

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subsequent to a recent visit by TasWater to discuss the proposed increased charges for the processing of trade waste, this email serves as feedback.

According to TasWater Draft Price and Service Plan 2015-18 - Attachment E: Liquid Trade Waste (page 4) a 'trade waste discharge factor' has been established to calculate the increase in trade waste water tariffs for given industry groups, including hotels (EF02) and restaurants (MP01) at 25% and 50%, respectively. However, this method of benchmarking charges does not allow for hospitality businesses that include accommodation, which decreases the apportionment of trade waste as a percentage of total water consumption.

In this instance, Edgewater Hotel has 42 guest rooms where water for the motel (nil trade waste) is the greater part of total water usage. By my estimates, the trade waste factor for Edgewater (bars and kitchen) would amount to 3-5%. This is a sizable discrepancy.

In light of the above, the proposed 25% increase in trade waste water charges has been incorrectly reckoned, not fairly based on the business-mix of accommodation hotels.

Sincerest regards, Michael

Michael Wyett  
Manager  
**EDGEWATER HOTEL**  
TT-Line Company Pty Ltd