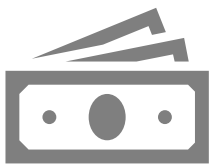
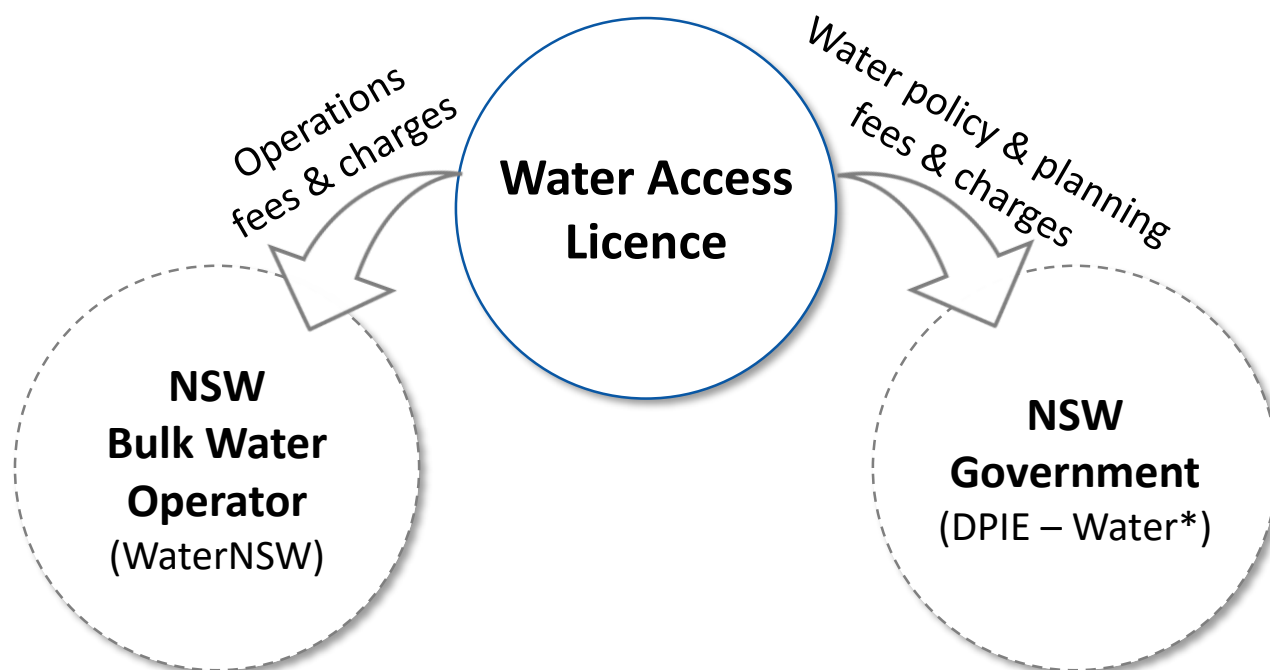


Water Charges in NSW



If I hold a water access licence, what do I need to pay?

Regulated River WAL holder

You are required to pay fees and charges to both the Department of Industry - Water (formally DPI Water) and WaterNSW (formally State Water). If you hold a water access licence in the NSW Murray or Murrumbidgee valleys, you are also required to pay Murray Darling Basin Authority pass-through costs which are incorporated into your WaterNSW bill.

Unregulated River WAL holder

You are required to pay fees and charges to the Department of Industry - Water (formally DPI Water). You are also required to pay MDBA pass through costs which are incorporated into your water bill (except coastal valleys).

Groundwater WAL holder

You are required to pay fees and charges for the Department of Industry - Water (formally DPI Water).

Your water charges are generally made up of two components*:

An entitlement charge
(fixed charge based on ML of water access licence)

A usage charge
(variable charge based on the ML of water used in each water year)

Water charges are a licence requirement and must be paid by WAL holders.



What are these charges for?



Planning,
Industry &
Environment

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment



NSW Government department responsible for planning and management of the State's water resources and the licensing of water extraction for regulated, unregulated rivers and groundwater resources. The Department of Industry – Water levies water charges to cover the cost of its water planning, regulation and management functions in NSW. WaterNSW collects these water charges on behalf of the Department.



