



Carterton District Council Water Races Policy

The following policy relates to the Taratahi and Carrington Water Race schemes and should be read in conjunction with the Council's water race bylaws.

RATES & CHARGES FOR WATER RACE SERVICES

The Taratahi and Carrington Water Races provide water for stock use, non-potable domestic use, and (irrigation purposes on a case by case basis).

Costs associated with the maintenance of the water race systems are met by targeted rates.

A targeted rate on a differential basis, calculated on land area, on rating units within the Taratahi & Carrington water race system classified areas as follows:

Class A Land area 200 metres either side of the centreline of the water race

Class B Land area from 200 to 500 metres either side of the centreline of the water race.

Class C Land area able to be irrigated from water drawn from natural water course fed from a water race system, calculated from conditions of the applicable resource consent.

A targeted Rural Water Service Rate per rating unit on land situated in the Taratahi or Carrington Water Race Classified Area.

Each property unit is liable for the payment of rates where the property is serviced by the water race system (see fig's 1 & 2)

EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYING WATER RACE RATES

1) Where the property is within a water race area and stock water is unable to be supplied to that property or it is impracticable to do so, then:

a) The property shall be exempted from payment of stock water rates.

b) Application for such exemption must be in writing and not be retrospective prior to the current financial year in question.

2) Where a property separates two parcels of land by way of right of way (ROW) or other access way, and where a water race traverses the ROW or other access way, and conditional there is no draw off or access to water from the ROW or access way, then that property will be exempt from payment of water race rates, (see fig 3).

IRRIGATION FROM WATER RACES

Taratahi & Carrington Water Race Scheme Conditions:

- Application for an irrigation permit must be made in writing to the Operations Manager.
- A flow monitoring device shall be installed at all abstraction points to the Council's requirements before irrigation commences.
- There is no guarantee of water for irrigation use.

- That the water race that irrigation is proposed to be taken from is of sufficient size so there shall not be detrimental effect to downstream users.
- All Illegal Irrigation. Any person irrigating without a permit or approval of the Carterton District Council shall be required to cease immediately and the Council may at their discretion proceed with prosecution.

WATER RACE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- The Carterton District Council is responsible for race cleaning of designated main and lateral water races.
- Cleaning means maintaining a continuous flow of water within the water race system
- The Council undertakes cleaning and/or spraying along designated main races

RELOCATION OF WATER RACES

Relocation of water races may be permitted subject to:

- Relocation of the race shall not have a detrimental effect on any other water race users or the water race system operation.
- Application for relocation shall be made in writing to the Operations Manager and shall include:
 - a) Map showing existing and proposed works
 - b) Specifications for construction of work.
 - c) Non-refundable payment of the application fee.
 - d) No works can proceed until engineering approval of the works has been obtained from the Operations Manager.
 - e) All costs associated, including any supervision, with the relocation shall be at the applicant's expense.
 - f) If any leakage occurs from the relocated race, including anytime in the future, the applicant shall undertake all necessary repairs as directed by the Operations Manager.
 - g) A water loss test must be carried out in consultation with the Council representative prior to the water being fully diverted. If this is not undertaken the Council reserves the right to do this at the applicant's cost and all repairs that may be required are at the applicant's expense.
 - h) Where a water race relocation application is an enhancement to the scheme, then a cost sharing arrangement may be entered into between the Council and the applicant at the Council's discretion.

CLOSURES OF WATER RACES.

- 1) The water race network may be rationalised from the extremities of the Water Race Scheme on a race by race basis, in consultation with property owners, and in light of any other decisions pertaining to enhanced use of the scheme for irrigation and/or aquifer recharge for water supply and stream augmentation.
- 2) Any request by a property owner for a closure of a water race must be made in writing to the Operations Manager.

NEW RACES OR ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES

Installation of new races may be permitted:

- 1) Where new properties are requested to be served.
- 2) To serve additional areas of individual properties.
- 3) Conditions required to be met include:
 - a) Cost of all works including the associated supervision is at the applicant's expense.
 - b) Design and construction to the approval of the Operations Manager.
 - c) If any leakage occurs from the race, including anytime in the future, the applicant shall undertake all necessary repairs as directed by the Operations Manager.
 - d) A water loss test must be carried out in consultation with the Council representative prior to the water being fully diverted. If this is not undertaken, the Council reserves the right to do this at the applicant's cost and all repairs that may be required are at the applicant's expense.

CARRY OUT WORK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Where Council has been requested to carry out works on private property, at the completion of the relevant works Council shall invoice the property owner(s) to recover costs incurred.

LAND SUBDIVISIONS

- 1) Where land subdivision is carried out within a water race area, a classification calculation to determine water race rates on the extent of new lot sizes and associated water race provision will be made.
- 2) The water race shall be piped at the developer's expense where any water race traverses a right of way or other access.
- 3) The developer/owners shall provide gates, in the fences adjacent to the water races, to allow the Council to access and maintain the water races. The location and size (normally 3.6m wide) shall be to the approval of the Carterton District Council.

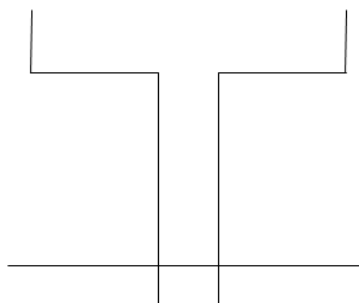
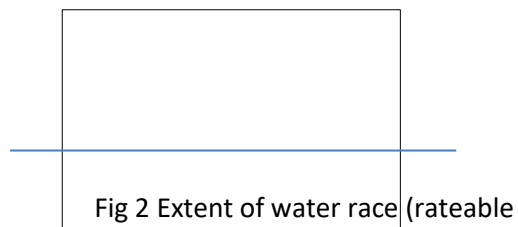
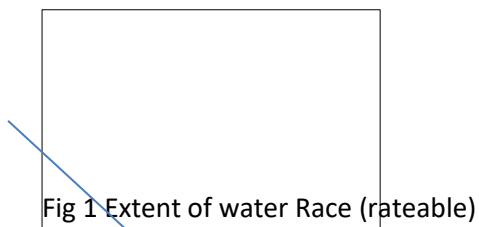


Fig 3 water race traversing access way (non - rateable)