

Understanding your Water levy 2022/23

Limestone Coast Landscape Board

Understanding Regional Landscape and Water Levies

With the establishment of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act), the Limestone Coast Landscape Board receives regional landscape and water levies from landholders and water licensees in the region.

These levies are raised by the LC Landscape Board, to fund projects and to support 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 LC Landscape Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan. The five priorities are:



Educating and partnering to sustainably manage our landscapes



Growing sustainable primary production



Protecting and balancing our region's water resources



Working collaboratively to manage pest plants and animals



Conserving and enhancing our region's biodiversity

Water levy basis

The water levy is a flat fee of \$208.90 per licence plus a rate per ML of allocation.

The per ML rate used to calculate the water levy has been increased by Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.5% (September 2021 quarter, Adelaide).

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 Management levy - 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.

What services does the LC Landscape Board deliver?

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board works with landholders to sustainably manage our landscape.

In 2022/2023 we can provide support with

Working together to sustainably manage pest plants and animals: Our Landscape Officers are located across the Limestone Coast and are here to help landholders control declared pest plants and animals

Encouraging biodiversity: Using native vegetation on your property can provide many economic and productive benefits to your land management practices

Supporting protection and restoration of native vegetation, soils, wetlands, watercourses and coastal habitats

Your journey to soil health: Working with you to develop the steps for understanding, building and maintaining soil health to improve productivity for your property

First Nations Partnerships: Walking together with First Nations to manage our landscape and supporting First Nations to maintain their cultural and spiritual obligations

Water resource management for the future: Working with you to understand our region's water resources and water affecting activities in the Limestone Coast



Empowering sustainable land management through grants and funding: Educating and promoting the various opportunities available to support sustainable land management

Grassroots Grants: Community-centred small grants program seeking on ground, local, environmental and productivity benefits

Landscape Education: Creating generational change through immersion opportunities that connect our youth with their local landscape

For more information on LC Landscape Board priorities and projects please visit our Regional Landscape Plan at www.landscape.sa.gov.au/lc.

Priority Investment 2022/23

Grassroots Grants

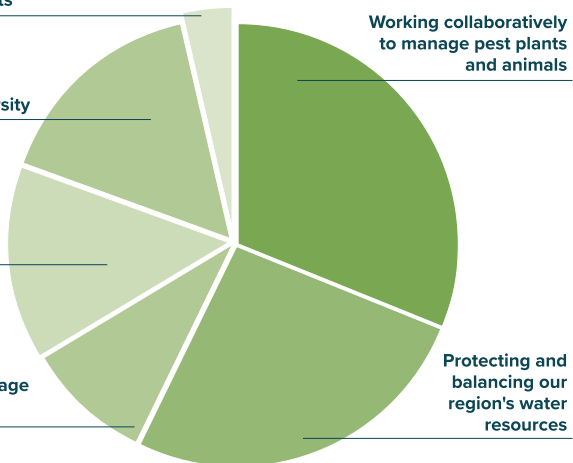
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Sources of Income

Australian Government National Landcare Program

Water Levy

Weed Control Service

Regional Landscape Levy