WaterNSW

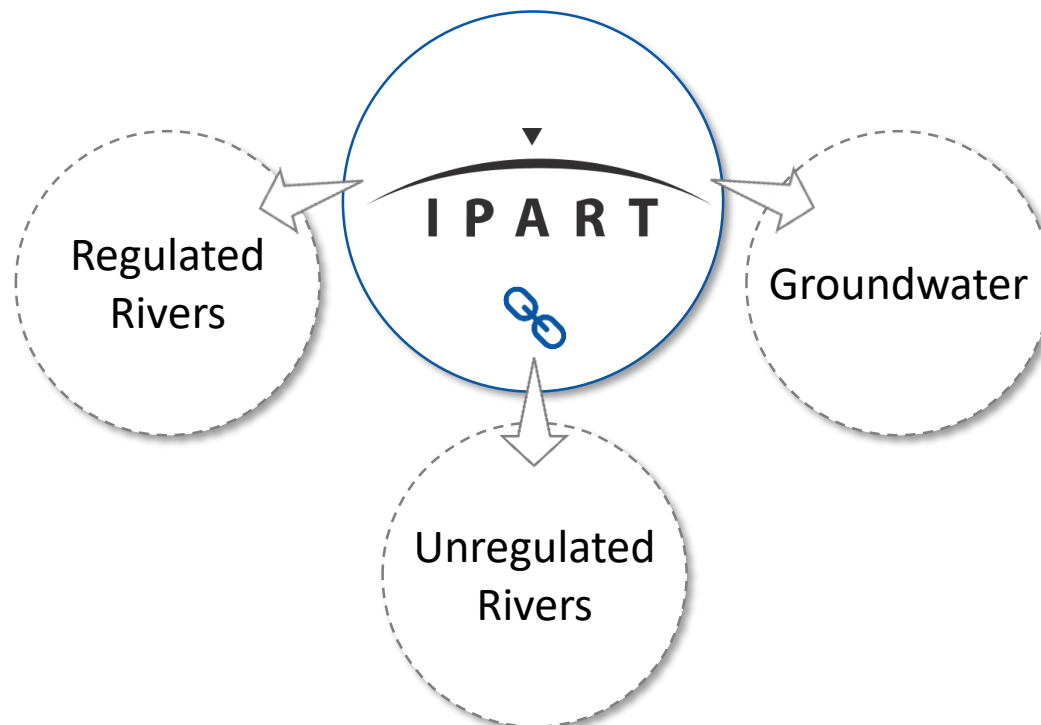


State-Owned Corporation responsible for NSW's bulk water supplies, river operations and any licensing, trading and general water information inquiries. WaterNSW levies charges for its bulk water supply and river operation functions.

*If you do not have a water meter (i.e. unregulated river water access licence holders), your water charges would only be based on the entitlement volume (fixed charge). You can request to obtain access to two-part pricing.



Who regulates water charges in NSW?



Current water charges 2019/20 are available [HERE](#)

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) determines water charges for each of these three water sources every four years*.



Future Water Charge Determinations

Based on the current arrangement for water administration in NSW, the next water charge determinations are scheduled to take effect on:

1 July 2020 for the
Department of P, I, E

1 July 2021 for
WaterNSW

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal usually commences the review of water charges **12 months prior** to the new charges taking effect.

Given the changes to the current regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Industry – Water and WaterNSW and the creation of a new independent Natural Resource Access Regulator, the next water charge review for the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation remains uncertain.

*Determination periods may differ.



What is the NSW Irrigators' Council voluntary levy?

Since 1983 the NSW Irrigators Council has been representing the interests of Water Access Licence Holders - today covering 12,000 Licensees across NSW. NSWIC protects your rights to use water and ensures that the interests of the irrigation sector and the vital importance of irrigated agriculture are strongly advocated with State and Federal Government Ministers and with Government agencies.

NSWIC works across a very wide spectrum of issues that impact Water Access Licence holders.

We actively engage on:

- Government water regulation and management with Department of Industry – Water (formally DPI Water) and Water NSW (formally State Water);
- The Murray Darling Basin Plan with the Murray Darling Basin Authority and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder;
- Environmental water management and irrigation efficiency programs with the Federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources;
- Basin water trading and water market rules with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission;
- NSW water pricing and charges with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal,
- Coal Seam Gas and mining regulation and approvals with State and Federal Governments;
- Measures to reduce the cost of electricity for irrigators with the Australian Energy Regulator – an area where NSWIC has successfully worked extensively to bring real reductions in irrigators' power bills.

We are continuing the vital work on the review of the NSW Water Sharing Plans and the development of the Water Resource Plans for inland valleys as well as to mitigate the impact of the Murray Darling Basin Plan on irrigators and inland communities.

We also continue to be very active in our advocacy efforts around State Government water charges and key coastal valley issues on harvestable rights, water take measurement and drought policy.

None of this work on your behalf would be possible without the payment of the NSWIC voluntary levy – Your investment in protecting your licenced water entitlement and your property right! PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY LEVY by calling us (02) 9264 3848!

– Protecting irrigators' rights to use water –