

Submissions invited on bore flushing proposal

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A Melbourne Water proposal to charge Quiet Lakes residents for bore flushing to control blue-green algae in Lake Legana and Lake Illawong has been given a preliminary green light by the state's water price regulator.

The Essential Services Commission is inviting feedback on its draft decision to allow Melbourne Water to collect a user pays charge of \$135 per property in the Quiet Lakes area.

Commission chairman, Dr Ron Ben-David says the proposed tariff is lower than originally submitted by Melbourne Water.

"Melbourne Water asked us to consider an annual charge of \$156 per property to pay for bore flushing of Lake Legana and Lake Illawong in the Quiet Lakes area of Patterson Lakes.

"However, we questioned some of the costs associated with the plan and we've proposed to reduce the tariff to \$135," he said.

The proposed charge would only apply to 251 properties next to the two lakes for the period 2017-18 to 2020-21. The charge would not affect any other Melbourne Water customers.

The draft decision is now available for comment until 13 April. A final decision is expected in May.

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