

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Valid: 1 October 2022 to 30 June 2023¹

This schedule of charges comes into effect on 1 October 2022 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	\$125.70	\$74.70	\$60.70
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)	\$125.70	\$74.70	\$60.70
Casual Users Access Fee (per ML usage exceeding 100% of Delivery Entitlements)	\$212.00	\$127.00	\$93.00
Asset Replacement Fund Fee (per Delivery Entitlement)	\$22.00	\$14.28	\$10.48
Joint Venture Repayment Fee (per Delivery Entitlement)	-	\$8.20	-
Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee (per Delivery Entitlement)	\$15.00	-	-
Stock and Garden Fee (per Stock and Garden Water Entitlement)	\$498.00	\$370.00	\$401.00
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 rebate)	\$1.78	\$1.78	\$1.78
Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges (see note 1)	\$1.86	\$1.86	\$1.86
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	\$9.08	\$9.08	\$9.08
Total	\$12.72	\$12.72	\$12.72
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 rebate)	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$1.04
Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges (see note 1)	\$1.86	\$1.86	\$1.86
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.99
Total	\$6.89	\$6.89	\$6.89

¹ If a replacement schedule of charges is issued before 30 June 2023, 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	\$3.08	\$3.08	\$3.08
Recovery of Water Administration Ministerial Corporation charges (see note 2)	\$1.15	\$1.15	\$1.15
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	\$1.94	\$1.94	\$1.94
Total	\$6.17	\$6.17	\$6.17
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

WMI will calculate termination fees 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. Termination fees will form part of the Termination Information Statement given to the customer.

However, WMI is offering a discount of 80% on termination fees for terminations that meet the criteria set out in **Annexure A** to this Schedule of Charges.

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

Connection / Disconnection Fee

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

Notes

1. This charge is comprised of the following charges levied on WMI: Water Administration Ministerial Corporation Murray-Darling Basin Authority entitlement charge where the Murray-Darling Basin Authority customer has a meter and where no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant water source and the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation entitlement charges for regulated rivers where no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant river valley.
2. This charge is comprised of the following charges levied on WMI: Water Administration Ministerial Corporation Murray-Darling Basin Authority water take charge where no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant water source and the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation water take charges for regulated rivers where no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant river valley.

3. 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 customers whose Landholdings are in the relevant Irrigation Area.

DESCRIPTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FOR THE ABOVE CHARGES

Charges	Description of service relating to the charge
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).

Charges	Description of service relating to the 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).
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 2022 to 30 June 2023).

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.



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Annexure A – Termination Fee Discount

This document sets important information in relation to WMI's offer to discount its termination fees by 80% for terminations that occur between 1 October 2022 and 31 July 2023 (**Offer**).

Criteria to take up the Offer

In order to take up the Offer, a customer must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The customer must apply to terminate some or all of their delivery entitlements pursuant to the Offer by completing WMI's Discounted Termination Fee Offer Application Form, which will be available at WMI's office and on WMI's website at <https://westernmurray.com.au/> (**Offer Application Form**). The completed Offer Application Form must be provided to WMI on or before 31 January 2023. Any customer who applies after this date will not receive a discount on their termination fee. If the customer wishes to nominate a future date of termination, that date must be both:
 - A. between 1 October 2022 and 31 July 2023 (inclusive of both dates); and
 - B. not more than six months after the date on which the customer gives the Offer Application Form to WMI.

WMI will then provide the customer with a Termination Information Statement (**TIS**) which will set out the customer's discounted termination fee. This fee will be valid until the date that is six months after the date on which the TIS is given to the customer (**Expiry Date**).

2. After receiving the TIS, the customer must provide to WMI a completed Form 5 Termination of Delivery Entitlements (which is available at WMI's office and on WMI's website at <https://westernmurray.com.au/>). This involves providing WMI with all of the required attachments to Form 5, including the original delivery entitlement certificates for the delivery entitlements being terminated and (if applicable) a completed Form 7 Consent from Encumbrance Holder. The customer must provide the completed Form 5 and all required attachments to WMI on or before the Expiry Date.
3. Once WMI has received the customer's completed Form 5, it will issue invoices to the customer for:
 - A. the applicable discounted termination fees; and
 - B. any other outstanding amounts owing to WMI (such as outstanding charges).

The customer must pay these amounts in full on or before the Expiry Date.

4. Once WMI has received payment from the customer, termination will take place, effective from either:
 - A. the future date (if any) nominated by the Customer in their Offer Application Form provided that the events set out in conditions 2 and 3 above have taken place by that date; or
 - B. otherwise – the date of payment of the fees referred to in condition 3 above.

In either case, termination must take place on or before the Expiry Date in order for the customer to be eligible for discounted termination fees under the Offer.

Important information in relation to the Offer

As the events set out in conditions 2, 3 and 4 must all take place on or before the Expiry Date in order to qualify for discounted termination fees, customers are strongly encouraged to obtain the Offer Application Form and Form 5 well before they intend to submit those documents to WMI so that they are aware of the steps involved and the information that must be provided in order to take up the Offer.

All encumbrances over delivery entitlements must be released before termination can take place. Customers should therefore check whether there are any encumbrances over the delivery entitlements that they wish to terminate. It is common for encumbrances granted over water entitlements to also extend to delivery entitlements, so this must be checked carefully.

Some customers have temporarily transferred their delivery entitlements to other customers for the 2022/23 water year. Such temporary transfer arrangements will automatically come to an end on 30 June 2023. Accordingly, customers who own delivery entitlements that have been temporarily transferred to another customer will be able to take up the Offer in respect of those delivery entitlements by nominating a termination date between 1 July 2023 and 31 July 2023 (inclusive of both dates). This means that, in order to comply with condition 1 above, these customers can only provide a completed Offer Application Form to WMI during January 2023.

