

Midlands Irrigation District

Charge rates: 2020-21



In-season annual charges for water entitlements

	2019-20 (\$/ML)	2020-21 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Fixed charges*				
Operation & maintenance charge	\$ 35.49	\$ 35.54	\$ 0.05	0.1%
Asset renewal levy	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.59	\$ 0.19	2.0%
Fixed charge once-off discount	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Storage charge**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Total	\$ 44.89	\$ 45.13	\$ 0.24	0.5%
Variable charges***				
Water purchase cost:				
Arthurs Lake (before Midlands Power Station): Hydro Tas purchase price	\$ 200.97	\$ 175.92	\$ (25.05)	-12.5%
Less: Generation at Midlands Power Station	\$ (168.08)	\$ (127.78)	\$ 40.30	-24.0%
Less: Temporary discount funded from scheme working capital	\$ (27.89)	\$ (28.14)	\$ (0.25)	0.9%
Net water purchase price passed to irrigators	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	299.9%
Summer delivery period (October - February)				
After Midlands Power Station (zones A, B, & C)	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	299.9%
After Floods Creek Pump Station (zones D, & E)	\$ 15.12	\$ 27.59	\$ 12.47	82.5%
After Midland Highway Pump Station (zones F, G, H before MSPS, I, J, K)	\$ 62.53	\$ 63.18	\$ 0.65	1.0%
After Mount Seymour Pump Station (Zone H)	\$ 124.25	\$ 115.52	\$ (8.73)	-7.0%
Winter delivery period (March - September)				
After Midlands Power Station (zones A, B, & C)	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	299.9%
After Floods Creek Pump Station (zones D, & E)	\$ 15.12	\$ 27.59	\$ 12.47	82.5%
After Midland Highway Pump Station (zones F, G, H before MSPS, I, J, K)	\$ 62.53	\$ 63.18	\$ 0.65	1.0%
After Mount Seymour Pump Station (Zone H)	\$ 135.61	\$ 126.65	\$ (8.96)	-6.6%

* Fixed charges: payable on current entitlement holdings on the opening day of the irrigation season.

** Storage charges: a fixed charge to replenish storage losses in the scheme, such as evaporation.

*** Variable charge: payable on water that is supplied to you during the irrigation season/delivery period.

Note: temporary discounts

The Midlands Water Scheme has accumulated a strong working capital balance, through over recovery of variable expenses since commissioning of the scheme. After consultation with your Irrigator Representative Committee, a discount has been applied against the Annual Variable Charge rates in the scheme which is funded from the scheme accumulated working capital funds. The same discount is included in the Annual Variable Charges in each of the charge zones.

Unsold water in scheme (Winter Only)

Areas with unsold water*	Unsold Water (ML)	2020-21 (\$/ML)	Jan-21** (\$/ML)
3C: Macquarie River Line - Winter	3,414	\$1,130	\$1,290

* These zones at the time of releasing season pricing had unsold water. To check whether these zones still have unsold water, please view the Water Entitlements For Sale section on our website or contact us on (03) 6398 8433.

** Price increases from \$1,200 to \$1,370 effective 1st January 2021

Rates to lease available capacity from Tasmanian Irrigation

If Tasmanian Irrigation holds unsold capacity in your area, you may be able to lease additional water entitlements by arrangement, for delivery during the irrigation season. Where available, you may choose to lease irrigation right volume, delivery right flow rate, or both. Please contact us if you wish to enquire about leasing additional water entitlements.

Annual Fixed Charges and Annual Variable Charges will apply to additional leased volumes.

Lease rates where capacity is available (WINTER DELIVERY ONLY):	2020-21 (\$/ML)
All zones	\$ 105.60

Excess water charges - for unauthorised use of additional volume

Excess Water Charges*	2020-21 (\$/ML)
After Midlands Power Station (zones A, B, & C)	\$ 400.00
After Floods Creek Pump Station (zones D, & E)	\$ 400.00
After Midland Highway Pump Station (zones F, G, H before MSPS, I, J, K)	\$ 400.00
After Mount Seymour Pump Station (Zone H)	\$ 400.00

* Excess water charges: payable for each additional megalitre (or part of a megalitre) of water taken, in addition to your authorised volume under your water entitlement, during the irrigation season. These rates have been set within the By-Laws for your scheme.

Interest for late payments

In accordance with the by-laws for the district, Tasmanian Irrigation may issue interest charges when payment is not received within the standard terms of each invoice (30 days). **This will be charged at the rate two per cent (2%) per annum above the 3 month Australian Bank Bill Swap Bid Rate (BBSY).**

You will be unable to trade your water entitlements if your account is in arrears.

Tasmanian Irrigation understands that on some occasions our customers may experience times of financial hardship due to circumstances outside of their control. As such, you may choose to apply for a payment plan under our Financial Hardship Policy.

Other charges

Permanent transfer application fee	\$ 77.00	Including GST
Limited term transfer application fee	\$ 77.00	Including GST
Short term transfer application fee	\$ -	Including GST
Registration, transfer, variation, or discharge of security interest	\$ 77.00	Including GST
Copy of water entitlement extract	\$ 33.00	Including GST

Further information:

Water charges are levied by Tasmanian Irrigation to recover the costs of operating, maintaining and administering irrigation districts.

In all irrigation districts, a **Fixed Charge** is levied on the volume of your irrigation right holdings on the first day of the irrigation season and is payable regardless of whether water has been consumed.

The Fixed Charge can have up to three components:

- > **Operation & Maintenance** charge recovers the costs for running the scheme which don't normally change materially with the volume of water supplied during a season. This includes costs relating to employment of scheme operators, motor vehicle costs, maintenance, telemetry, compliance, administration, finance and insurance.
- > **Asset Renewal Levy** makes provision for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the district.
- > **Storage Charge** (some districts): recovers costs of pumping any evaporation or seepage losses into the main water storage.

Most irrigation districts also include a **Variable Charge** which is levied on the volume of water ordered or consumed by each irrigator, to recover electricity costs for pumping and water purchase costs incurred by Tasmanian Irrigation. The variable charge is based on the cost to deliver water to the various charge zones. Variable Charges are invoiced following the end of the irrigation season or delivery period.

Excess Water Charges can be avoided entirely by ensuring you have sufficient allocation:

- > Monitor your usage (contact your Scheme Operator if you require assistance).
- > Contact us if you have any questions about your allocation, trading or usage.
- > Trade any required additional allocation. We are unable to accept retrospective trades.

To assist buyers and sellers of water entitlements with establishing trading connections, Tasmanian Irrigation provides a free **Water Trading Notice Board** on our website. This allows parties to advertise their interest in buying, selling or leasing water entitlements. You can access the Notice Board via Tasmanian Irrigation's website: www.tasirrigation.com.au.

All annual water charges are retained within the separate irrigation schemes to be used for the benefit of the irrigators.

If you have any questions, please contact our office on 03 6398 8433 or enquiries@tasirrigation.com.au.