

## **SCHEDULE OF CHARGES**

**Valid: 1 July 2023**

This document comes into effect on 1 July 2023 and is valid until a new schedule of charges comes into effect.

Unless specified otherwise:-

- each individual fixed fee or charge applies on and from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024;
- each individual variable or other fee or charge applies on and from 1 July 2023 while this schedule of charges is in effect;
- each fee and charge applies in respect of the relevant irrigation area (that is, Buronga, Coomealla or Curlwaa), if any, specified and is payable by customers whose landholdings are in the relevant irrigation area; and
- all fees and charges include GST (if applicable).

The fees and charges in this document 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).

## FIXED CHARGES

Charge	Description of Service Relating to Charge	Charged Per	Amount (By Irrigation Area)		
			Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa
Account Fee	Administering a customer's account with WMI (including preparation of invoices, customer communications and postage).	<i>Customer Account</i>	\$220.00		
Meter Service Fee	Maintenance and servicing of a meter and its associated outlet.	<i>Meter Size</i>			
		<i>32mm</i>	\$200.00		
		<i>50mm</i>	\$332.00		
		<i>80mm</i>	\$562.00		
		<i>150mm</i>	\$1,117.00		
		<i>200mm</i>	\$1,579.00		
		<i>300mm</i>	\$2,510.00		
Delivery Entitlement Fee	Providing a right of access to WMI's irrigation infrastructure and the operation and management of systems.	<i>DE</i>	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$42.00
Asset Replacement Fund Fee	Capital works in respect of WMI's irrigation infrastructure.	<i>DE</i>	\$22.00	\$10.00	\$10.48
Joint Venture Repayment Fee	The rehabilitation of the Coomealla irrigation area.	<i>DE</i>		\$5.20	
Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee	Repaying the cost of previously undertaken capital works in the Buronga irrigation area.	<i>DE</i>	\$15.00		

## VARIABLE CHARGES

Charge	Description of Service Relating to Charge	Charged Per	Amount (By Irrigation Area)		
			Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa
Electricity Usage Fee	The provision of electricity to operate pumps used to deliver water to a customer and associated administrative services.	<i>ML of water delivered or taken. The exact amount charged will be within the range shown and will recover the electricity costs incurred each Quarter by the pump station/s in each irrigation area.</i>	\$40 - \$115	\$20 - \$60	\$10 - \$55
Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee	The supply of water in excess of a customer's delivery allowance at the end of the relevant Quarter and the operation and management of systems.	<i>ML of water delivered or taken in excess of a customer's delivery allowance at the end of the relevant Quarter.</i>	\$265.00	\$155.00	\$110.00
Additional Water Fee	A fee-for-service in respect of Additional Water delivered to, or taken by, a customer.	<i>ML of Additional Water delivered or taken.</i>	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

## GOVERNMENT CHARGES (PASS-THROUGH CHARGES)

Charge	Description of Service Relating to Charge	Charged Per	Amount (Each Irrigation Area)
<b>Fixed Government Charge (pass-through charge) – High Security and Stock &amp; Garden – comprised of:-</b>			
Recovery of WaterNSW bulk water charges (less the irrigation corporations and districts rebate)	On-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW.	<i>High Security WE and Stock &amp; Garden WE</i>	\$1.91
Recovery of WAMC MDBA entitlement charges	Services provided by WAMC under water access licences that authorise the taking of water from a regulated river. This charge is levied by WAMC when the MDBA customer has a meter and where no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant water source.		\$0.71
Recovery of WAMC entitlement charges	Services provided by WAMC under water access licences that authorise the taking of water from a regulated river. This charge is levied by WAMC when no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant river valley.		\$1.32
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	The NSW Government's contribution to the MDBA for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.		\$9.72
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13.66</b>
<b>Fixed Government Charge (pass-through charge) – General Security – comprised of:-</b>			
Recovery of WaterNSW bulk water charges (less the irrigation corporations and districts rebate)	On-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW.	<i>General Security WE</i>	\$1.11
Recovery of WAMC MDBA entitlement charges	Services provided by WAMC under water access licences that authorise the taking of water from a regulated river. This charge is levied by WAMC when the MDBA customer has a meter and where no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant water source.		\$0.71

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Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	The NSW Government's contribution to the MDBA for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.		\$4.28
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.42</b>
<b>Variable Government Charge (pass-through charge) – comprised of:-</b>			
Recovery of WaterNSW usage charges	On-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW.		\$3.30
Recovery of WAMC MDBA entitlement charges	Services provided by WAMC under water access licences that authorise the taking of water from a regulated river. This charge is levied by WAMC when no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant water source.	<i>ML of water delivered or taken</i>	\$0.30
Recovery of WAMC entitlement charges	Services provided by WAMC under water access licences that authorise the taking of water from a regulated river. This charge is levied by WAMC when no floodplain harvesting regulation has been made in respect of the relevant river valley.		\$0.96
Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	The NSW Government's contribution to the MDBA for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.		\$2.08
			<b>Total</b>

