

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

Information requirement	Relevant information
The name or a description of the regulated charge	<p>Transaction fees for applications to Goulburn-Murray Water made under the <i>Instruments of delegation dated 20 June 2007</i> and <i>2 May 2003</i> for activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dams on or off Waterway Fees</b></li> <li>• <b>Waterway Determination</b></li> <li>• <b>Groundwater Works License Fees</b></li> <li>• <b>Groundwater &amp; Unregulated Surface Water Take &amp; Use License Fees</b></li> <li>• <b>Land Transactions</b></li> </ul>
The amount of the regulated charge (whether expressed as a dollar amount or as fee units) or details of rates, fixed and variable components and all other details necessary	<p>From 1 July 2017:</p> <p><b>Dams on or off Waterway Fee – Application Fees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works licence to construct, alter or decommission a dam or other structure is <b>\$2,000.00</b></li> <li>• Works licence to operate a dam/weir (large or potentially hazardous dam) is <b>\$735.00</b></li> <li>• Registration of construction or alteration of a Domestic &amp; Stock dam is <b>\$63.00</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Waterway determination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterway determination inspection and report/inspection is <b>\$825.00</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each additional assessment required/inspection is <b>\$380.00</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Groundwater Works Licence Fees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic and stock bore to construct, alter and replace is <b>\$405.00</b></li> <li>• Amendment to domestic and stock bore is <b>\$210.00</b></li> <li>• Licencable bore - construct, alter, operate is <b>\$1,500.00</b></li> <li>• Each additional licencable bore associated with a construct works licence is <b>\$180.00</b></li> <li>• Licencable bore – replace <b>\$930.00</b></li> <li>• Amendment of a works licence to construct (licencable purpose) is <b>\$550.00</b></li> <li>• Renewal/Transfer of a works licence to construct is <b>\$210.00</b></li> </ul>

- Investigation or Monitoring bore – construct, alter, replace and renew is **\$410.00**
- Each additional observation bore is **\$180.00**
- Amendment to investigation/observation is **\$210.00**
- Online - domestic and stock bore to construct is **\$235.00**
- Online - domestic and stock bore to amend and renew is **\$80.00**
- Online - Investigation or Monitoring bore to construct is **\$235.00**
- Online - Investigation or Monitoring bore to amend and renew is **\$80.00**

#### **Groundwater & Unregulated Surface Water Take & Use Licence Fees**

- Application for a Groundwater or Surface Water Licence is **\$1,550.00**
- Review of additional information required for high risk applications is **App Fee + \$110/hr**
- Application for Temporary Transfer of licence volume
  - Tier 1 - Temporary trade is **\$210.00**
  - Tier 2 - Temporary trade technical assessment required is **\$600.00**
  - Review of additional information required is **App Fee + \$110/hr**
- Permanent Transfer of licence Entitlement is **\$1,100.00**
  - Review of additional information required is **App Fee + \$110/hr**
- Transfer of Ownership (land transfer) is **\$210.00**
- Amend, amalgamate, subdivide licence is **\$900.00**
- Renew Groundwater/Surface water licence is **\$710.00**
- Decrease Licence Volume is **\$210.00**
- Capital Charge for New Groundwater Entitlement (per licence megalitre) is **\$165.00**
- Private right determination is **\$850.00**

#### **Land Transactions**

- Change of Ownership is **\$80.00**
- Application to Issue, Transfer or Vary a Delivery Share is **\$185.00**
- Application for delivery capacity assessment is **\$95.00**
- Application to issue or vary a Water-Use Licence (with inspection) is **\$440.00**
- Application to issue or vary a Water-Use Licence (without inspection) is **\$205.00**
- Application to Issue/amend/renew a Works Licence is **\$735.00**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application to Transfer a Works Licence is <b>\$200.00</b></li> </ul>
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<p>The legislative, contractual or other authority for the regulated charge</p>	<p>Under section 306 of the <a href="#"><i>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</i></a>, 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.</p> <p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul> <p>Under section 260 of the Water Act 1989 (Victoria), Goulburn-Murray Water has the power to set tariffs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An Authority that sets a tariff must do so by resolution.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(3) An Authority that sets a tariff must specify in the notice under subsection (2)— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the district to which the tariff applies; and</li> <li>(b) the method of calculating fees imposed under the tariff; and</li> <li>(c) the period for which the tariff is set</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Under section 264 of the <a href="#"><i>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</i></a> Goulburn-Murray Water has authority to set charges for any functions delegated to it.</p> <p>All charges listed in this document are regulated by the Essential Services Commission.</p>

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<p>A description of the process applied in determining the regulated charge including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the cost allocation principles; and</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>The fees and charges for these services are regulated by the Essential Services Commission (Commission) in accordance with the <b>Water Industry Regulatory Order 2003 (WIRO)</b> issued under the <i>Water Industry Act 1994</i>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These charges were included in the 2016-20 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. Customers were advised of the tariffs to apply from 1 July 2017 by newsletter mail out, publication in the newspaper, media release and via the GMW website.</p>
<p>The class of persons by whom the regulated charge is payable</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>The person to whom or the agency to which the regulated charge is payable</p>	<p>Fees for regulated tariffs are payable to Goulburn-Murray Water.</p>
<p>When the regulated charge is payable and, if payable by instalments, the number of instalments and intervals at which they are payable</p>	<p>Fees and charges are payable <b>annually</b> in respect of licence fees, or on <b>application</b>.</p>
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<p>If applicable, the water resource, catchment or district, and the water resource plan or other plan, to which the regulated charge relates</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>If applicable, the class of water access right, water delivery right or irrigation right to which the regulated charge relates</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>A description of the water planning and water management activity or activities to which the regulated charge relates including, in relation to each activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the financial year or other period during which the activity is being, or is to be, carried out</li> <li>• the actual or estimated operating, capital and corporate service costs of the activity in respect of the financial year or other period</li> <li>• whether the costs of the activity have been</li> </ul>	<p>Goulburn-Murray Water has a dedicated staff for which these fees offset the cost to provide the service.</p> <p>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 2017.</p> <p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• licence management</li> <li>• meter reading</li> <li>• meter maintenance and renewal</li> <li>• water information/management guidance</li> <li>• customer record management</li> <li>• billing</li> <li>• information statements</li> <li>• water ordering</li> </ul>

<p>the subject of consultation or a review or audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the relationship between the costs of the activity and the calculation of the regulated charge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>overseeing government policy compliance (environmental plans, water quality reporting, biodiversity plans, drought management plans, water supply demand strategy, customer charter etc)</li> <li>external agency reporting (annual report, corporate plan, water plan, Bureau of Meteorology, Essential Services Commission)</li> <li>corporate management (Energy and Water Ombudsmen of Victoria, Customer Service Advisory Committee, Essential Services Commission, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Australian Taxation Office)</li> </ul> <p>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;</p> <table data-bbox="627 574 1321 670"> <tr> <td>Operational and Maintenance</td> <td>\$2,630,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td>\$200,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>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 2016 to 30 June 2020. 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.</p>	Operational and Maintenance	\$2,630,000	Administration	\$200,000
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