

Understanding your Water levy 2021/22

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 Limestone Coast 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 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 \$203.80 per licence plus a rate per ML of allocation.

The per ML rate used to calculate the water levy has not been increased by CPI in 2021/22 as a response to COVID-19 cost pressures.

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.

What services does the Board deliver?

In 2021/22 the Limestone Coast Landscape Board will be delivering a suite of projects that align with multiple board priorities.

Integrated Water Resource Management: Strategic works to manage the region's groundwater resources and its dependent ecosystems

Farming for the Future: A back-to-basics approach to support primary producers to adopt best practice farm systems in relation to natural resource management

Carbon Roadmap: Through development of a roadmap this project will lead the region in the adoption of carbon smart land management

Priority Pest Plants and Animals: Strategic and targeted priority pest control enabling management by the community at low cost

First Nations Partnerships: Walking together with First Nations to manage our landscape

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

Habitat Conservation: Engagement, capacity building and incentives for vegetation and wetland management to build capacity around the benefits of biodiversity on farm

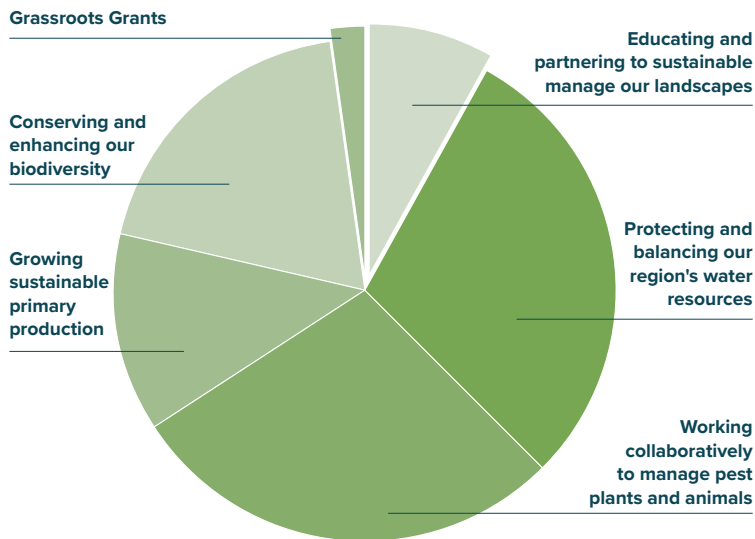
Paddock Trees: Through education, technical support and financial assistance to landholders this project will assist in both preventing the loss, and increasing recruitment of paddock trees in the Limestone Coast

Eight Mile Creek Restoration Feasibility: Strategic investigation to support large scale, impactful restoration of a high value biodiversity asset

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



Priority Investment 2021/22



Sources of Income

