

Water price review 2023

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From 3 October 2022, we began accepting submissions on our 2023 water price review via Engage Victoria (www.engage.vic.gov.au). On this website, people were given the option to send us general feedback or respond to questions we provided.

1. What do you think of the prices proposed by your water business?

N/A

2. What do you think of the proposed outcomes?

I own 80 acres of land on Carngham Road designated in the new western growth Front for Ballarat.

I understand the 2028 CHW plan proposes water and sewer to enable residential development on my lot. This is too far away and will stop development in the Carngham Road corridor which has been the fastest residential growth area in Ballarat's history.

In times of economic uncertainty why would servicing infrastructure not be kept up to date to promote decentralisation and employment opportunities?

The Commission should be working with the Water Board and government to make sure Ballarat can continue to develop. Ballarat North has numerous problems for development yet seems to be Ballarat's only future growth priority. It includes mineshafts, contaminated land, industrial buffers, a sewerage treatment plant, aircraft noise, flooding issues as evidenced in the recent rain events and

a freeway barrier limiting access. Ballarat needs a diversity of growth fronts, not just a questionable growth front.

It is crucial Ballarat has a minimum 15 year residential land supply as per the planning scheme (Ballarat currently has a total 4 year supply)

Please let me know if I can talk to this presentation.