## OTHER CHARGES

Charge	Description of Service Relating to Charge	Charged Per	Amount (Each Irrigation Area)
Disconnection Fee	Removing or disabling a physical connection between a customer's works and WMI's works that is not intended to be permanent.	<i>Disconnection per outlet</i>	\$300.00
Permanent Disconnection Fee	Removing or disabling a physical connection between a customer's works and WMI's works that is intended to be permanent.	<i>Permanent disconnection per outlet</i>	This fee will be determined based on the recovery of reasonable costs incurred at the time of permanent disconnection.
Reconnection Fee	Re-establishing or re-enabling a physical connection between a customer's works and WMI's works after a disconnection that was not intended to be permanent.	<i>Reconnection per outlet</i>	\$145.00
Termination Fee	Termination Fees are payable in respect of the termination of a right of access in accordance with the <i>Water Charge Rules 2010</i> (Cth).	<i>DE</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">WMI will calculate termination fees in accordance with Part 10 of the <i>Water Charge Rules 2010</i> (Cth) after a customer gives notice of their termination of, or when WMI terminates, a customer's water delivery right in accordance with the General Conditions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In particular circumstances, where there is a contract between WMI and the customer relating to capital works, an additional fee may be payable (see rule 73, <i>Water Charge Rules 2010</i>).</p>

## Definitions

In this document:-

**Additional Water** means the number of ML of water by which a customer has overdrawn their water allocation account, resulting in a negative balance.

**DE** means Delivery Entitlement.

**IPART** means the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW.

**MDBA** means the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

**ML** means megalitre (one million litres).

**Quarter** means a period of three months commencing on 1 July, 1 September, 1 January, or 1 April.

**WAMC** means the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation.

**Water Year** means the 12-month period from 1 July in one calendar year to 30 June in the next calendar year.

**WE** means Water Entitlement.

**WMI** means Western Murray Irrigation Limited.

## Invoicing

WMI invoices its fees and charges quarterly, meaning there are four invoices for the Water Year.

The Delivery Entitlement Fee is payable in respect of each DE held by a customer at 12:01 am on 1 July in each Water Year (or such other time and date as WMI may determine), regardless of whether the customer subsequently transfers or terminates any DE. The Delivery Entitlement Fee is either, at the customer's election:-

- payable in full by 31 August in the relevant Water Year; or
- divided equally across the four invoices issued for the Water Year.

The following fees and charges are divided equally across the four invoices issued for the Water Year:-

- the Account Fee;
- the Meter Service Fee;
- the Asset Replacement Fund Fee;
- the Joint Venture Repayment Fee;
- the Infrastructure Loan Repayment Fee; and
- the Fixed Government Charge.

The following fees and charges are levied at the end of the relevant Quarter in which they are incurred:-

- the Electricity Usage Fee;
- the Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee;
- the Additional Water Fee (where the fee is charged because a customer's water allocation account has a negative balance at the end of the Water Year); and
- the Variable Government Charge.

The following fees and charges are levied at the time they are incurred:-

- the Additional Water Fee (where the fee is charged because a customer's water allocation account has a negative balance after the customer fails to comply with a notice from WMI to bring the balance back to zero or a positive balance within five business days);
- the Disconnection Fee;
- the Permanent Disconnection Fee;
- the Reconnection Fee; and
- the Termination Fee.

### **How WMI's fees and charges are determined**

WMI reviews all fees and charges annually or as required, based on budget recommendations. Generally, fixed fees and charges are determined to recover the costs of operating WMI's irrigation infrastructure. All service requests, including disconnection and reconnection works, are generally determined to recover the cost of the relevant 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 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 document 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 WEs held by WMI customers. To ensure that WMI customers receive the benefit of the discount, WMI calculates the discount per WE held by its customers and subtracts this amount from the WaterNSW bulk water charge incurred by WMI.



#### *Recovery of WAMC charge – fixed and variable*

WMI sets these charges to recover WAMC 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 WAMC determinations. These charges are updated annually if necessary.

#### *Recovery of NSW Government contribution to the MDBA – fixed and variable*

WMI sets these charges to recover the NSW Government's contribution to funding the MDBA 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.

### **Interest**

Interest will be applied to any fees and charges that remain outstanding after the due date. The interest rate, 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.

**2023/24 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES (ADMINISTRATION)**

Valid: 1 July 2023

ITEM	COST	GST	TOTAL
<b>Statement of Liabilities</b>			
Statement of Liabilities - Account	\$264.00	\$26.40	\$290.40
Statement of Liabilities - Property	\$176.00	\$17.60	\$193.60
<b>Permanent Transfers</b>			
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
<b>Annual Transfers</b>			
Transfer of Water Allocation or Delivery Allowance - Within WMI (Internal Temporary Trade)	\$52.00	\$5.20	\$57.20
Transfer of Water Allocation - External Temporary Water Trade (plus relevant state authority f/s)	\$70.00	\$7.00	\$77.00
<b>Property Amendments</b>			
Subdivision / Realign Boundaries (involves Shire DA approval)	\$684.00	\$68.40	\$752.40
Modification to landholding (i.e. separation of titles, amalgamations, creation of new landholding)	\$205.00	\$20.50	\$225.50
Railway Reserve - add to Existing Property	\$66.00	\$6.60	\$72.60
<b>Certificates</b>			
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
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
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
<b>Outstanding Accounts</b>			
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
<b>Outstanding Accounts - Arrangement Not Honoured</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>Unauthorised Use of Water (During the Irrigation Season)</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 (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