Information on water planning and management charges levied and determined by Goulburn-Murray Water

Information requirement	Relevant information
The name or a description of	Transaction fees for applications to Goulburn-Murray Water made under the <i>Instruments of delegation dated 20 June 2007</i>
the regulated charge	and 2 May 2003 for activities including:
	Dome on or off Waterway Food
	Dams on or off Waterway FeesWaterway Determination
	Groundwater Works License Fees
	 Groundwater & Unregulated Surface Water Take & Use License Fees
	Land Transactions
The amount of the regulated	From 1 July 2015:
charge (whether expressed as	
a dollar amount or as fee	Dams on or off Waterway Fee – Application Fees
units) or details of rates,	• Works on waterways & large dame construction licence is \$2,940.00
fixed and variable	• Works on waterways & large dam construction or construction or operate licence renewal, transfer is \$725.00
components and all other	• Registration of construction or alteration of a Domestic Stock or Aesthetic dam is \$60.00
details necessary	Waterway determination
	Waterway determination Waterway determination inspection and report/inspection is \$795.00
	• Waterway determination hispection and report/hispection is \$793.00 • Each additional assessment required/inspection is \$370.00
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	Groundwater Works License Fees
	• Domestic and stock bore to construct, alter and replace is \$390.00
	• Online - domestic and stock bore to construct is \$235.00
	• Online - domestic and stock bore to amend and renew is \$80.00
	• Licencable bore - construct, alter, operate is \$1,440.00
	• Licencable bore – replace \$900.00
	• Each additional licencable bore associated with a construct works licence is \$170.00
	• Amendment to domestic and stock bore is \$200.00

- Renewal/Transfer of a works licence to construct is \$200.00
- Amendment of a works licence to construct (licencable purpose) is \$540.00
- Investigation or Monitoring bore construct, alter, replace and renew is \$395.00
- Online Investigation or Monitoring bore to construct is \$235.00
- Online Investigation or Monitoring bore to amend and renew is \$80.00
- Each additional observation bore is \$170.00
- Amendment to investigation/observation is \$200.00

Groundwater & Unregulated Surface Water Take & Use Licence Fees

- Application for a Groundwater or Surface Water Licence is \$1,500.00
- Review of additional information required for high risk applications is **App Fee** + \$110/hr
- Application for Temporary Transfer of licence volume
 - o Tier 1 Temporary trade is \$200.00
 - o Tier 2 Temporary trade technical assessment required is \$535.00
 - Review of additional information required is **App Fee** + \$110/hr
- Permanent Transfer of licence Entitlement is \$1,060.00
 - Review of additional information required is **App Fee** + \$110/hr
- Transfer of Ownership (land transfer) is \$200.00
- Amend, amalgamate, subdivide licence is \$850.00
- Renew Groundwater/Surface water licence is \$690.00
- Decrease Licence Volume is \$264.00
- Registration and transfer of a Domestic & Stock Bore is \$60.00
- Capital Charge for New Groundwater Entitlement (per licence megalitre) is \$158.00
- Private right determination is \$805.00

Land Transactions

- Change of Ownership is \$71.00
- Application to Issue, Transfer or Vary a Delivery Share is \$180.00
- Application for delivery capacity assessment is \$92.00
- Application to Cease to be a serviced property is \$180.00
- Application to issue or vary a Water-Use Licence (with inspection) is \$425.00

•	Application to issue	e or vary a Water-Use Licence (without inspection) is	\$200.00

- Application to cancel a Water Use Entity is **No Charge**
- Application to Issue/amend/renew a Works Licence is \$725.00
- Application to Transfer a Works Licence is \$200.00

Information requirement	Relevant information
The legislative, contractual or other authority for the regulated charge	Under section 306 of the <u>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</u> , the Minister of Water may delegate, by instrument, to any person or class of persons any power, discretion, function, authority or duty of the Minister under this or any other Act.
	The Minister for Water has delegated Goulburn-Murray Water functions and responsibilities as set out in the Instrument of Delegation dated 2 May 2003 and 20 June 2007 which include;
	• prescribing fees that are for the issuing, varying or cancellation of a water use licences or water use registrations (instrument 20 June 2007 items 35, 37, 43 and 51 under section 64P(d), 64R, 64AI(1)(d) and 64AR(2)(d) of the Water Act 1989)
	• prescribing fees that are for the issuing, varying or cancellation of a works licence. (instrument 20 June 2007 items 60, 63, 67, 70 and 71 under section 67(2)(c)(i), 72(2)(c), 73A(3)(d), 74(4)(c) and 74AA of the Water Act 1989)
	Under section 260 of the Water Act 1989 (Victoria), Goulburn-Murray Water has the power to set tariffs.
	(1) An Authority that sets a tariff must do so by resolution.
	(2) A resolution under subsection (1) has no effect until the day on which notice of the making of the resolution is published in a newspaper circulating generally in the area concerned.
	(3) An Authority that sets a tariff must specify in the notice under subsection (2)—
	(a) the district to which the tariff applies; and
	(b) the method of calculating fees imposed under the tariff; and
	(c) the period for which the tariff is set
	Under section 264 of the <i>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</i> Goulburn-Murray Water has authority to set charges for any functions

