

Bulk Water Pricing

State
Water

FACT SHEET IPART BULK WATER DETERMINATION 2008-2009

IPART has determined the bulk water prices for NSW, based on State Water Corporation's efficient costs for services, cost sharing between customers and government, and the affordability for customers. The determination was issued in September 2006 and is valid from October 2006 to June 2010, or until a new determination is made.

The new bulk water prices move toward full-cost recovery, decreasing the government operating subsidy and require State Water to achieve a balance between the level of services provided and the customers' ability to pay.

There is a significant reduction in fixed revenue to State Water from fixed entitlement charges. The statewide ratio of fixed and usage charges decreases from 70% to 40% over the four year term of the determination. This means that in years of low water usage, the water charges will also be lower than under the current ratio.

Prices shown in the determination are subject to adjustment for CPI as advised each year by IPART.

The table below shows a comparison of the prices for 2007/08 and the 2008/09 year as per the 2006 determination, adjusted for CPI.

Region/river valley	No 4, 2006 State Water						No.5, 2006 DWE		
	2007/08			2008/09			01.07.2008 to 30.06.2009		
	High Security \$/ML	General Security \$/ML	Usage \$/ML	High Security \$/ML	General Security \$/ML	Usage \$/ML	High or General Security (\$/ML)	Usage (\$/ML)	OR Minimum Charge
Border *	4.19	3.05	4.82	4.26	3.22	5.64	1.35	1.57	60
Gwydir	5.17	3.09	6.12	5.60	3.21	7.50	0.75	0.88	60
Namoi	8.68	6.40	9.49	8.95	6.89	10.97	1.17	1.40	60
Peel	11.51	3.38	17.45	11.44	2.53	21.47	1.13	2.04	60
Lachlan	6.41	3.36	7.62	6.68	3.09	9.17	0.94	1.07	60
Macquarie	4.72	2.94	6.13	5.22	2.99	7.26	0.89	1.20	60
Murray	3.59	3.11	2.54	3.16	2.65	3.25	1.34	0.36	60
Murrumbidgee #	2.87	2.31	2.18	2.65	1.90	2.85	1.01	0.27	60
North Coast	8.10	6.31	16.63	6.81	5.37	22.11	2.55	1.71	60
Hunter	13.41	5.73	8.49	16.73	6.21	10.33	1.18	1.17	60
South Coast	10.61	7.20	15.19	10.56	6.69	19.96	2.53	1.69	60

* **Pindari Levy** is an additional charge on Border Rivers usage. The 2008/2009 rate is \$16.88

This is not an IPART determined price but is indexed 5% each year.

Yanco Columbo System Levy - An additional \$0.90 per ML/Unit Share of entitlement for Yanco Columbo System licences.

A Minimum Annual Charge of \$60 applies to DWE regulated charges.

For more information:

Please contact State Water on 1300 662 077 or www.statewater.com.au.

Further information on the IPART process is available at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Your Customer Service Committee representative may also be able to help explain the changes.