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OBJECTIVE:

To define minimum acceptable standards concerning water service connections, meter selection and installation of water meters.

DEFINITION

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* a **premises** means any of the following:

- (a) a building of any description or any part of it and the appurtenances to it,
- (b) land, whether built on or not,
- (c) a shed or other structure,
- (d) a tent,
- (e) a swimming pool,
- (f) a ship or vessel of any description (including a houseboat),
- (g) a van.

house service pipe means such part of a water service pipe as is not a property service pipe.

property service pipe means such part of a water service pipe as lies between the service main and the water meter or, if there is no water meter, the boundary of the premises served by the service pipe.

POLICY:

1. Council has adopted the provisions of the Water Service Association of Australia's Meter Selection and Installation Code of Practice – WSA12-2012. Where this policy is silent the provisions of the Code will take precedence.
2. Council does not permit persons, other than Council staff to undertake repair, maintenance or replacement of water meters owned by Council. It is an offence under *Section 636* of the *Local Government Act 1993* to tamper with a meter/s and fittings.
3. Prior to commencement of works to connect to Council's Water Reticulation, property owners must obtain approval issued under *Section 68 –Part B* of *Local Government Act 1993* by completing a Water Service Connection Application Form. A person who fails to obtain an approval or who carries out an activity otherwise than in accordance with an approval is guilty of an offence under *Section 626 & 627* of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Council will maintain water service connections from the water main to and including the water meter.

5. All properties within the Lithgow City Council Local Government Area connected to the reticulation system require a backflow prevention device. Refer to Council's Backflow Prevention – Containment Policy, Policy Number 3.4.
6. In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the owner of premises must, unless Council authorises otherwise, ensure that the premises are not connected to a property service pipe linked to the council's water supply system except by an independent house service pipe.

An independent house service pipe connecting premises to Council's water supply system must have a stop-valve within the premises:

- a. at a place that is not more than 450 millimetres from the road alignment, or
 - b. at some other place approved by Council.
7. If the council authorises the connection of 2 or more premises by means of a single house service pipe, there must (unless all the premises are occupied by one household or firm as a residence or place of business) be installed on each of those premises:
 - a. a separate stop-valve that complies with clause (6), and
 - b. a separate water meter to measure the water supply to those premises.

The following diagrams provide acceptable solutions for the installation of house service pipes and meters.