Ordinarily, when a customer wishes to terminate their delivery entitlements, WMI would charge the customer:

- the termination fees in respect of the delivery entitlements being terminated; and
- fixed charges (that is, the applicable Access Fee, Asset Replacement Fund Fee, Joint Venture Repayment Fee (for Coomealla customers only) and Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee (for Buronga customers only)) in respect of the delivery entitlements being terminated for the entire quarter in which termination occurs, regardless of when in the quarter termination occurs.

However, for terminations that take place under the Offer, WMI will not charge any customer any of those fixed charges in respect of the delivery entitlements being terminated for the quarter in which termination takes place.

The Asset Replacement Fund Fee, Joint Venture Repayment Fee (for Coomealla customers only) and Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee (for Buronga customers only) are levied quarterly in arrears. On the other hand, the Access Fee for the entire water year is divided evenly across the first three quarterly invoices. For the avoidance of doubt, if, for example, termination were to occur in the third quarter, WMI would not charge the customer for Access Fees in respect of the delivery entitlements being terminated which would ordinarily be levied in arrears at the end of the third quarter but if termination were to occur in the fourth quarter, WMI would not waive payment of, or refund payment of, Access Fees levied in arrears at the end of previous quarters.

Example

Customer A holds 50 delivery entitlements and wishes to terminate them pursuant to the Offer. The 50 delivery entitlements have been temporarily transferred to Customer B for the entirety of the 2022/23 water year (meaning that Customer A can only provide a completed Offer Application Form to WMI during January 2023).

On 31 January 2023, Customer A provides a completed Offer Application Form to WMI in relation to their 50 delivery entitlements. In the Offer Application Form, Customer A nominates 10 July 2023 as the future date of termination. Customer A will be entitled to terminate the 50 delivery entitlements on 10 July 2023 because the temporary transfer arrangement with Customer B will come to an end before that date. Customer A meets the criteria for the Offer set out in condition 1 above because the future date of termination is between 1 October 2022 and 31 July 2023 and is not more than six months after the date on which the completed Offer Application Form was provided to WMI.

After receiving the Offer Application Form, WMI issues a TIS to Customer A on 31 January 2023. Customer A provides a completed Form 5, including the original certificates for the 50 delivery entitlements and a completed Form 7 Consent from Encumbrance Holder, to WMI in March 2023. WMI issues Customer A with an invoice for the discounted termination fees in respect of the 50 delivery entitlements (plus any other applicable charges, such as disconnection fees) in April 2023. Customer A pays the termination fee and any other outstanding amounts owed to WMI on 7 July 2023. Termination therefore takes place on 10 July 2023 (the date nominated by Customer A). WMI does not charge Customer A any fixed charges in respect of the 50 delivery entitlements for the quarter in which termination took place (that is, the quarter running from 1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023).

WESTERN MURRAY IRRIGATION LIMITED

2022/23 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES (ADMINISTRATION)

Valid: 01 October 2022 to 30 June 2023

ITEM	COST	GST	TOTAL
Statement of Liabilities			
Statement of Liabilities - Account	\$264.00	\$26.40	\$290.40
Statement of Liabilities - Property	\$176.00	\$17.60	\$193.60
Permanent Transfers			
Internal Transfer of Entitlements (with or without a landholding) inclusive of Shares, Water Entitlements and/or Delivery Entitlements (per entitlement category) - Tiered Pricing			
Per Entitlement Category - 1 transaction	\$170.00	\$17.00	\$187.00
Per Entitlement Category - 2 transactions	\$340.00	\$34.00	\$374.00
Per Entitlement Category - 3 transactions	\$510.00	\$51.00	\$561.00
External Transfer of Water Entitlements (Transformation) <u>off WMI's licence</u> or External Transfer of Water Entitlements <u>onto WMI's licence</u>	\$360.00	\$36.00	\$396.00
Annual Transfers			
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 relevant state authority f/s)	\$69.00	\$6.90	\$75.90
Transfer of Delivery Entitlements - Internal Temporary Delivery Trade	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$30.80
Property Amendments			
Subdivision / Realign Boundaries (involves Shire DA approval)	\$684.00	\$68.40	\$752.40
Modification to landholding (i.e. separation of titles, creation of new landholding)	\$205.00	\$20.50	\$225.50
Railway Reserve - add to Existing Property	\$66.00	\$6.60	\$72.60
Certificates			
Notice of Charge - Record an Encumbrance (per certificate)	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$30.80
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
Miscellaneous			
Linking of Accounts	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$33.00
Meter Reading (customer request)	\$79.00	\$7.90	\$86.90
Dishonoured Cheque or Direct Debit	\$43.00	\$4.30	\$47.30
Meter Function Check (Metered Flow)	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$330.00
Voluntary Disconnection of Water	\$145.00	NA	\$145.00
Outstanding Accounts			
Disconnection Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
Disconnection Notice (Red Notice)	\$108.00	\$10.80	\$118.80
Disconnection of Water (per outlet)	\$300.00	NA	\$300.00
Reconnection of Water (per outlet)	\$145.00	NA	\$145.00
Outstanding Accounts - Arrangement Not Honoured			
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
Unauthorised Use of Water (During the Irrigation Season)			
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
1st Occurrence			
- First Notification Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
2nd Occurrence			
- Second Notification Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
- Unauthorised Water Use Notice	\$190.00	\$19.00	\$209.00
3rd Occurrence			
- Third Notification Letter	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
- Unauthorised Water Use Notice	\$190.00	\$19.00	\$209.00
- Controlled Irrigation (all 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