

## FACT SHEET

### **Water and sewerage charges and typical customer bills from 1 July 2013**

*Based on Sydney Water Corporation Determination and Final Report June 2012, Hunter Water Corporation Determination and Final Report June 2013, Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council Determination and Final Report May 2013, and Country Energy (Water) Determination and Final Report June 2010*

This Fact Sheet summarises water prices for Sydney Water, Hunter Water, Gosford City Council, Wyong Shire Council, and Essential Energy (Broken Hill) customers commencing on 1 July 2013 (Table 1). We also provide examples of annual bills for residential customers (Tables 2 and 3).

For most customers, less than 2% of household income is spent on water and sewerage services. For residential customers who live in a house and use 200 kL a year, in 2013/14 the typical weekly bill will increase by \$0.27 (Sydney, Illawarra and Blue Mountains customers), \$0.44 (Hunter customers), \$1.49 (Gosford customers), \$0.12 (Wyong customers) and there will be no change for Broken Hill customers.

IPART has deferred by one year its investigation into new prices that Essential Energy can charge for water and sewerage services it provides to Broken Hill, Menindee, Sunset Strip and Silverton. Prices that we set from 1 July 2012 will remain unchanged in 2013/14. Our review of prices has commenced, and we expect that new prices will take effect from 1 July 2014. Information on our review is available on our website.

[http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water/Reviews/Metro\\_Pricing/Review\\_of\\_prices\\_for\\_Essential\\_Energys\\_Broken\\_Hill\\_water\\_and\\_sewerage\\_services\\_from\\_1\\_July\\_2014](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water/Reviews/Metro_Pricing/Review_of_prices_for_Essential_Energys_Broken_Hill_water_and_sewerage_services_from_1_July_2014)

**Table 1 Metropolitan water prices from 1 July 2013**

	Sydney Water	Hunter Water	Gosford City Council	Wyong Shire Council	Essential Energy <sup>i</sup> (Broken Hill)
Water service charge for residential houses, flats and units, and other 20mm connections (\$) <sup>a</sup>	125.34	17.02	125.81	169.50	253.66
% change from previous year	-7.2	-10.0/ +49.7 <sup>j</sup>	26.7	1.3	0
Water service charge for flats and units with a common meter (\$) <sup>b</sup>	82.05	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
% change from previous year	15.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Water usage charge (\$ per kL)	2.17	2.13 <sup>f</sup>	2.17	2.17	1.67 <sup>k</sup>
% change from previous year	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.4	0
Sewer service charge for houses(\$) <sup>c</sup>	570.70 <sup>d</sup>	569.11 <sup>g,h</sup>	575.98	457.62	496.79
% change from previous year	2.8	2.5	7.7	-1.3	0
Sewer service charge for individually metered units (\$)	570.70	384.15	575.98	457.62	496.79
% change from previous year	2.8	5.8	7.7	-1.3	0
Stormwater drainage charge for houses (\$) <sup>e</sup>	40.96	85.67	91.92	98.62	n/a
% change from previous year	-16.5	-0.9	11.4	9.9	n/a
Stormwater drainage charge for flats & units (\$)	40.96	31.69	91.92	98.62	n/a
% change from previous year	-16.5	-63.3	11.4	9.9	n/a

**a** These water service charges apply to individually metered residential properties and non-residential properties with a 20mm meter (excluding residential multi-premises with a common meter). For non-residential properties with a meter size larger than 20mm, a higher charge will apply.

**b** This is a separate water service charge for residential multi-premises with a common meter. The charge is being transitioned to the charge for residential properties by 2015/16.

**c** The sewerage service charges apply to residential properties and non-residential properties with a 20mm meter. For non-residential properties with a meter size larger than 20mm, a higher charge will apply.

**d** Sewerage usage charge of \$1.32 per kL applies to non-residential customers for discharge in excess of 400 kL. This threshold will decrease by 50 kL in each subsequent billing year until it reaches 150 kL. Eg, The threshold will be 350 kL in 2014/15, 300 kL in 2015/16, and 250 kL in 2016/17.

**e** Including vacant land.

**f** Applies to filtered water usage <50,000 kL. The water usage charge for unfiltered water <50,000 kL pa is \$1.69 per kL.

**g** Including Dungog.

**h** Clarence Town customers incur the Clarence Town sewer charge of \$75.03 pa. This is in addition to the standard Hunter Water sewer service charge.

**i** Essential Energy was formerly known as Country Energy.

**j** Residential customers pay the same water service charge of \$17.02 per year. For residential houses, there is a decrease of 10%, for flats and units there is an increase of 49.7% because the charge was different for houses and flats in 2012/13.

**k** Essential Energy has an inclining block tariff. This is the Tier 1 usage charge which applies for consumption up to 400 kL. The Tier 2 usage price is \$2.80. The threshold increases to 600 kL per year in the summer period.

## Residential bills

**Table 2 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered residential houses (\$ per annum)**

	Sydney Water	Hunter Water	Gosford City Council	Wyong Shire Council	Essential Energy Broken Hill
Water and sewerage	1,130	1,049	1,136	1,062	1,084
% change from previous year	1.2	2.2	7.3	0.6	0

**Note:** The annual bills are based on 200 kL usage per annum.

**Source:** IPART modelling.

**Table 3 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered residential units (\$ per annum)**

	Sydney Water	Hunter Water	Gosford City Council	Wyong Shire Council	Essential Energy Broken Hill
Water and sewerage	1,022	757	1,027	953	1,001
% change from previous year	1.2	4.8	7.9	0.4	0

**Note:** The annual bills are based on 150 kL usage per annum.

**Source:** IPART modelling.

## Non-residential bills

**Table 4 Sydney Water – 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered non-residential properties (\$ per annum)**

Water usage (kL per annum)	Meter size	Water and sewerage	% change from previous year
300	20mm	1,347	1.3
1,000	32mm	4,544	7.0
10,000	100mm	49,753	4.2

**Note:** The discharge factor is assumed to be 79%.

**Source:** IPART modelling.

**Table 5 Hunter Water – 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered non-residential properties (\$ per annum)**

Water usage (kL per annum)	Meter size	Water and sewerage	% change from previous year
300	20mm	1,411	-14.5
1,000	32mm	4,851	1.8
10,000	100mm	47,662	1.8

**Note:** The discharge factor is assumed to be 74%.

**Source:** IPART modelling.

**Table 6 Gosford City Council – 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered non-residential properties (\$ per annum)**

Water usage (kL per annum)	Meter size	Water and sewerage	% change from previous year
300	20mm	1,353	-6.1
1,000	32mm	4,661	5.6
10,000	100mm	47,658	8.7

**Note:** The discharge factor is assumed to be 90%.

**Source:** IPART modelling.

**Table 7 Wyong Shire Council – 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered non-residential properties (\$ per annum)**

Water usage (kL per annum)	Meter size	Water and sewerage	% change from previous year
300	20mm	1,278	0.9
1,000	32mm	3,723	1.2
10,000	100mm	38,135	4.2

**Note:** The discharge factor is assumed to be 90%.

**Source:** IPART modelling.

**Table 8 Essential Energy (Broken Hill customers) – 2013/14 typical annual bills for individually metered non-residential properties with treated water (\$ per annum)**

Water usage (kL per annum)	Meter size	Water and sewerage	% change from previous year
300	20mm	1,640	0
1,000	32mm	5,422	0
10,000	100mm	58,416	0

**Note:** The discharge factor is assumed to be 83%.

**Source:** IPART modelling.