

TasWater proposes annual 3.5 per cent price increases for non-residential customers from 1 July 2022

TasWater's proposed Price and Service Plan sets out its intentions

TasWater's proposed Price and Service Plan for the fourth regulatory period sets out its proposed prices for non-residential customers.

- all price increases limited to 3.5 per cent per year
- retain a single pricing zone for Tasmania
- retain existing customer classes, with an additional category proposed for trade waste customers
- customers currently paying less than the regulated prices will be paying these prices by 1 July 2023 (the second year of the fourth regulatory period)
- water service charges will continue to be based on connection size
- variable water charges will continue to be based on the volume of water a customer uses
- sewerage charges will continue to be based on the equivalent tenements (ET) methodology, with some refinements to customer categories proposed
- limited service water customers will continue to receive a 10 per cent discount on their fixed water charge

Read [TasWater's price and service plan submission \(PDF↓\)](#) to find out more.

TasWater's proposed pricing structure is largely unchanged

Apart from some small changes to trade waste categories and to the ET methodology, TasWater proposes to retain a two part pricing structure for water, with a fixed and variable charge and a fixed charge for sewerage.

Water prices for non-residential customers

TasWater's proposed fixed water charge (per annum) for full service customers (\$)*

Water Connection Size	Fourth Regulatory Period			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
20mm	367.39	380.25	393.55	407.33

*The charges for strata title and multi-use properties may be different from the charges above

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The fixed water charge depends on the size of the customer's connection according to the following table:

TasWater's proposed connection size multiplier

Connection Size (mm)	Multiplier
20	1.00
25	1.56
30	2.25
32	2.56
40	4.00
50	6.25
65	10.56
75	14.06
80	16.00
100	25.00
150	56.25
200	100.00
250	156.25

For example, for a customer with a 200mm connection, TasWater proposes an annual fixed water charge for 2022-23 of \$36 739 ie $\$367.39 \times 100$.

TasWater's proposed variable water charge per kilolitre of water (\$)

	Fourth Regulatory Period			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Full service (ie water of drinking water quality)	1.14	1.18	1.22	1.26

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Sewerage prices for non-residential customers

For sewerage pricing purposes, TasWater charges non-residential customers a fixed charge based on the estimated load they place on the sewerage system relative to a single residential dwelling, which is deemed as one ET. A schedule of ETs based on property type is the key determinant of the sewerage charge. TasWater's proposed sewerage charges for one ET are set out in the table below.

TasWater's proposed fixed sewerage charge for customers per Equivalent Tenement (\$ per annum)

Number of ETs	Fourth Regulatory Period			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1 ET	705.04	729.71	755.25	781.69

For example, a nursing home is charged at 0.45 ET per bed, resulting in a proposed annual 2022-23 sewerage charge for a 30 bed nursing home of $0.45 \times \$705.04 \times 30$, or \$9 518.

The Regulator is reviewing TasWater's proposed prices

The Regulator will review TasWater's proposed prices to ensure they meet the requirements of the:

- *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008* (Industry Act); and
- *Water and Sewerage Industry (Pricing and Related Matters) Regulations 2021* (Pricing Regulations).

Have your say

The Regulator invites customers and stakeholders to have their say during its investigation:

- ask questions or provide comments by emailing office@economicregulator.tas.gov.au
- submit general feedback on TasWater's proposal
- talk to a team member about any issues or concerns you might have

Learn more about water and sewerage price regulation

More detail on how the Regulator sets TasWater's prices can be found at:

<https://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au/water/pricing/water-and-sewerage-pricing-explained>

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