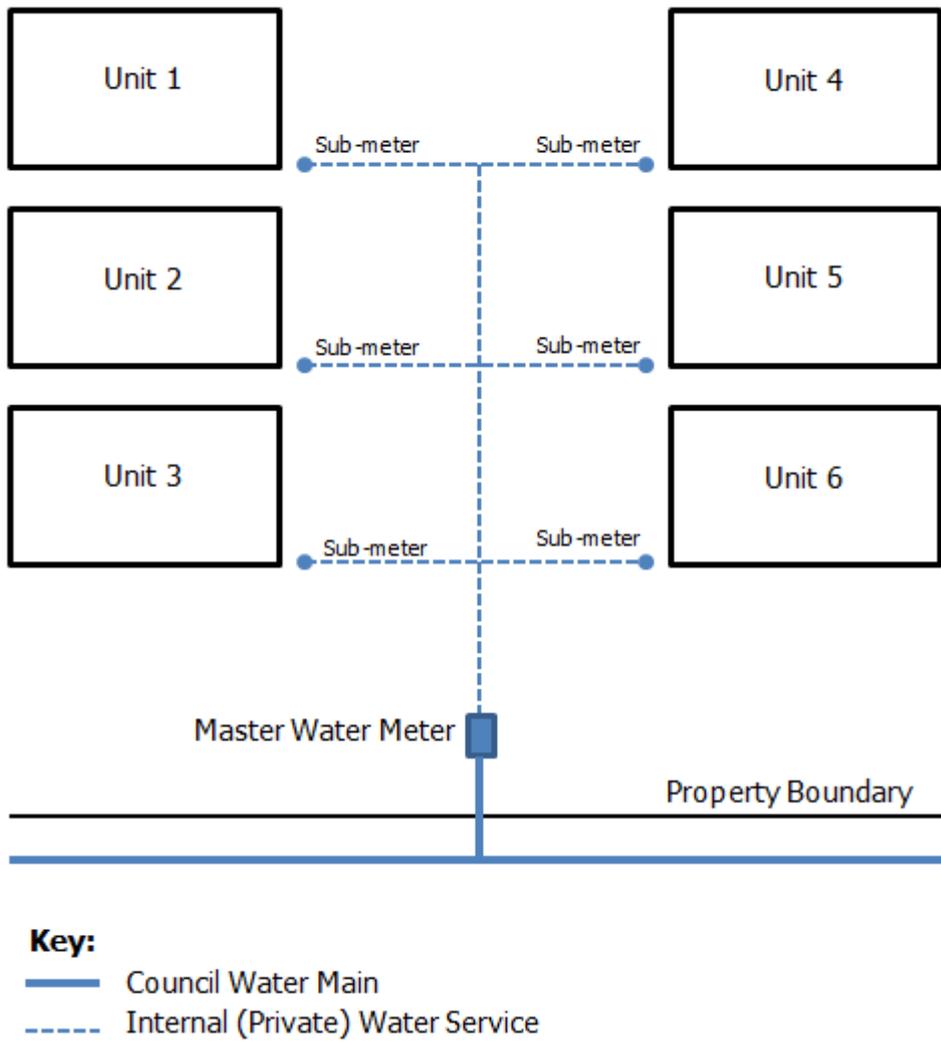


Figure 1: Strata and Community Title water connections utilising a master meter and sub meter arrangement.

