



YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL

# **WATER INTENSIVE INDUSTRY PRICING POLICY**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

Young Shire Council resolved to adopt a water intensive industry charge to assist local industries where water usage charges are a relatively high proportion of the fixed operational costs. Commercial and industrial properties currently pay a flat rate for water charges however the Water Intensive Industry Price usage charge is to be a special discounted rate to assist in the development of local industry.

## **2 PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES**

To define the Water Intensive Industry Price and the process of eligibility that would enable a consumer to receive this price in relation to water charging and receive the benefits of the associated reduced water charge

## **3 POLICY**

This policy is designed to provide certainty to current and future industrial customers, assist with fostering a prosperous and diverse economic base for the Young Shire Local Government Area, while maintaining cost effective water services for all consumers.

In an effort to attract industries that consume large amounts of reticulated water and provide significant economic benefits to the Young Local Government Area, a Water Intensive Industry Price has been developed.

Eligibility for the Water Intensive Industry Price will be determined on a case by case basis as per the following criteria:

- § Only support businesses that can demonstrate that they compete in external markets and therefore would find it difficult to pass on the high input costs;
- § Consume or expect to consume a significant volume of reticulated water (minimum greater than 10kL/day);
- § Provide a significant level of economic benefit to the community;
- § Are involved in primary production, major rural industry or manufacturing;
- § Have adopted a Council approved water saving plan or is implementing such a plan

The Water Intensive Industry Price is calculated based on the cost to Goldenfields Water County Council plus costs for the transfer of the water. For purposes of this policy the charge shall be equivalent to 75% of the full cost of residential water usage charges. Such charge may vary from year to year in accordance with Council's annual Revenue Policy.

Any consumer wishing to gain access to the Water Intensive Industry Price must do so by way of written application and may be granted access for a fixed period of 2 years after which time a new application will be required.

Council reserves the right to review access to the Water Intensive Industry Price should the applicants' circumstances change.

## **4 IMPLEMENTATION**

The General Manager shall be responsible for the implementation and monitoring and reporting of this policy.

## **5 REVIEW**

The Director Utility Services shall be responsible for the review of this policy.

This policy shall be reviewed every four years or when impacted by changes in legislation