

## SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

**Valid: 1 October 2021 to 30 June 2022<sup>1</sup>**

This schedule of charges comes into effect on 1 October 2021 and this is the date from which each individual charge applies, unless a different date of application is specified. Unless specified otherwise, each charge in this Schedule of Charges applies to all categories of customers and all districts within WMI's area of operations. The fixed and variable fees and charges in this Schedule of Charges relate to the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source and the *Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016* (NSW).

CHARGES	IRRIGATION AREA		
	Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa
Access Fee per Delivery Entitlement	\$119.60	\$71.10	\$57.70
Specified Percentage of Delivery Entitlements which can be used without incurring the Water Usage Above Access Fee Allowance Fee	60%	45%	60%
Water Usage Above Access Fee Allowance Fee (per ML usage up to 100% of Delivery Entitlements)	\$119.60	\$71.10	\$57.70
Casual Users Access Fee (per ML usage exceeding 100% of Delivery Entitlements)	\$203.00	\$123.00	\$88.00
Asset Replacement Fund Fee (per Delivery Entitlement)	\$20.92	\$14.28	\$9.96
Joint Venture Repayment Fee (per Delivery Entitlement)	-	\$9.20	-
Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee (per Delivery Entitlement)	\$15.00	-	-
Stock and Garden Fee (per Stock and Garden Water Entitlement)	\$474.00	\$352.00	\$381.00
Fixed Government Charge (per High Security Water Entitlement and Stock and Garden Water Entitlement) (pass-through charge), comprised of:			
Recovery of WaterNSW bulk water charges (less the irrigation corporations and districts discount)	\$1.73	\$1.73	\$1.73
Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	\$8.64	\$8.64	\$8.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12.12</b>	<b>\$12.12</b>	<b>\$12.12</b>
Fixed Government Charge (per General Security Water Entitlement) (pass-through charge), comprised of:			
Recovery of WaterNSW bulk water charges (less the irrigation corporations and districts discount)	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45
Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> If a replacement schedule of charges is issued before 30 June 2022, this schedule of charges ceases to have effect for each customer on the date on which the new schedule of charges comes into effect for that customer.

CHARGES	IRRIGATION AREA		
	Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa
Variable Government Charge (per ML usage) (pass-through charge), comprised of:			
Recovery of WaterNSW usage charges	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$2.93
Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges	\$1.08	\$1.08	\$1.08
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$1.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.86</b>	<b>\$5.86</b>	<b>\$5.86</b>
Membership Levies Fee (per Water Entitlement) (excluding GST)	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.37
Additional Water Fee – Fee for Service – (per ML)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Termination Fee (see note 1)			
Connection / Disconnection Fee			

WMI will charge a customer a maximum termination fee of 10 times the customer's relevant infrastructure access fee for the financial year in which the termination application was made, plus (if applicable) a charge related to any dedicated infrastructure exclusively used by the customer that will no longer be used by the customer after termination, plus GST.

In particular circumstances (certain contracts relating to capital works) an additional fee may be payable (see rule 73, *Water Charge Rules 2010*).

This charge will be determined based on the recovery of reasonable costs incurred at the time of connection or disconnection.

### Notes

1. WMI will calculate the Termination Fee in accordance with Part 10 of the *Water Charge Rules 2010* (Cth) after a customer gives notice of their termination, or when WMI terminates a customer's right of access or drainage right in accordance with the General Conditions. This Termination Fee will form part of the Termination Information Statement given to the customer.
2. All fixed and variable fees and charges set out above as applicable to a certain Irrigation Area (that is, Buronga, Coomealla or Curlwaa) are payable by the customers whose Landholdings are in the relevant Irrigation Area.

## **DESCRIPTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FOR THE ABOVE CHARGES**

<b>Charges</b>	<b>Description of service relating to the charge</b>
Access Fee	The recovery of costs (whether recurrent or capital) incurred by WMI in relation to the provision of a right of access to WMI's irrigation infrastructure for the costs of operation and management of all systems. Customers pay the Access Fee per Delivery Entitlement only in respect of the Specified Percentage of their Delivery Entitlements (set out in the table above).
Water Usage Above Access Fee Allowance Fee	Where the customer holds at least one Delivery Entitlement, this is the amount payable per megalitre for water delivered to, or taken by, the customer in a Water Year (or in such other period as WMI may determine) in excess of the volume represented by the Specified Percentage (set out in the table above), but not more than 100%, of the customer's Delivery Entitlements held at the end of the Water Year (or at the end of such other period as WMI may determine) to the extent to which the customer has paid, or is taken under the General Conditions to have paid, the Access Fee for the Water Year.
Casual Users Access Fee	This is the amount payable per megalitre for water delivered to, or taken by, the customer in a Water Year (or in such other period as WMI may determine) to the extent that the volume of water delivered to, or taken by, the customer in a Water Year (or in such other period as WMI may determine) exceeds the volume represented by 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements held at the end of the Water Year (or at the end of such other period as WMI may determine), including where the customer does not hold any Delivery Entitlements.
Asset Replacement Fund Fee	This fee is collected for the purposes of funding capital works on WMI's irrigation infrastructure.
Joint Venture Repayment Fee	This fee funds the rehabilitation of the Coomealla Irrigation Area.
Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee	This fee is collected for the purposes of repaying the cost of capital works in the Buronga Irrigation Area previously undertaken.
Fixed Government Charge – Recovery of WaterNSW bulk water charges	Recovers the costs of on-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW (pass-through charge).
Fixed Government Charge – Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges	Recovers the costs of government services provided by the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation under water access licences that authorises the taking of water from a regulated river (pass-through charge).
Fixed Government Charge – Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	Recovers the costs of the NSW Government's contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement (pass-through charge).
Variable Government Charge – Recovery of WaterNSW usage charges	Recovers the usage costs of on-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW (pass-through charge).

