

Interim Wastewater Infrastructure Q&A

What is interim infrastructure?

Interim Infrastructure is an accepted practice of allowing wastewater servicing of Sydney Water customers ahead of the delivery of permanent services, as part of the Growth Servicing Plan.

What types of interim infrastructure are there?

There are Three types of Interim infrastructure:

- Tankering / Pump out
- Pump to sewer
- Temporary Sewage Pump Station (SPS)

Will Sydney Water fund, interim infrastructure?

Where it complies with Sydney Water Funding Policy.

Can a developer fund, own and operate the interim infrastructure, if Sydney Water will not?

If Sydney Water determines that it will not fund, own and operate interim infrastructure, developers will need to fund it. This ensures developers can deliver interim or temporary infrastructure that allows them to accelerate servicing and development. Subject to meeting Sydney Water Interim Infrastructure Standard.

The developer is responsible to operate and maintain the interim infrastructure.

Can a developer use Sydney Water's Operating Licence for Developer funded, owned and operated the interim infrastructure?

If a developer meets Sydney Water's criteria, we will approve the developer funding, owning and operating the interim infrastructure using Sydney Water's Operating Licence.

If a developer does not meet our criteria, they can apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to own and operate infrastructure under the Water Industry Competition Act.

Will the interim infrastructure need to meet Sydney Water's requirements?

Yes, where the interim infrastructure using Sydney Water operating licence. Including complying with the following;

- Sydney Water Operating Licence
- Interim Wastewater Infrastructure Standard
- maintains customer service standards
- safety requirements
- environmental requirements.

How does a developer apply for interim infrastructure?

Developers who want to investigate interim infrastructure should engage WSC to facilitate these works. The key steps include:

- Engage WSC to lodge minor extension application
- Undertake an Option assessment to determine preferred option
- Option assessment endorsed by Sydney Water for preferred option
- Sydney Water will issue letter of condition
- Prepare relevant plan and design and submit to Sydney Water
- Deed executed by Developer and Sydney Water once design and plans agreed by all parties.

Is an option assessment required?

You will need to investigate and carryout a catchment analysis to develop the Option Assessment Report using Sydney Water Option Assessment Report Template which will be available upon request. This will establish the initial assessment for the preferred IOP type.

The preferred option needs to demonstrate Sydney Water Planning, Operational and Environmental requirements and endorsed by Sydney Water.

Do I need a Hydraulic engineer and other engineers?

Yes, a competent and experience engineers are required. The design must be undertaken and verified by appropriately qualified personnel as part of Sydney Water's Engineering Competence Standard and submitted as part of the IOP.

What type of Plan/Agreement is required?

You need an IOP Plan/Agreement and design complying with Sydney Water's Interim Wastewater Infrastructure Standard, based on approved preferred option.

The IOP needs to demonstrate Sydney Water Planning, Operational and Environmental requirements and endorsed by Sydney Water.

Do I need to sign a Deed for IOP?

Yes, a Deed is incorporated in IOP Template.

Will it affect the developer or landowner obtaining a Development Application or s73 certificate where interim infrastructure is needed?

A developer or landowner will only be affected if they are applying to Sydney Water to build interim or temporary infrastructure. This will be reflected on the s73 certificate for the current servicing arrangement.

If a customer is applying to connect to an existing system, there will be no change to the Development Application or s73 certificate process.

How to choose discharge location?

The discharge point selection must comply with Sydney Water's Interim Wastewater Infrastructure Standard requirements and will be identified as per the option assessment.

Is a Bond Required?

A bond will be required, and a bonding agreement entered into with us. The amount and conditions of the bond will be determined case by case in accordance with Sydney Water's bonding policy.

What happens when the permanent infrastructure is built?

When the developer or Sydney Water builds the replacement permanent infrastructure, the interim infrastructure will be removed and decommissioned. The customer should notice no change in their wastewater services.