

## WATER AND SEWERAGE UPDATE

Hobart ratepayers will soon receive their first invoice for water and sewerage charges resulting from the State Government's reforms on the provision of water and sewerage services for Tasmania.

From the 1 July 2009, the provision of water and sewerage services is no longer a Council responsibility. Three service-based organisations have been established by the government to deliver water and sewerage services throughout the three regions of Tasmania. For Hobart, the new organisation is called Southern Water.

To that end, water and sewerage charges are not levied by the Council, so they no longer appear on your Council rates notice. Instead, you will soon receive a separate bill for your water and sewerage charges from Onstream, the common-services corporation providing billing services for Southern Water.

The invoice will be calculated by Southern Water using the same method that Council has used in the past however, the State

Government has identified that water and sewerage charges will increase by up to 10 per cent each year for the next three years.

The Hobart City Council is committed to informing and updating its ratepayers on the changes to water and sewerage, initiated by the State Government, and will continue to provide any update via its website [hobartcity.com.au](http://hobartcity.com.au) and Capital City News.

To find out more about water and sewerage, Southern Water can be contacted on 13 6992 or visit their website [southernwatertas.com.au](http://southernwatertas.com.au) ►

