



**The Hon Don Page MP**  
Minister for Local Government  
Minister for the North Coast

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Dear Mr Carter

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2012 to the Premier, the Hon Barry O'Farrell MP, regarding the level of sewer access charge for non-residential properties imposed by Bathurst Regional Council. The Premier referred your email to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP, who has asked me to reply on his behalf.

While I appreciate your concerns, I understand that the charging structure adopted by Bathurst Regional Council is lawful and it complies with the relevant pricing guidelines. This has been confirmed by the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

It is therefore essentially a matter you will need to continue to pursue with the Council in the context of its water and sewerage pricing and charging structure.

I note that you have raised this issue on a number of occasions prior to your most recent correspondence to the Premier. As there appears to have been comprehensive responses to date on this issue, unfortunately there is little further that I may add.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Premier.

Yours sincerely

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