	delegated to it. All charges listed in this document are regulated by the Essential Services Commission.
Information requirement	Relevant information
A description of the process applied in determining the regulated charge including: • the cost allocation principles; and • whether the regulated charge has been the subject of consultation, a review or audit and, if it has, a description of the process and a summary of the outcome	The regulated tariffs have been designed to recoup costs associated with the provision of the service provided. Where direct expenses are incurred to provide the service, these expenses are allocated directly to the cost of the service. Indirect expenses, ie. corporate related costs such as finance and human resources are allocated on varying basis according to their corporate requirements. The fees and charges for these services are regulated by the Essential Services Commission (Commission) in accordance with the Water Industry Regulatory Order 2003 (WIRO) issued under the Water Industry Act 1994. The process prescribed in the WIRO requires that prices be calculated or otherwise determined in accordance with the Regulatory Principles related to: recovery of operational, maintenance and administrative costs; recovery of expenditure on renewal and rehabilitation of existing assets; provide appropriate incentives for the sustainable use of water resources; and provide the regulated entity a sustainable revenue to meet efficient delivery of outcomes identified in the Water Plan. These charges were included in the 2013-16 Water Plan and subsequent pricing proposals that have been subject to regulatory review and public consultation prior to receiving the final determinations by the Commission. Consultation with customers occurred during the Water Plan and the subsequent Goulburn-Murray Water Blueprint published April 2013. Customers were advised of the tariffs to apply from 1 July 2015 by newsletter mail out, publication in the newspaper, media release and via the GMW website.
The class of persons by whom the regulated charge is payable	All legal entities making an application in relation to delegated Goulburn-Murray Water functions must pay the associated fees. These include Government bodies, irrigators, companies and others making application.
The person to whom or the agency to which the regulated charge is payable	Fees for regulated tariffs are payable to Goulburn-Murray Water.

When the regulated charge is payable and, if payable by instalments, the number of instalments and intervals at which they are payable	Fees and charges are payable annually in respect of licence fees, or on application .
Information requirement	Relevant information
If applicable, the water resource, catchment or district, and the water resource plan or other plan, to which the regulated charge relates	Fees for regulated tariffs in relation to Goulburn-Murray Water functions delegated by the Minister relate to the private diverter customers from Nyah through to the South Australian boarder along the Victorian side on the Murray River.
If applicable, the class of water access right, water delivery right or irrigation right to which the regulated charge relates	Fees for regulated tariffs in relation to Goulburn-Murray Water functions delegated by the Minister refer to high and low reliability water shares, the allocation derived from these water shares and the licensing instruments for these water shares.
A description of the water planning and water management activity or activities to which the regulated charge relates including, in relation to each	Goulburn-Murray Water has a dedicated staff for which these fees offset the cost to provide the service. Generally the fees apply following an application from a customer or, in relation to some licence fees on an annual basis. The current fees listed apply from 1 July 2015.
 activity: the financial year or other period during which the activity is being, or is to be, carried out the actual or estimated operating, capital and corporate service costs of the 	Fees for regulated tariffs in relation to Goulburn-Murray Water functions delegated by the Minister in administering and the management of the private diverter licensing and operation services, are for a wide range of water planning and water management activities. The key activities include; • licence management • meter reading • meter maintenance and renewal • water information/management guidance

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- activity in respect of the financial year or other period
- whether the costs of the activity have been the subject of consultation or a review or audit
- the relationship between the costs of the activity and the calculation of the regulated charge

- customer record management
- billing
- information statements
- water ordering
- overseeing government policy compliance (environmental plans, water quality reporting, biodiversity plans, drought management plans, water supply demand strategy, customer charter etc)
- external agency reporting (annual report, corporate plan, water plan, Bureau of Meteorology, Essential Services Commission)
- corporate management (Energy and Water Ombudsmen of Victoria, Customer Service Advisory Committee, Essential Services Commission, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Australian Taxation Office)

The cost for Goulburn-Murray Water to perform these activities (including indirect corporate overheads) vary from year to year however are in the vicinity of;

Operational and Maintenance \$3,709,900

Administration \$358,700

The costs associated with delivering the service via the activities as described above are directly attributed to the calculation of the fees. The fees are subject to an independent review. A Water Plan is prepared by Goulburn-Murray Water, for the Essential Services Commission (ESC) as part of the requirements for water industry regulation detailed by the Water Industry Regulatory Order (WIRO). The document details the needs of the business for the regulatory period, the latest being the 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016. The document is developed in consultation with GMW's customers for agreed service levels which influence service cost. The document is published on the ESC website in which the ESC invites the community to make submissions in response to the Water Plan. The ESC make a pricing determination for this regulatory period based on the data provided in this document after the consultation period.

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