

Manawatu Water Services Committee

Meeting of 10 June 2026

Business Unit: Infrastructure

Date Created: 02 June 2026

Endorsement of 2026-27 Water Services Rates

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To review and endorse the proposed Water Rates prior to Council approval in the 2026/2027 Annual Plan process.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That the Manawatū Water Services Committee have reviewed and endorsed the proposed Water Rates for the 2026/2027 Annual Plan as detailed below and in the attached document.

1. Stormwater Targeted Rate \$207.00
2. Rural Land Drainage Targeted Rates (table below)

Category	Rate in \$ of LV
Bainesse drainage district	
Bainesse Class A	0.000890
Bainesse Class B	0.000430
Bainesse Class C	0.000350
Makowhai drainage district	
Makowhai Class A	0.000170
Makowhai Class B	0.000170
Makowhai Class C	0.000040
Maire drainage district	
Maire Class A	0.000200
Maire Class B	0.000090

Maire Class C	0.000120
Maire Class D	0.000140
Oroua Downs drainage district	
Oroua Downs Class A	0.000740
Oroua Downs Class B	0.000360
Oroua Downs Class C	0.000210

3. Wastewater disposal - Connected \$1,149.00 per unit of use

Wastewater disposal - Available \$574.50 per rating unit

Wastewater disposal - Restricted \$919.00 per unit of use

4. Water Supply Targeted Rate – Urban:

Water Supply - Connected \$500.00 per SUIP

Water Supply - Available \$250.00 per rating unit

Water Supply - Restricted \$400.00 per SUIP

Volumetric Water Charges (water by meter):

Connection size	Charge per connection
15 mm to 50 mm	\$869.40
80 mm to 150 mm	\$885.50

5. Water Supply Targeted Rates Rural:

Stanway/Halcombe Rural Water Scheme - per unit allocated \$458.00

Waituna West Rural Water Scheme - per unit allocated \$522.00

Ohakea Rural Water Scheme – per unit allocated \$355.75

Kiwitea Rural Water Scheme - per unit allocated \$281.75*

Kiwitea Rural Water Scheme - per additional unit used but not allocated \$281.75 *

* Kiwitea Rural Water Scheme rates are set and collected by Council and passed on to the scheme in full.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

1.1 Council provides local public services and infrastructure that our communities need to thrive. These services are largely funded from the rates that Council charges property owners.

The law that enables councils to collect rates is the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

It is important to Council that our rating system:

- Provides enough revenue to cover costs;
- Spreads the costs of providing services as fairly as possible;
- Meets the legal requirements;
- Can be understood by the ratepayer and promotes accountability.

The rating system forms part of Council's Prospective Funding Impact Statements and should be read in conjunction with the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.

1.2 The proposed water rates detailed in the Funding Impact Statement –Rating need to be reviewed and endorsed by the Manawatū Water Services Committee.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 Not applicable as this is a legislative / operational item.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

3.1 Not Applicable.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

4.1 Not applicable.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 5.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

- 5.3 No community engagement is required.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 There are no operational implications with this report.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

- 7.1 There are no financial implications with this report.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

- 8.1 There are no statutory requirements for this report.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

- 9.1 Following consideration by the Manawatū Water Services Committee, the proposed rates will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

10 Attachments Ngā ĀpitiHanga

- Funding Impact Statement – Rating - Proposed Water Rates 2026-27.