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Your submission for this review:

I oppose the proposed price increases made by Water NSW and WAMC for the Hunter region. I run an Irrigation farm producing hay at Jerrys plains in the Hunter Region. I use irrigation water to irrigate Lucerne and other fodder crops to produce hay for sale. A water price increase of 15-17% each year, plus inflation, will put real pressure on farm viability. My income is from producing hay, the hay prices move up and down with the season and demand. Hay prices have been stable for the last few years. Although prices do get higher during periods of drought the increase in water use and increasing water costs generally negate and benefit from a higher hay price (Sheet attached showing cost effect at 75% usage from 2015 to 2029. It is currently a real struggle to pay the current water bills on time. I believe that if the proposed price increases take place it will not be viable for this business to continue. Hunter regulated prices have increased in the 20-21 to 24-25 period by 64% for Water NSW and 30% for WAMC (Water NSW billing calculator copy attached). The last water pricing determination also approved a price increase for metering to commence on the metering deadline date for each valley. Has this increase already been applied to the hunter regulated. The previous determination was for approx. 38% price increase for water NSW, when the billing calculator shows 64%. How many customers are struggling to pay these bills at the current price, this will only increase with a price increase. I endorse the submission by the Hunter Valley Water Users Association. I endorse the submission by the NSW Irrigators Council.

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	
Hunter regulated general security															
Allocation	<i>420ML</i>														
Usage 75%	<i>315MI</i>														
Fixed Charge	Per ML	8.86	8.86	10.4	10.61	10.75	10.98	15.49	16.28	17.43	18.05				
Fixed charge	Total	3712.2	3712.2	4368	4456.2	4515	4611.6	6505.8	6837.6	7320.6	7581				
Usage charge	Per ML	14.77	14.77	12.89	13.13	13.23	13.6	19.13	20.11	21.52	22.29				
Usage charge	Total	4652.55	4652.55	4060.35	4135.95	4167.5	4284	6025.95	6334.65	6778.8	7021.35				
Water NSW charges	total	<b>8364.75</b>	<b>8364.75</b>	<b>8428.4</b>	<b>8591.9</b>	<b>8682.5</b>	<b>8895.6</b>	<b>12531.8</b>	<b>13172.3</b>	<b>14099</b>	<b>14602.4</b>				
WAMC Charge	Per meg	2.72	2.73	2.87	3.01	3.12	3.12	3.24	3.49	3.83	4.07				
Total per Meg		1142.4	1146.6	1205.4	1264.2	1310.4	1310.4	1360.8	1465.8	1608.6	1709.4				
WAMC Usage		1.86	1.75	1.95	2.05	2.14	2.14	2.21	2.39	2.62	2.77				
Total usage		585.9	551.25	614.25	645.75	674.1	674.1	696.15	752.85	825.3	872.55				
WAMC Charges	total	<b>1728.3</b>	<b>1697.85</b>	<b>1819.7</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>1984.5</b>	<b>1984.5</b>	<b>2056.95</b>	<b>2218.65</b>	<b>2433.9</b>	<b>2581.95</b>				
Total cost combined		<b>10093.1</b>	<b>10062.6</b>	<b>10248</b>	<b>10501.8</b>	<b>10667</b>	<b>10880.1</b>	<b>14588.7</b>	<b>15390.9</b>	<b>16533</b>	<b>17184.3</b>				
Proposed Increase impact at 18% yearly increase												<b><u>20277.47</u></b>	<b><u>23927.41</u></b>	<b><u>28234.35</u></b>	<b><u>33316.53</u></b>



# BILL CALCULATOR

Search results

Valley: **Hunter and Paterson** Type of entitlement: **General Security**  
Volume of entitlement: **420 ML** % usage of regulated entitlement: **75%**

