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GOULBURN-MURRAY WATER

1. General

1.1 Introduction

- (a) Rule 29 of the *WCIR* requires the Commission to approve or determine the regulated charges which *Part 6 operator* may charge as set out in the *Part 6 operator's* application under rule 25 of the *WCIR*.
- (b) Clause 8 of the *WIRO* requires the Commission to either:
 - approve the prices which a *regulated entity* may charge for *groundwater services* and *miscellaneous services* or the manner in which such prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined, as set out in the *regulated entity's Water Plan*; or
 - (ii) specify the prices which a *regulated entity* may charge for groundwater services and miscellaneous services or the manner in which such prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined.
- (c) On 12 June 2013, the Commission made its decision under the WCIR and the WIRO in respect of:
 - the regulated charges and prices which Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation (trading as Goulburn-Murray Water) (ABN 46 761 336 846) (*Goulburn-Murray Water*) may levy or charge during the *regulatory period*; and
 - (ii) the standards and conditions of service and supply which *Goulburn-Murray Water* has included in its *Water Plan*.
- (d) This Determination is made by the Commission under section 33 of the *ESC Act*, pursuant to rule 29 of the *WCIR* and clause 8 of the *WIRO*.

- (e) The purpose and reasons for the making of this Determination are to:
 - (i) give effect to the decision of the Commission referred to in clause 1.1(b)(i);
 - determining the regulated charges and specify the prices which *Goulburn-Murray Water* may levy or charge during the *regulatory period* or the manner in which such charges or prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined;
 - (iii) facilitate the achievement of the Commission's objectives in or applying under the *ESC Act*, the *WCIR*, the accreditation arrangements determined by the ACCC pursuant to rule 59 of the *WCIR* and the *WI Act*; and
 - (iv) reflect the requirements in the *WCIR*, the *ACCC pricing principles* and the *WIRO*.

1.2 Application

This Determination applies to *Goulburn-Murray Water* and its successors and assigns in respect of the business carried on by *Goulburn-Murray Water* at the date of this Determination.

1.3 Effective period

(a) Term

This Determination takes effect on the later of the date on which notice of its making is published in the Government Gazette and 1 July 2013 and, subject to clause 1.3(b), has effect until the earlier of the date on which it is amended or revoked by a later determination or 30 June 2016.

(b) Next regulatory period

Subject to clause 2.3(b)(ii), if the Commission has not made a determination in respect of the prices to apply in the *next regulatory period* on or before 30 June 2016, the prices or the manner in which such prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined as set out in this Determination will continue to apply in respect of *prescribed services* provided by *Goulburn-Murray Water* between 1 July 2016 and the date on which the determination for the *next regulatory period* comes into effect.

1.4 Modification of time periods

The Commission may, by notice to *Goulburn-Murray Water*, extend or reduce the time by which, or the period within which, *Goulburn-Murray Water* or the Commission must comply with an obligation under this Determination.

1.5 Summary and structure

Clause 2 of this Determination specifies the prices which will apply to *prescribed services* during the *regulatory period* and sets out the procedure and formulae according to which prices may be adjusted during the *regulatory period* on an annual basis. Clause 3 set out the procedure according to which the Commission will determine the revenue requirements included in Schedule 3 in respect of the second *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period* and each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period*. Clauses 4 and 5 provide for the circumstances in which prices may be adjusted during the *regulatory period* otherwise than in accordance with clause 2.

1.6 Definitions and interpretation

In this Determination, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) words and phrases in bold italics have the meanings given to them in part A of Schedule 1; and
- (b) the rules of interpretation in part B of Schedule 1 will apply.

1.7 Annexure

- (a) For convenience, annexure A to this Determination summarises:
 - the assumptions underpinning the prices to apply to
 Goulburn-Murray Water during the *regulatory period* or the manner in which such prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined; and
 - the standards and conditions of services and supply additional to those specified in the *Code* which will be provided by *Goulburn-Murray Water* pursuant to the decision referred to in clause 1.1(b)(ii).
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, annexure A does not form part of this Determination.

2. Price control

2.1 General principles

Subject to this Determination:

(a) Scheduled prices

Goulburn-Murray Water must not charge more than:

- (i) the scheduled prices in Schedule 2, during the first *regulatory year*, and
- (ii) the amounts determined in accordance with clause 2.3, during each subsequent *regulatory year*,

in respect of those *prescribed services* to which the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 relate.

(b) Application principles

The application principles in Schedule 4 will apply to the prices charged by *Goulburn-Murray Water* in respect of *prescribed services* during the *regulatory period*.

(c) Pricing principles

During the *regulatory period*, *Goulburn-Murray Water* must apply the pricing principles in Schedule 5 when determining the prices to apply to the *prescribed services* to which the pricing principles in Schedule 5 relate.

