

Understanding your water levy

Understanding Regional Landscape and Water Levies

With the establishment of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019 (the Act)*, NRM levies have been replaced by regional landscape and water levies.

These levies are raised by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, to fund projects and to enable landholders, industry, and the community to manage our region's landscapes. The regional landscape levy is placed on all rateable land in the Limestone Coast, and the water levy on all water licences and allocations.

The Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan. The four priority investment areas are: soil, water, pest plants and animals, and biodiversity.

Water levy basis

The water levy is a flat fee of \$203.80 per licence plus a rate per ML of allocation.

The total amount of income collected from the water levy has increased by CPI of 1.9% (September quarter 2019 in Adelaide) in 2020/21.

The water levy rate will increase from \$2.55 to \$2.60 per ML for irrigation and forestry allocations.



Frequently asked questions

How do I read my water levy invoice?

Right to Take Water - this wording applies to all allocation types, including water holding allocations.

Once a person has a water licence with a specified volume or an entitlement share, they have a right to be allocated a volume of water.

In some areas, a holder of a water access entitlement may also be entitled to carryover their water allocation to a future water use year.

Water Licence Management Fee - this is the flat fee per water licence.

Unit - kL (kilolitres) 1kL = 0.001ML (megalitres)
or 1ML = 1,000kL

Why is my levy on total allocation, not on use?

Licensees pay in accordance with the volume of their allocation which reflects the entitlement to access water.

Do I need a water licence to take water for stock and domestic use?

No. However, you will require a licence if stock are subject to intensive farming, or you take water for the purpose of watering or irrigating land in connection with a dwelling exceeding 0.4 of a hectare.

What if I no longer need my water licence?

You may be able to sell or surrender your water licence and the associated allocation to avoid being charged a levy in future years. To discuss these options, contact the DEW Water Licensing Team.



For more information on your water licence or invoice contact the DEW Water Licensing Team on **08 8735 1134**.



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What services does the Board deliver?

Through regional landscape levies, this year the Limestone Coast Landscape Board will deliver the following services:

Maintaining water quality and availability



- Landholder advice on managing surface water
- Revision of Tatiara and Padthaway Water Allocation Plans
- Ongoing scientific investigations to support the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan
- Development of science to support revision of the Morambro Creek and Tintinara – Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plans
- Engaging schools and community on water issues
- Advice and compliance on Water Affecting Activities

Minimising impacts of pest plants and animals



- Landholder advice and compliance on managing pests
- Control programs for targeted species, including new incursions and feral deer
- Monitoring and mapping pests
- Engaging schools and community about pest management

Maintaining the health of soils and land



- Landholder advice on managing soils, land management and water use efficiency
- Weather stations providing data to farmers
- Monitoring of regional soil and land resources
- Engaging schools and community about maintaining soils

Conserving native vegetation, wetlands and coastal habitats

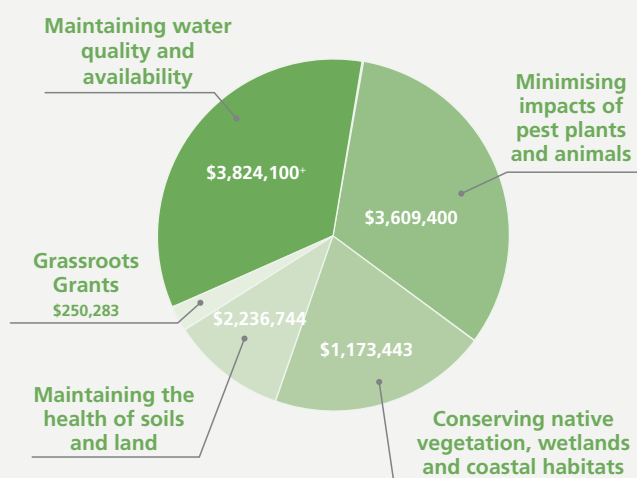


- Landholder advice on conserving and establishing native vegetation on private land, and restoring wetlands
- Community-led habitat projects
- Engaging schools and community about conserving habitats and the value of native vegetation, wetlands, and biodiversity

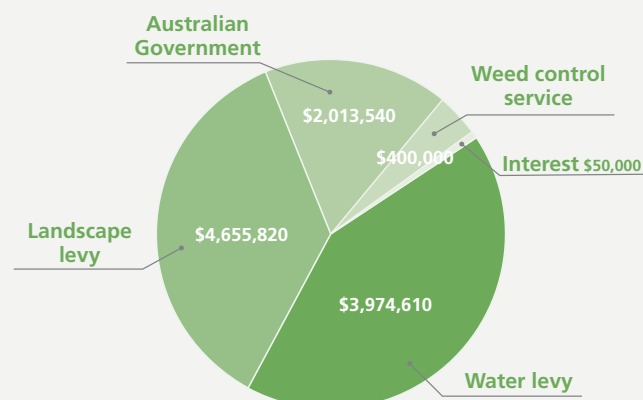
Want more information? Contact us on **08 8735 1177** or see our website landscape.sa.gov.au/limestonecoast

How your levy is spent

Program Investment 2020/21



Sources of Funding 2020/21



*This includes \$2,496,000 as a contribution towards State water planning and management costs, including water licensing, water monitoring, compliance activities and policy advice to support the management of water resources. The total includes employing staff in the Limestone Coast to undertake these activities.



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