Charges	Description of service relating to the charge
Variable Government Charge – Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges	Recovers the usage costs of government services provided by the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation under water access licences that authorises the taking of water from a regulated river (pass-through charge).
Variable Government Charge – Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	Recovers the usage costs of the NSW Government’s contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement (pass-through charge).
Membership Levies Fee	This charge recovers the cost of WMI’s membership fees payable to NSW Irrigators’ Council and National Irrigators’ Council.
Additional Water Fee – Fee for Service	Water Allocation is allocated to customers based on their Water Entitlements (usually in proportion to the volume allocated by the NSW Government to WMI’s water access licences) and customers can buy more Water Allocation in the market if they wish. If, however, the water delivered to or taken by the customer in a Water Year exceeds the volume in their Water Allocation Account, the customer must pay this fee-for-service for each megalitre of Additional Water delivered or taken.

## **INVOICING**

WMI invoices its fees and charges quarterly, meaning there are four invoices for the Water Year (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022).

The **Access Fee** will be divided evenly across the first three invoices of the Water Year.

The following fees are divided evenly across the four invoices issued for the Water Year:

- the **Asset Replacement Fund Contribution**;
- the Buronga Delivery Entitlement holders’ **Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee**;
- the Coomealla Delivery Entitlement holders’ **Joint Venture Repayment Fee**;
- the **Stock and Garden Fee**;
- the **Fixed Government Charge**; and
- the **Variable Government Charge**

The following fees are levied in the final invoice issued for the Water Year:

- the **Water Usage Above Access Fee Allowance Fee**;
- the **Casual User Access Fee**;
- the **Membership Levies**; and
- the **Additional Water Fee – Fee for Service**

All other fees and charges, including Termination Fees, Connection or Disconnection Fees, are levied at the time they are incurred.

## **INTEREST**

Interest will be applied to any charges that remain outstanding after the due date. The interest rate, as per section 356 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW), is:

- in respect of the period from 1 January to 30 June in any year - the rate that is 6% above the cash rate last published by the Reserve Bank of Australia before that period commenced; and
- in respect of the period from 1 July to 31 December in any year - the rate that is 6% above the cash rate last published by the Reserve Bank of Australia before that period commenced.

## **ENQUIRIES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

If you wish to make an enquiry or wish to dispute your invoice, please contact WMI on (03) 5027 4953.

## **HOW OUR FIXED AND VARIABLE FEES AND CHARGES ARE DETERMINED**

WMI reviews all fees and service charges annually or as required, based on budget recommendations. Generally, fixed fees and charges are determined to recover the cost of operating WMI's irrigation infrastructure. All service requests, including connection or disconnection works, are generally determined to recover the cost of the activity. Customers will be invited to give feedback during the annual fee review process. The method for giving feedback will be communicated as part of that process.

## **HOW PASS-THROUGH CHARGES ARE DETERMINED**

### *Recovery of WaterNSW bulk water charges – fixed and variable*

WMI sets these charges to recover WaterNSW charges at the amount set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (**IPART**). IPART sets these charges every four years via a public consultation process. The legislative authority for IPART to determine these charges is section 11 and Schedule 1 of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (NSW) and IPART's WaterNSW determinations. These charges are updated annually if necessary.

The fixed pass-through WaterNSW bulk water charges set out in this schedule of charges account for the irrigation corporations and districts discount received by WMI from WaterNSW. This discount is determined by IPART so as to reflect costs that are avoided by WaterNSW as a result of WMI carrying out certain activities (such as billing, metering and compliance, telemetry installation and data transfer) that WaterNSW would otherwise be required to carry out. The avoided costs are determined per ML of entitlement cost multiplied by the number of water entitlements held by WMI customers. To ensure that WMI customers receive the benefit of the discount, WMI calculates the discount per water entitlement held by its customers and subtracts this amount from the WaterNSW bulk water charge incurred by WMI.

### *Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charge – fixed and variable*

WMI sets these charges to recover Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges at the amount set by IPART. IPART sets these charges every four years via a public consultation process. The legislative authority for IPART to determine these charges is section 11 and Schedule 1 of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (NSW) and IPART's Water Administration Ministerial Corporation determinations. These charges are updated annually if necessary.

