



## Fact sheet

# Water and sewerage prices for the third regulatory period

This fact sheet presents the current 2017-18 fixed and variable water prices and fixed sewerage prices and the Economic Regulator’s proposed fixed and variable water prices and fixed sewerage prices for the third regulatory period.

The fixed water tariff is an annual charge for the provision of water via water infrastructure that does not change as water use changes. The Economic Regulator intends to approve TasWater’s proposal to charge limited supply customers (ie where the service is limited due to pressure and/or flow issues) 90 per cent of the full service fixed water target tariffs for each year of the third regulatory period.

**Table 1 Economic Regulator’s proposed fixed water target tariffs per connection (\$)**

Water Connection Size	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Full service customers 20mm	329.48	343.19	357.46	372.33
Limited service customers 20mm	296.52	308.86	321.70	335.09

The relationship between the diameter of the metered connection and the potential flow that can be provided is used to scale the fixed price for water. A larger connection size means a larger potential demand on the system and, therefore, a higher fixed charge.

Table 2 below shows the proposed multipliers for fixed water charges based on connection size for the third regulatory period.

**Table 2 Multipliers for fixed water charges based on connection size**

Water Connection Size (mm)	Multiplier (x)
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

The volumetric water tariff is a charge per kilolitre for water usage for both full service customers and limited water quality customers. The Economic Regulator intends to approve TasWater's proposal to charge limited water quality customers 80 per cent of the variable water target tariffs for each year of the third regulatory period.

**Table 3 Economic Regulator's proposed target variable water charges per kilolitre of water (\$)**

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Full service (ie water of drinking water quality)	1.02	1.06	1.11	1.15
Limited water quality (ie water not of drinking water quality)	0.82	0.85	0.89	0.92

The fixed sewerage tariff is an annual charge for the removal, treatment and disposal of sewage via sewerage infrastructure. The Economic Regulator's proposed target fixed sewerage tariffs for full service customers per Equivalent Tenement (ET) are set out in Table 4.

**Table 4 Economic Regulator's proposed fixed sewerage target tariffs for full service customers per ET (\$)**

Number of ETs	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1 ET	632.24	658.54	685.94	714.47

A water and/or sewerage service charge is a charge levied on a property owner where there is an ability to access a service even if there is not yet a physical connection from the property to a regulated entity's water and sewerage infrastructure. The Economic Regulator intends to approve that the service charge for water continue to be equal to the fixed water charge for 20mm connections. The Economic Regulator intends to approve that the service charge for sewerage continue to be 60 per cent of one ET fixed sewerage charge.

**Table 5 Economic Regulator's proposed service charges for unconnected properties within serviced land**

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Unconnected water service charge	329.48	343.19	357.46	372.33
Unconnected sewerage service charge	379.34	395.12	411.56	428.68

### Next steps

If you would like more information on the Economic Regulator's proposed water and sewerage prices, or would like to comment on TasWater's proposals, please see Chapter 13 of the Economic Regulator's Water and Sewerage Price Investigation Draft Report, available at <http://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au>.