots)		\$85.00	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$88.00	Per lineal metre		Partial cost pricing
Rear boundaries		\$45.00	\$42.73	\$4.27	\$47.00	Per lineal metre		Partial cost pricing
Gutter crossing	Layback kerb		n – inclusive of G estimated cost of		naterials and			Full cost pricing
Pipe & Gravel Access								
Pipe & Gravel Access Fee		on a	n – inclusive of G an estimated co ational overhead	st of labour, plai Is and allowanc	nt, materials,			Full cost pricing
Private Utility Installation								
Public Roads/Places								
Category 1 installation – Initial Fee	Up to 50mm diameter and up to 10m length	\$925.00	\$870.91	\$87.09	\$958.00	Each		Market pricing
Subsequent Fee per metre	Up to 50mm diameter and over 10m length	\$181.50	\$170.91	\$17.09	\$188.00	Per km		Market pricing
Category 2 installation – Initial Fee	Over 50mm diameter and up to 10m length	\$4,235.00	\$3,986.36	\$398.64	\$4,385.00	Each		Market pricing
Category 2 installation – Subsequent Fee per metre	Over 50mm diameter and 10m length	\$877.00	\$825.45	\$82.55	\$908.00	Per km		Market pricing

Name	Description	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Fee (incl. GST)	Unit I	Legislation	Pricing Policy
Restorations								
Roads, Footpaths, Associated Access, Drain	nage							
Bituminous Surfaces								
All surfaces	Square metre charge Minimum fee is \$930.00			\$210.00 per	square metre			Full cost pricing
Concrete - Footpaths & Domestic Driveways								
Footpaths & Domestic Driveways				\$225.00 per	square metre			
				Min. Fe	ee: \$1,009.00	pricing		
Concrete - Roads & Commercial Driveways								
Roads & Commercial Driveways				\$546.00 per	square metre			Full cost pricing
				Min. Fe				
Kerb & Gutter								
Kerb & Gutter Fee				\$650.00 pe	r lineal metre			Full cost pricing
				Min. Fe	ee: \$1,181.82			prioring
Other								
All restorations		By quota		penings made si etres may be gro				Full cost pricing
All restorations – Separate restoration costs for openings				ration costs for o es to be estimate				Full cost pricing
Inspection Fee for Restoration Works - Utility Providers	Inspection fee for restoration works completed by utility providers (Hunter Water, Ausgrid etc)	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$12.00	\$132.00			Market pricing
Earth, gravel and all other classes of unsealed pavements or shoulders		Full recovery	of all costs to C	Council - Quote to	be provided upon request			Full cost pricing

		Year 24/25	Year 25/26					Driging	
Name	Description	Fee	Fee	GST	Fee	Unit	Legislation	Pricing Policy	
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# Roads Works (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)

# Approvals/Inspections

Additional Assessment and/or Reinspection	Includes but is not limited to: review of additional documentation, providing revised certificate, failed inspection where reinspection is required, any additional inspections required by applicant, any combination of the above.	\$250.00 per hour  Minimum 1 hour	Market pricing
Miscellaneous Works	Includes but is not limited to: construction of footpaths and shared paths, kerb and gutter, industrial/commercial driveways, etc.	4% of cost of works  Min. Fee: \$1000 (GST not applicable)	Market pricing
Rural Road Construction	Includes but is not limited to: construction of road in rural areas, turning areas, slip roads, extensions, widening, etc.	\$38.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1000 (GST not applicable)	Market pricing
Urban, Industrial, Commercial & Rural Residential Road Construction	Includes but is not limited to: construction of roads in urban, industrial, commercial and rural residential areas, etc	\$58.00 per metre  Min. Fee: \$1000 (GST not applicable)	Market pricing

# **Driveway Crossings**

Driveway Crossing Application (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)	\$300.00 per driveway crossing	Per	Market
		driveway/	pricing
		crossing	

		Year 24/25		Year 25/26				Pricing
Name	Description	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)	Unit	Legislation	Policy
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New Roads								
New Road Naming Application	Fee for one road naming. Provides for 2 options for road naming	\$841.00	\$871.00	\$0.00	\$871.00	Per road		Full cost pricing
Requested appeals	Additional appeal costs	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00			Full cost pricing
Permits								
Additional Assessment and/or Reinspection	Includes but is not limited to: review of additional documentation, providing revised certificate, failed inspection where reinspection is required, any additional inspections required by applicant, any combination of the above.				.00 per hour mum 1 hour	Per hour or part thereof		Full cost pricing
Heavy Vehicle Permit Application	Over Size Over Mass HML PBS (Heavy Vehicle National Law (NSW) (2013 No42a) Section 740)	\$83.00	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$88.00	Per permit		Statutory pricing

