

Options considered and selected for public consultation	Status
Increase minimum charge to \$700 in 2024/25	Preferred option for public consultation
Maintain the status quo	Alternative option for public consultation
Increase the minimum charge to \$500 in 2024/25	Alternative option for public consultation
Increase the minimum charge to \$700 by 2025/26 (2 years)	Alternative option for public consultation

Options considered but not selected for public consultation	Reasons not selected for public consultation
Increase minimum charge to \$700 over five years (by 2029)	Not aligned with the preferred three-year window for stockwater race closure
Increase minimum charge to \$700 over nine years (by 2033)	Not aligned with the preferred three-year window for stockwater race closure
The Selwyn model. This involves: • A contribution from general rates in the range of 0-19% • A water race (service) targeted rate which includes: ○ An annual charge of \$418 per rating unit larger than 0.5 hectares where the race service is available. ○ A charge per hectare of \$21 per hectare up to a limit of 500 hectares (\$10,500) where the rating unit is larger than 0.5 hectares and the race service is available. ○ A water race (amenity) targeted rate of \$45 per rating unit where the area of the rating unit is up to 0.5 hectares, or no race service is available.	In concept, the Selwyn approach is like our Policy but uses different tools. It combines a mix of general rate and targeted rate to reflect the mix of community-wide benefit and the group benefit of availability of stockwater. The targeted rate is also differentiated on a basis that means that larger landholders with available stockwater will pay more. Council cannot replicate the Selwyn model for 2024-25. We have no capacity to introduce an additional uniform charge under the section 21 Rating Act cap or to model and understand a move to differentiation based on land area in the available time.
15% general rate compared with 20% general rate for community-wide benefit.	The effect of the higher general rate component is to lower stockwater rates for people paying more than the minimum charge. The rate lowers by around 0.4% for people paying a little above the minimum charge. The people paying the most stockwater rates see their stockwater rates lower by 5%. Council has opted for a policy with general rates in the range of 10-20%.
A range of lesser minimum charges (\$400, \$500, \$600)	

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Options considered but not selected for public consultation	Reasons not selected for public consultation
A “staggered minimum charge” option where bands of higher race length pay a higher minimum charge.	On closer examination, officers found this Option to be more complex and difficult to explain than all the options selected for consultation – while achieving similar outcomes to all the consultation options except the status quo.
Increase the minimum charge to \$700 by 2026/27 (2 years)	Two-year implementation window preferred and included for public consultation. Offers clearer financial incentive.