

Understanding your landscape levy

The landscape levy (previously known as the NRM levy), is paid by all ratepayers across South Australia – recognising that all landowners are responsible for sustaining and managing our state’s landscapes for the benefit of the community. It’s not a new levy but it has been improved to help fund the state’s regional landscape boards (previously known as NRM boards) which were established in July 2020 when the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* became the new framework for managing the state’s land, water, pest animals & plants, and biodiversity.

Why do we have a levy?

The levies are a primary source of funding for the management of the region’s natural resources. Funds raised through the levies ensure that works are undertaken to achieve the region’s vision of *"Eyre Peninsula landscapes supporting biodiversity, community and business in a changing climate"*.

The levies also provide the Board with the ability to leverage additional government funds, which greatly increases the amount of work that can be accomplished in our region.

What is the levy used for?

The levy is collected by local councils but raised by regional landscape boards to fund programs that support the region as outlined in the annual [Business Plan](#), with an emphasis on water, sustainable agriculture, pest plants & animals, and biodiversity. The levies fund projects and programs to enable landholders, industry and the community to be directly responsible for sustainably managing the region’s landscapes.

What is the difference between the land levy and the water levy?

There are two levies paid by ratepayers – a **land levy** on all rateable land in the Eyre Peninsula, and a **water levy** on all water licences and allocations. The water levy is collected by the Department for Environment and Water.

How is the landscape levy calculated?

The levy for Eyre Peninsula is a fixed charge that depends on the purpose for which the land is used. The categories for purpose of use are primary production, commercial, industrial, residential, vacant land and other.

Landscape levies have been capped by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

How can I change my land use category?

Your land use category is assigned by the State Valuation Office. Please contact your local council for help with applying to change the land use category assigned to your property.

What is single farm enterprise?

If you’re a primary producer with more than one rateable property within a council area, you can apply to that council to have your properties treated as a single farm enterprise. This means your enterprise will be charged the landscape land levy once annually.

If you own land in more than one council area, the land levy is payable in each council area.

What services does the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board deliver?

The levy will help to fund the Board's regional priorities including an annual Grassroots Grants Program that supports community organisations and groups who are working at the local level on projects that benefit the local landscapes. Our five regional priorities are water, sustainable agriculture, pest plants & animals, biodiversity and the community, as outlined below.

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