Name	Description	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)			Legislation	Pricing Policy	
Permits [continued]							

Footpath Occupation Permit	Includes but is not limited to: the	\$250.00 per week for first 3 weeks	Per week	Full cost pricing
	installation of	\$200.00 per additional week thereafter		, 0
	infrastructure, road	·		
	opening, occupation			
	by crane or skip bin,			
	occupation of			
	footpath, enclosure by			
	hoarding, swinging or			
	hoisting over a public			
	space, any other			
	related activities/			
	works, any			
	combination of the			
	above			

### **Road Closures**

#### Close/Purchase

Road closure and purchase application	Permanent Road Closure Application Initial fee before Council Resolution stage non-refundable	\$896.00	\$928.00	\$0.00	\$928.00	Roads Act 1993   Section 138	Rate of Return pricing
Road closure and purchase application	Subsequent fee after Council resolution			Land Value	e plus costs		Rate of Return pricing

### **Temporary**

Temporary Lane Closure – Construction Works (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)	Permit to implement traffic control within a public road	\$240.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	Per Month	Full cost pricing
Temporary Road/Footpath Closures – Anzac Day (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)	Council will waive the fee for this event	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		Free (zero priced)

Name	Description	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Fee (incl. GST)	Unit	Legislation	Pricing Policy
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Temporary [continued]								
Permit to occupy on-street parking (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)	Permit to occupy on- street parking during construction of development or other works			Per 6 months pe	er car space ee is \$2,350	Per 6 months per parking space		Full cost pricing
Temporary Road/Footpath Closures/Events (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)	Administration and advertising fee	\$480.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Per application		Full cost pricing
Temporary Road/Footpath Closures/Events (Section 138 of Roads Act 1993)	Inspection fee				00 per hour mum 1 hour	Per hour or part thereof		Full cost pricing
Rural Address Post								
Rural address post installed	Issue & installation / replacement	\$238.50	\$224.55	\$22.45	\$247.00	Per address		Full cost pricing
Rural address post supplied	Supply of post only	\$116.00	\$109.55	\$10.95	\$120.50			Full cost pricing
Traffic								
Traffic Information Search	Search and provision of existing data				00 per hour mum 1 hour	Per hour or part thereof		Full cost pricing
Survey & Land Services								
Surveyor	Do and charge	\$172.00	\$162.27	\$16.23	\$178.50	Per hour		Market pricing
Registered Surveyor		By quotation - an e	inclusive of GST estimated cost o	Γ. Quotation will t f labour, plant, m organisational			Full cost pricing	

# Workshop

## Services/Inspections

Mechanical servicing/repair of vehicles	Appointment necessary	\$148.00	\$139.55	\$13.95	\$153.50	Rate of Return pricing
Pink Slips – Light Vehicles	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) Notice 18 Revision 7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Statutory pricing
Pink Slips – Motor Cycles	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) Notice 18 Revision 7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Statutory pricing
Pink Slips – Trailer with brakes	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) Notice 18 Revision 7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Statutory pricing
Pink Slips – Trailer without brakes	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) Notice 18 Revision 7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Statutory pricing
Safety Check only	Rigid truck over 4.5 tonne GVM but not over 5 tonne tare (not prime movers) Buses over 2.5 tonne tare but not over 5 tonne tare. Tow trucks not over 5 tonne tare. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) Notice 18 Revision 7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Statutory pricing

		Year 24/25		Year 25/26				Duining
Name	Description	Fee	Fee	GST	Fee	Unit	Legislation	Pricing Policy
		(incl. GST)	(excl. GST)		(incl. GST)			1 oney

### Services/Inspections [continued]

Safety Check only  Trailers over 2 GTM including truck trailers. A trailer fitted wi breakaway bra Transport for I (TfNSW) Auth Inspection Sch (AIS) Notice 1 Revision 7	v S. V ed	\$0.00	\$0.00	Statutory pricing
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### **Repair and Maintenance of Emergency Services Vehicles**

Any additional services or deviations from the rates detailed below will require prior approval and may incur separate charges.

Mechanical repair, maintenance and service work - Standard working hours	Workshop and field works conducted between 6:00AM and 5:00PM, Monday to Friday.	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	Per hour	Rate of Return pricing
Mechanical repair, maintenance and service work - After hours	Workshop and field works conducted outside of standard working hours, including evenings, weekends and public holidays.	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	Per hour	Rate of Return pricing
Mechanical repair, maintenance and service work - Call-out Fee		\$140 per hour during standard hours (6:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday to Friday) \$160 per hour after hours (any time outside standard hours, including evenings, weekends and public holidays)				Per hour	Rate of Return pricing
Materials charges	Materials supplied for repair or servicing of vehicles.			Full co		Market pricing	

#### **Civil Works**

