

# Kyogle Council

## Water Usage Policy- Allowance for the Medical Usage of Water



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**1. Title**

This Policy may be cited as Kyogle Council's Dialysis Patients – Water Usage Policy

**Validity**

This policy was adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting held 18/04/06 (Resolution 180406/21).

**2. Policy Objectives**

The objective of this Policy is assist patients that require Haemodialysis, the process whereby patient's blood is filtered with a dialysis machine with the provision of 100 kilolitres of water each year at no cost.

**3. Policy**

That ratepayers who are required to undergo Haemodialysis, in their own homes will be granted a rebate of 100 kl per annum from their annual water usage charge.

A medical authority eg. Northern Rivers Area Health Service must provide correspondence confirming that the patient is undergoing Haemodialysis and confirming the address of the patient.

The allowance given is to be based on the estimated volume of water the machine would use annually.

The allowance will be applied at each six month reading, where 50 kl of water will be provided free of charge.

An allowance will be cancelled in the next billing period following the date at which either the property sells or the machine is no longer used.

The Water Billing Officer will confirm (in June annually) with the medical association that is providing the dialysis service to the patient, that the machine is still in operation. If the service has been discontinued, the allowance will be cancelled.

The Water Engineer must keep a list of the consumers using these machines. The consumers must be contacted if interruptions in the water supply are required for maintenance and the like.