Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water



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2-24 Rawson Pl, Sydney NSW 2000

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Subject: Corrections to WAMC price calculations

Dear Ms Donnelly

I am writing to advise you of corrections to some of WAMC's prices submitted to IPART as part of the WAMC pricing proposal on 30 September 2024.

The corrections relate to the following WAMC proposed prices:

- Metropolitan water planning charges for WaterNSW and Hunter Water Corporation erroneously included water management prices and additional Hunter Water costs, meaning proposed metropolitan water charges were higher than they should have been, and
- Water management prices in 2024-25 did not reflect floodplain management licences, leading to proposed prices being higher than they should have been in these valleys.

Please see Attachment A for the correct prices. We ask that you please take the corrected numbers into account when making your determination for WAMC prices for the 2026-30 period.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Secretary Water

Water, Department of Climate Change Energy the Environment and Water

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Attachment A – Corrected WAMC prices

Metropolitan water planning charges

Table 1 – Metropolitan water planning entitlement charges (\$/ML, \$2024-25)

Valley	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
WNSW WaterNSW (Metro) planning charge (South Coast unregulated rivers)	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23
Hunter Water Corporation (Metro) planning charge (Hunter unregulated river)	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47

Water Management Charges in valleys with floodplain harvesting licences

Table 2 – Water Management Charges – Regulated rivers water take charges for metered licences (\$/ML, \$2024-25)

Valley	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Border	1.39	1.60	1.84	2.11	2.43	2.80
Gwydir	1.10	1.27	1.45	1.67	1.92	2.21
Namoi	1.36	1.56	1.80	2.07	2.38	2.74
Macquarie	1.76	2.02	2.33	2.68	3.08	3.54

Table 3 - Water Management Charges – Unregulated rivers entitlement charges for metered licences (\$/ML, \$2024-25)

Valley	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Border	1.78	2.05	2.35	2.71	3.11	3.58
Gwydir	1.78	2.05	2.35	2.71	3.11	3.58
Namoi	1.78	2.05	2.35	2.71	3.11	3.58
Peel	1.78	2.05	2.35	2.71	3.11	3.58
Far West	3.51	4.04	4.64	5.34	6.14	7.06



Table 4 - Water Management Charges - Unregulated rivers water take charges for metered licences (\$/ML, \$2024-25)

Valley	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Border	2.46	2.83	3.25	3.74	4.30	4.95
Gwydir	2.46	2.83	3.25	3.74	4.30	4.95
Namoi	2.46	2.83	3.25	3.74	4.30	4.95
Peel	2.46	2.83	3.25	3.74	4.30	4.95
Far West	2.18	2.51	2.88	3.32	3.81	4.38

Table 5 - Water Management Charges – Unregulated rivers entitlement charge for unmetered licences (\$/ML, \$2024-25)

Valley	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Border	4.24	4.88	5.61	6.45	7.42	8.53
Gwydir	4.24	4.88	5.61	6.45	7.42	8.53
Namoi	4.24	4.88	5.61	6.45	7.42	8.53
Peel	4.24	4.88	5.61	6.45	7.42	8.53
Far West	5.69	6.54	7.53	8.65	9.95	11.44