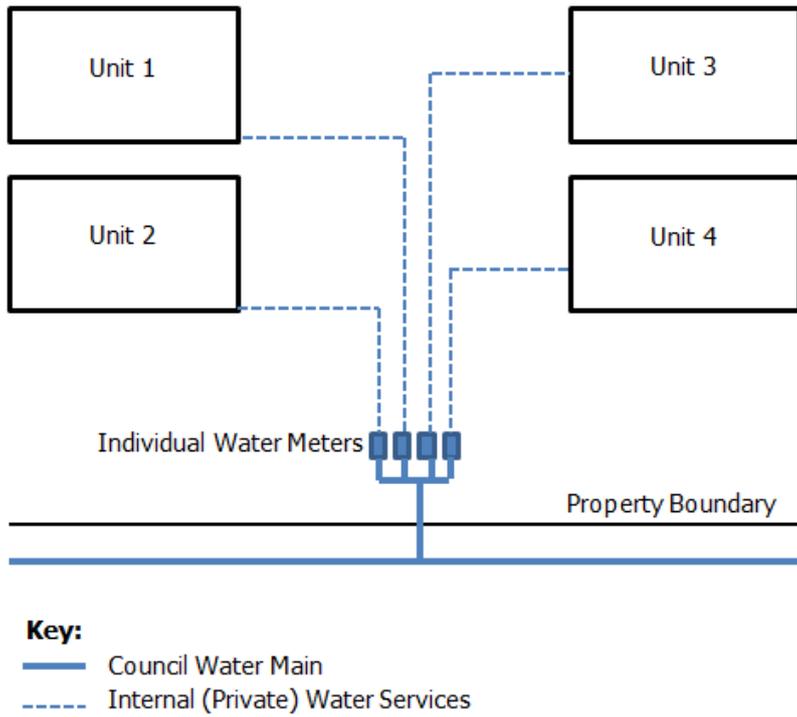


Figure 2: Water connections utilising a manifold arrangement

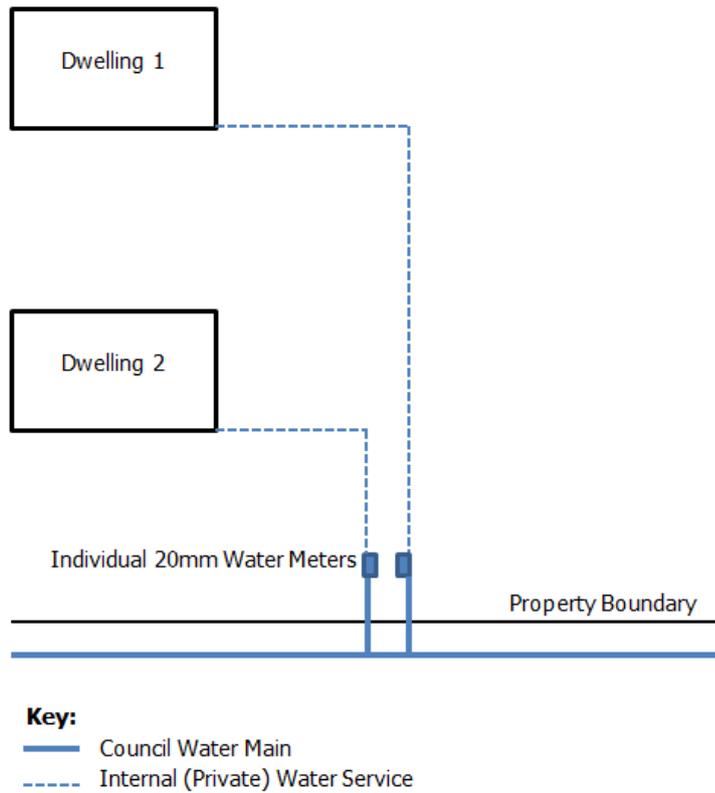


Figure 3: Dual Occupancy Water Connection (Preferred)

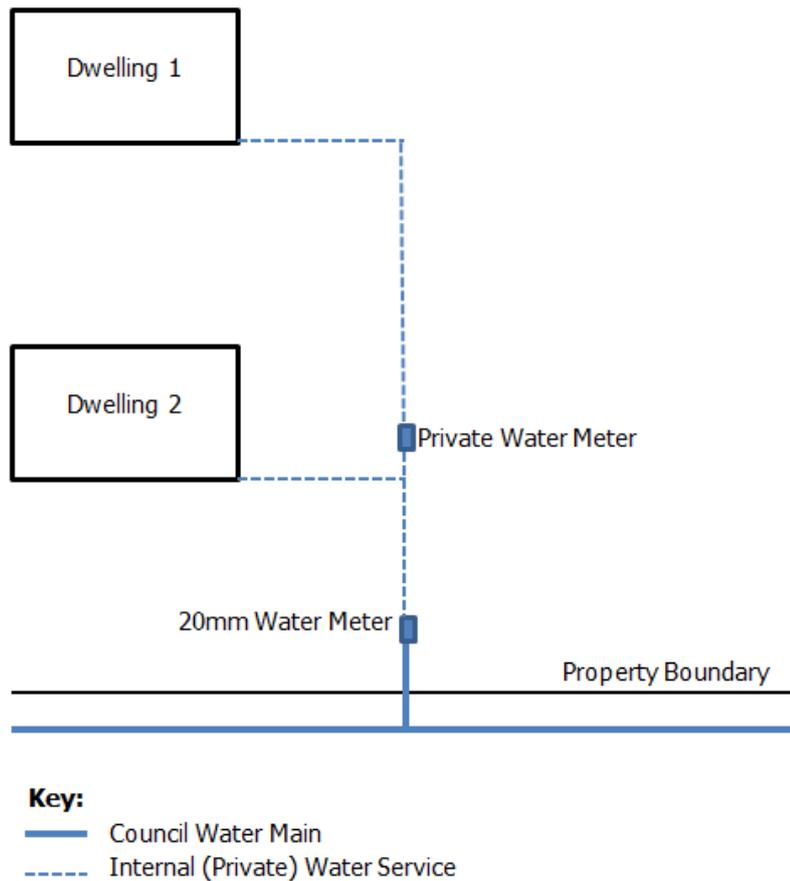


Figure 4: Dual Occupancy Water Connection (Alternate)

In the above instances Council will read and issue individual water accounts to each premises.

8. If several premises are supplied with water by a single house service pipe, the council may require, as a condition of the supply that a house service pipe be laid to each of the premises.
9. Council reserves the right to repair, maintain or replace a water meter used for billing purposes.
10. Where a meter is proposed to be relocated, written approval of the Council is required and all costs are to be borne by the applicant.
11. Water meter assemblies are to be protected from damage caused by freezing in accordance with AS/NZS3500 and Section 10.8 of the Code
12. In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, A water meter (other than a water meter hired from or provided by the council) to be installed on premises connected or to be connected to a water supply system must:
 - a. be of a size and class approved by the council, and

- b. be fitted with stop-valves and such other fittings as may be specified by the council.
13. The meter is to be accessible for reading and removal or repair is unrestricted. Where meters are covered with unacceptable obstructions the owner will be requested to remove the offending obstruction at full cost. If such obstructions are not removed within 60 days, Council may remove the obstructions at the owners full cost

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