



## Media Release

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### Maniototo Ward Water Charges

Maniototo Community Board was updated on the current status of water charging and water meter installation at its meeting 22 April 2010.

#### Ranfurly and Naseby water schemes

The uniform charge for the 2010/11 rating year (July 2010 – June 2011) will provide an allocation of 500 units per year (a unit = 1000 litres) and extraordinary users, that is those defined as all commercial properties and residential sections larger than 1100m<sup>2</sup>, will pay an excess water charge of 163.92 cents per unit.

Work toward universal metering is continuing. All Ranfurly and Naseby extraordinary users are now metered. Extraordinary connections in Naseby will have their meters read and billed commencing 1 July 2010. These connections are all those that are classed as extraordinary water users and accordingly are charged for units of water used in excess of the allocation provided for by the uniform charge.

All ordinary connections to the Ranfurly and Naseby water schemes will have meters installed by 30 June 2011, so that metering can commence from that date.

The proposed 2010/11 charges are as follows:

- **The uniform charge on rates.** This covers the total cost of operating and maintaining the scheme including water production. The uniform charge is calculated by dividing that total cost of the scheme amongst all connected consumers.
- **The allocation of 500 units per year** was agreed by the Maniototo community board, for Ranfurly and Naseby.
- **The excess water charge of 163.92 cents per cubic metre (or 1000 litres).** This charge applies once the annual allocation is exceeded by those connections that are classed as extraordinary water users. The charge is the cost of producing each additional unit of water. The charge for Naseby has been aligned with Ranfurly.

### **Patearoa water scheme**

This scheme is fully metered and the charging method is the same as in previous years for town supply metered connections.

The excess water charge is set at **124.90 cents per cubic metre** (or 1000 litres) and the allocation is set at **365 units**.

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