### *Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority – fixed and variable*

WMI sets these charges to recover the NSW Government's contribution to funding the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to undertake activities under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement at the amount set by IPART. IPART sets these government charges every four years via a public consultation process. The legislative authority for IPART to determine these charges is section 11 and Schedule 1 of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (NSW) and various IPART determinations. These government charges are updated annually if necessary.

# WESTERN MURRAY IRRIGATION LIMITED

## 2021/22 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES (ADMINISTRATION)

Valid: 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

ITEM	COST	GST	TOTAL
<b>Statement of Liabilities</b>			
Statement of Liabilities - Property and/or including Delivery/Shares/Water Entitlements	\$264.00	\$26.40	\$290.40
Statement of Liabilities - Property with/without Delivery Entitlements	\$176.00	\$17.60	\$193.60
<b>Property Transfers</b>			
Transfer of Property - land only	\$142.00	\$14.20	\$156.20
Transfer of Property - including Delivery Entitlements	\$209.00	\$20.90	\$229.90
<b>Water Transfers</b>			
Transfer Water Entitlements within WMI	\$209.00	\$20.90	\$229.90
Transformation Fee - Water Entitlement removed from WMI's licence	\$319.00	\$31.90	\$350.90
Transfer Water Entitlement onto WMI's licence	\$319.00	\$31.90	\$350.90
Transfer of Water Allocation - Within WMI (Internal Temporary Water Trade)	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$30.80
Transfer of Water Allocation - Within WMI (Internal Temporary Water Trade) - WMI facilitated	\$78.00	\$7.80	\$85.80
Transfer of Water Allocation - External Temporary Water Trade (plus State Water Fees)	\$69.00	\$6.90	\$75.90
<b>Delivery Transfers</b>			
Transfer of Delivery Entitlements between existing customers	\$209.00	\$20.90	\$229.90
Transfer of Delivery Entitlements Annually - Within district (Internal Temp Delivery Trade)	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$30.80
<b>Share Transfers</b>			
Transfer of Shares	\$142.00	\$14.20	\$156.20
<b>Other Account and/or Property Changes</b>			
Change of Landholding Size / Amalgamations	\$185.00	\$18.50	\$203.50
Create New Property within WMI	\$155.00	\$15.50	\$170.50
Separation of Landholding (including the creation of new property)	\$211.00	\$21.10	\$232.10
Subdivision / Realign Boundaries (including the creation of new property)	\$684.00	\$68.40	\$752.40
Railway Reserve - add to Existing Property	\$66.00	\$6.60	\$72.60
Link Accounts	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$33.00
<b>Certificates / Agreements</b>			
Notice of Charge (Record an Encumbrance, per certificate)	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$30.80
Split Existing Certificate Into 2 Separate Certificates	\$76.00	\$7.60	\$83.60
Share Certificate Replacement (per certificate)	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00
Water <u>or</u> Delivery Entitlement Certificate Replacement (per certificate)	\$49.00	\$4.90	\$53.90
Water <u>or</u> Delivery Entitlement Agreement Replacement (per set of 2 agreements)	\$16.00	\$1.60	\$17.60
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Meter Reading - One Off	\$79.00	\$7.90	\$86.90
Dishonoured Cheque or Direct Debit	\$43.00	\$4.30	\$47.30
Meter Function Check (Metered Flow)	\$132.00	\$13.20	\$145.20
Voluntary Disconnection of Water	\$145.00	NA	\$145.00

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Valid: 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

ITEM	COST	GST	TOTAL
<b><i>Outstanding Accounts - No Arrangement</i></b>			
Disconnection Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
Disconnection Notice (Red Notice)	\$108.00	\$10.80	\$118.80
Disconnection of Water	\$300.00	NA	\$300.00
Reconnection of Water	\$145.00	NA	\$145.00
<b><i>Outstanding Accounts - Arrangement Not Honoured</i></b>			
Failed Arrangement Disconnection Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
Disconnection of Water (immediate disconnection)	\$300.00	NA	\$300.00
Reconnection of Water	\$145.00	NA	\$145.00
<b><i>Unauthorised Use of Water (During the Irrigation Season)</i></b>			
e.g. start or stop irrigation times are different to water order placed; variance in flow rate of greater than +/- 10% to water order placed.			
Incorrect Water Ordering Causing Call Out	\$389.00	\$38.90	\$427.90
<u>1st Occurrence</u>			
- First Notification Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
<u>2nd Occurrence</u>			
- Second Notification Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
- Unauthorised Water Use Notice	\$190.00	\$19.00	\$209.00
<u>3rd Occurrence</u>			
- Third Notification Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
- Unauthorised Water Use Notice	\$190.00	\$19.00	\$209.00
- Controlled Irrigation irrigations will be turned on/off by WMI during working hours - charge is each irrigation for remainder of season)	\$190.00	\$19.00	\$209.00