

Lower Murray Water – Rural



2018 water price review | customer fact sheet

Victoria’s water businesses send us submissions on proposed prices and key outcomes for their customers. We assess the submissions and make price determinations on the maximum price they can charge for their services. New prices need to be in place by 1 July 2018.

Snapshot

Bills	Outcomes	Tariffs
Depending on district, Irrigation customers using 100ML of water could see typical annual bill movements ranging from a decrease of 1.3% to an increase of 2.6%.	New projects for 2019-23 include replacement of irrigation mains (Mildura, Merbein, and Red Cliffs) and upgrades to the Mildura Central Pump Station rising main.	Irrigation tariff structures follow a locational pricing method and are proposed to remain unchanged. Prices are calculated for each district.

Do you want to know the difference between bills and prices? For this and more information about our price review process and Lower Murray Water’s price submission, go to <http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/waterpricereview>

Send us your feedback on Lower Murray Water’s rural proposal

Submitting your feedback to Lower Murray Water’s price submission by **10 November 2017** will help us prepare for the release of our draft decision.

Any feedback submitted after this date will still be considered as part of our consultation process. Send your feedback to water@esc.vic.gov.au or call (03) 9032 1300.





What are the changes to prices and tariffs?

Lower Murray Water has proposed to maintain the existing tariff structures for all of its services. Proposed price changes vary depending on the tariff and area. Proposed overall prices are:

- per megalitre annual bill change for customers based on 100 megalitres of usage:
 - Mildura irrigation and drainage: 0.2 per cent average annual increase
 - Merbein irrigation and drainage: 0.0 per cent average annual change
 - Red Cliffs irrigation and drainage: 0.7 per cent average annual increase
 - Robinvale irrigation and drainage: 1.3 per cent average annual decrease
 - Mildura High Pressure System: 2.6 per cent average annual increase
- a 3 megalitre stock and domestic user: 1.1 per cent average annual bill decrease per megalitre
- a 400 kilolitre Millewa Urban user: 0.2 per cent average annual bill decrease per 100 kilolitres
- a 4300 kilolitre Millewa Rural user: 2.0 per cent average annual bill decrease per 100 kilolitres
- diversions customers licenced with 1000 megalitres of annual use limite will receive a 1.7 per cent average annual bill increase.

What are the major works that will go on around you?

(\$ million before inflation)

Project	Detail	Total
Irrigation Mains Replacement (Mildura, Merbein, Red Cliffs)	Lower Murray Water proposes to replace several pipelines in response to the results of performance and condition assessments carried out.	9.3
Mildura Central Pump Station Replacement of Manifold/Rising Main	This project to replace the Central Rising Main at the Mildura Central Pump Station in order to minimise critical failures	4.0

How much revenue is required from 2018 to 2023?

Lower Murray Water forecasts that it needs **\$99 million** of operating expenditure and **\$34 million** of capital expenditure to provide its rural services to customers over the next five years. To fund this it requires **\$ 129 million in revenue**, a **decrease** from the \$152 million required during 2013 to 2018.

Got a question?

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