## Bulk Water Regulated River System Charges

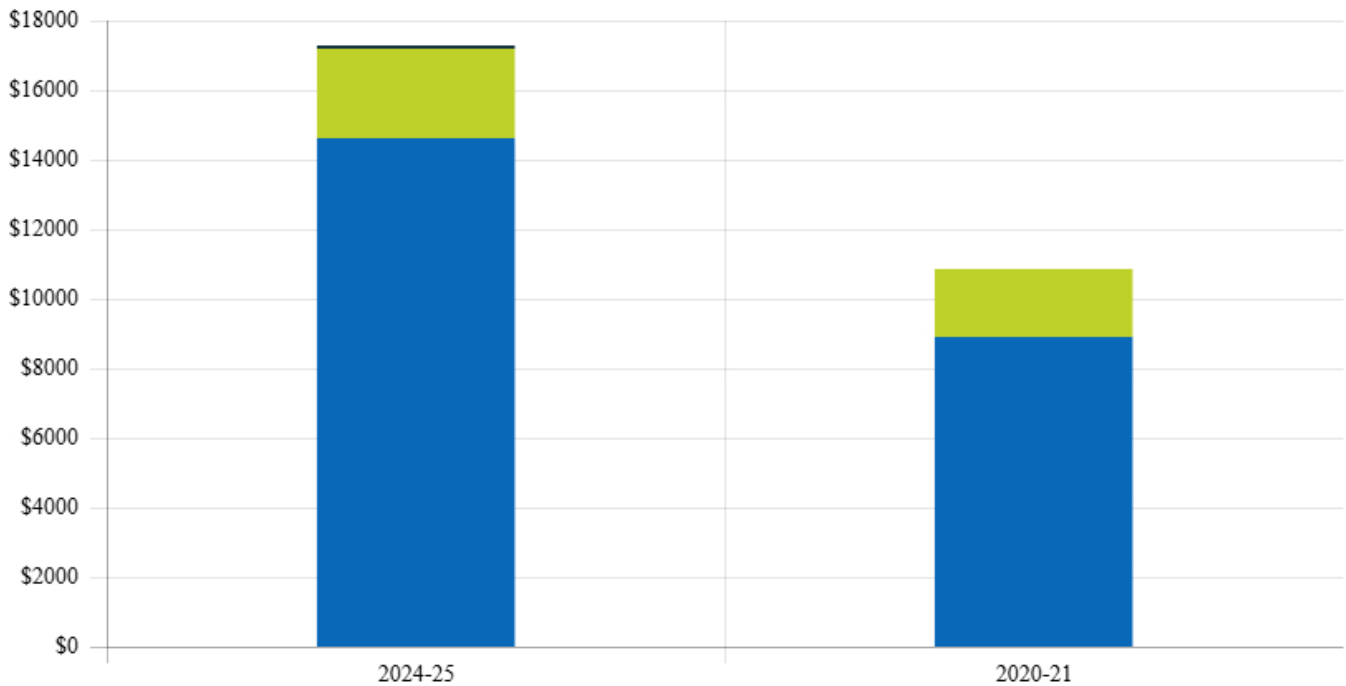
Type of Cost	Type of Charge	Charge Rate		Quantity	Charge Rate X Quantity		Year Over Year Change
		2024-25	2020-21		2024-25	2020-21	
WaterNSW	Fixed General Security	\$18.05	\$10.98	420ML	\$7581.00	\$4611.60	▲ 64%
WaterNSW	Usage	\$22.29	\$13.60	315ML	\$7021.35	\$4284.00	▲ 64%
<b>Total WaterNSW Charge</b>					<b>\$14602.35</b>	<b>\$8895.60</b>	<b>▲ 64%</b>
WAMC Charge	Entitlement	\$4.07	\$3.12	420ML	\$1709.40	\$1310.40	▲ 30%
WAMC Charge	Usage	\$2.77	\$2.14	315ML	\$872.55	\$674.10	▲ 29%
<b>Total WAMC Charge</b>					<b>\$2581.95</b>	<b>\$1984.50</b>	<b>▲ 30%</b>
Bill from Fixed Charges					\$9290.40	\$5922.00	▲ 57%
Bill from Variable Charges					\$7893.90	\$4958.10	▲ 59%
Scheme management charge					\$85.35	\$0.00	N/A%
<b>Total Bill</b>					<b>\$17269.65</b>	<b>\$10880.10</b>	<b>▲ 59%</b>

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2024-25

WaterNSW : \$14602.35  
WAMC : \$2581.95  
Scheme Management Charge : \$85.35  
**Total : \$17269.65**

2020-21

WaterNSW : \$8895.60  
WAMC : \$1984.50  
Scheme Management Charge : \$0.00  
**Total : \$10880.10**

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