



**Attachment 2**

**SEQ Benchmarking**

The Plumbing Fees and Charges had undergone a complete review during 2016/17 and a number of changes come into operation 1 July 2017. The objectives of this review were to:

- Simplify the schedule of charges to facilitate the expansion of online business opportunities and reduce the volume of quotes being requested
- Establish a clear and precise charging methodology, particularly in relation to the high volume plumbing applications
- Provide processing improvements reducing administrative time both internally, and for our customers
- Improve terminology and wording to improve consistency
- Prepare for proposed legislation changes in the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* and relevant Building Codes.

These objectives are delivered by incorporating a base price plus per unit charging model. It removed the complexities associated with stepped pricing model and was consistent with the methodology applied in the Planning, Engineering and Environment Schedule.

The below figure 1 shows Sunshine Coast Council’s position against Gold Coast City Council, Moreton Bay Council, Ipswich Council and Logan City Council.

**Figure 1 – Plumbing Services**

