

## media release

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### **390 landowners to be re-issued rates notices**

Gladstone Regional Council has identified a rates conversion error that has resulted in a significant increase in sewerage charges to strata title dwellings within the Miriam Vale/Discovery Coast area.

Council's Director of Finance Mark Holmes said Council investigated the situation after being alerted to it via a media article last week.

"It appears that the units applied to strata title sewerage charges in the former Miriam Vale area, upon conversion of the rating system, have converted at 10 units, rather than at eight for residential properties and five for commercial properties the previous year," Mr Holmes said.

"This has resulted in rates notices showing a significant increase in sewerage charges for about 390 strata title dwellings, both residential and commercial, which is incorrect."

Mr Holmes said Council would now re-issue rates notices on October 9 and extend the discount date to November 9 to affected landholders, as well as contacting the landowners by letter.

He said owners of strata titled dwellings outside the former Miriam Vale Shire were not affected by the error.

Mr Holmes said Council apologised for any inconvenience this has caused landowners and urged residents to call Council's rates department if they wished to have any rates matters clarified.

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#### **MEDIA INFORMATION:**

**Council's Director of Finance Mark Holmes on 4970 0700.**