Regional Water Price Review
Lower Murray Water:
Final decision outcomes for 2013-14 to 2017-18
June 2013

**Breakdown of costs**
The ESC's final decision has approved a reduction of Lower Murray Water's costs of 2.1% (or $3 million) over the five years from 2013-14.

**Prices**
The ESC's final decision has approved an increase in average prices of 9.2% over the five years from 2013-14.

**Indicative household bills (owner-occupier)**
The ESC's final decision has approved that over the next five years, indicative Lower Murray Water(urban) household bills would be reduced by $51*.

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*Indicative bills are based on consumption for owner-occupier households.
** Household bills are presented in 2013-14 prices.
All numbers presented here are in 2012-13 dollars and do not include future inflation, with the exception of household bills.
For further details on this business' pricing decision please visit www.esc.vic.gov.au.
Key Final Decision Outcomes

Expenditure

*Operating Expenditure*
- The final approved operating expenditure by the Commission is $96.4 million.
- This is $1.2 million (1.3 per cent) higher than the proposed expenditure of $95.2 million.

*Capital Expenditure*
- Lower Murray Water (Urban) proposed capital expenditure of $55.3 million.
- The Commission’s final decision approved capital expenditure of $53.9 million.
- This is $1.4 million (2.5 per cent) lower than the proposed expenditure by the water business.

Tariffs

*Retail Water Tariffs*
- Lower Murray Water (Urban) proposed to maintain their existing two-part tariffs for residential customers — a fixed service charge and a single variable charge.
- In its final decision, the Commission has approved the price structure of residential and non-residential retail water tariffs proposed by Lower Murray Water (Urban).

*Recycled Water Tariffs*
- Lower Murray Water (Urban) proposed to maintain a two part tariff structure — a fixed component and a variable component for residential and non-residential sewerage tariffs.
- The Commission has approved Lower Murray Water (Urban)’s proposal to maintain existing tariff structures for residential and non-residential sewerage services in its final decision.