

# FACT SHEET

## Prices and bills for groundwater users - No change in 2014/15

Based on *Review of prices for the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation - Determination and Final Report*, February 2011

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) has set the maximum prices that the NSW Office of Water (NOW) can charge for the monopoly services it delivers on behalf of the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC). IPART's full report and determination are available on IPART's website ([www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au)).

**There has been no change in prices from 1 July 2014 for groundwater users. This is because, at NOW's request, NOW's next price determination has been deferred.**

This fact sheet sets out the charges that will apply to customers from 1 July 2014 and demonstrates how typical water bills are calculated.

Groundwater customers are billed a water management charge from NOW. Note that Groundwater customers must pay the minimum bill of \$105.34 if their calculated water management charge from NOW is below \$105.34 (ie, customers must pay the higher of \$105.34 and their calculated water management charge).

NOW's water management charges for most water entitlement holders are comprised of a single entitlement charge (in the absence of a meter) or an entitlement charge and a usage charge (where the licence holder has a meter).

The list of entitlement charges, usage charges and example bill calculations for customers are contained in Tables 1 and 2.

**Where the water licence holder has a meter, the maximum annual charge is based on fixed and usage components, as follows:**

$$(EC \times E) + (U \times W)$$

Where:

- ▼ EC is an entitlement (fixed) charge expressed in dollars per megalitre of entitlement or in dollars per unit share in Table 1.
- ▼ E is a licence holder's entitlement in megalitres or unit shares.
- ▼ U is a usage charge expressed in dollars per megalitre.
- ▼ W is a licence holder's water usage for that year in megalitres.

**Where the licence holder does not have a meter the annual charge is as follows:**

$$EC \times E$$

Where:

- ▼ EC is an entitlement (fixed) charge expressed in dollars per megalitre of entitlement or in dollars per unit share in Table 2.
- ▼ E is a licence holder's entitlement in megalitres or unit shares.

**Table 1 Water bill for a hypothetical groundwater customer with an entitlement of 100ML and metered usage of 50ML (\$2014/15)**

Valley	NOW Entitlement charge (\$/ML)	Total NOW Entitlement charge (\$)	NOW Usage Charge (\$/ML)	Total NOW Usage Charge (\$)	Total NOW bill (\$)
	<i>EC</i>	<i>EC × E</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>U × W</i>	<i>(EC × E) + (U × W)</i>
Border	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Gwydir	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Namoi	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Peel	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Lachlan	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Macquarie	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Far West	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Murray	4.86	486	2.09	104	591
Murrumbidgee	2.47	247	1.07	53	301
North Coast	4.07	407	1.85	93	499
Hunter	4.07	407	1.85	93	499
South Coast	4.07	407	1.85	93	499

**Note:** Total bills may not add due to rounding.

**Table 2 Water bill for a hypothetical groundwater customer on a 1-part tariff with entitlement of 100ML (\$2014/15)**

Valley	NOW Entitlement charge (\$/ML)	Total NOW Entitlement charge (\$)
	<i>EC</i>	<i>EC × E</i>
Border	6.95	695
Gwydir	6.95	695
Namoi	6.95	695
Peel	6.95	695
Lachlan	6.95	695
Macquarie	6.95	695
Far West	6.95	695
Murray	6.95	695
Murrumbidgee	3.53	353
North Coast	5.92	592
Hunter	5.92	592
South Coast	5.92	592

**Note:** Total bills may not add due to rounding.