2.2 Ancillary matters

(a) New prices

If a *new price* is introduced under clause 2.3:

- that *new price* is deemed to be included in Schedule 2 with effect from the start of the subsequent *regulatory year*, and
- (ii) any new application principle specified in respect of that *new price* is deemed to be included in Schedule 2 with effect from the start of the subsequent *regulatory year*.

(b) Contracts

Where *Goulburn-Murray Water* has entered into a contract (a *relevant contract*) which relates to the provision of *prescribed services* prior to 1 July 2013, *Goulburn-Murray Water* may

charge the prices for *prescribed services* which are set out in that *relevant contract* until its expiration, termination or a periodic review of the prices set out in the contract. Once a *relevant contract* has expired or been terminated or the prices in the *relevant contract* have been subject to a periodic review, the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 (as adjusted in accordance with this Determination) or the prices determined in accordance with the pricing principles in Schedule 5 will apply for the remainder of the *regulatory period*.

(c) Dispute Resolution

Any question as to whether a price has been set in accordance with this Determination will be determined by the Commission on the basis of the Commission's interpretation of this Determination.

(d) Publication

Goulburn-Murray Water must publish a schedule of its current prices and pricing principles for **prescribed services**, and all relevant supporting information that is relied upon to apply the prices or pricing principles, on its website at all times during the **regulatory period** and must provide a written copy of the schedule to its customers on request. The schedule must clearly indicate in respect of each price, the amount determined in accordance with this Determination, the amount of GST payable and the total price (in a manner consistent with the requirements of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth)).

(e) GST

Goulburn-Murray Water will not be considered to be in contravention of this Determination if a price charged by it for a **prescribed service** exceeds the amount determined in accordance with clause 2 only by reason of the levying of a charge on account of **GST**.

2.3 Annual adjustment of prices

(a) Adjustment

Subject to Schedule 2 and clause 2.3(b)(iii), the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 will be adjusted in each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period* in accordance with the formulae in clause 2.3(b)(i) and the procedure in clause 2.3(c), and will apply

to the prescribed services to which the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 relate in that *regulatory year*.

(b) Formulae

 Subject to Schedule 2, each price for the *prescribed* services referred to in clause 2.3(a) will be adjusted in accordance with the following formulae with effect from the beginning of each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period*:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{t}^{ij} q_{t}^{ij} \leq cap_{t}$$

$$cap_{t} = rev_{t} + (cap_{t-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{t-1}^{ij} q_{t-1}^{ij}) * cpi_{t} * (1 + wacc)$$

where *Goulburn-Murray Water* has *n* tariff categories, which have up to *m* tariff components, and where:

- p_t^{ij} is the proposed tariff component j of tariff i for *regulatory year* t
- q_t^{ij} is the forecast quantity of tariff component j of tariff i for *regulatory year* t
- *cap*_t is the revenue cap for *regulatory year* t calculated in accordance with the formula set out above
- $\mathit{cap}_{\mathit{t-1}}$ is the revenue cap for $\mathit{regulatory\ year}$ t-1: for the

second year of the *regulatory period*, cap_{t-1} is

equal to rev_t for the first **regulatory year** as set out in Schedule 3. For subsequent **regulatory**

years, cap_{t-1} is the amount calculated for

regulatory year t-1 in accordance with the formula set out above

rev, is the total revenue requirement for *regulatory year* t as set out in Schedule 3

- p_{t-1}^{ij} is the actual tariff component j of tariff i for *regulatory year* t-1
- q_{t-1}^{ij} is the estimate of the actual quantities of tariff component j of tariff i for *regulatory year* t-1
- cpi_{t} for the particular **regulatory year** is:

the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index for the Eight Capital Cities as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the March quarter immediately preceding the start of the relevant *regulatory year*

divided by

the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index for the Eight Capital Cities as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the March quarter immediately preceding the March quarter referred to above

wacc is 4.5%, being the weighted average cost of capital

 (ii) If the Commission has not made a determination in respect of the prices to apply in the *next regulatory period* on or before 30 June 2016, the regulatory requirement for

regulatory year t " rev_{t} " will be set equal to

"($rev_{t-1} * cpi_t$)" for the purpose of adjusting prices in

accordance with the formulae in clause 2.3(b)(i) for *regulatory years* commencing on or after 1 July 2016 until the date on which this determination is amended or revoked by a later determination.

(iii) An increase in any scheduled price in Schedule 3 in any regulatory year must not exceed the average of all scheduled price increases in that regulatory year by more than 10%.

(c) Adjustment procedure

 At least 40 *business days* prior to the commencement of each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period*, *Goulburn-Murray Water* must submit its proposed prices for the *prescribed services* referred to in clause 2.3(a) to apply in the subsequent *regulatory year* (the *revised prices*) to the Commission for approval, together with sufficient information to enable the Commission to assess whether the proposed prices comply with this Determination including:

- (A) the forecast quantities for *regulatory year* t " q_t^{ij} " (referred to in the relevant formula in clause 2.3(b)(i));
- (B) the estimate of actual quantities for *regulatory year* t-1 " q_{t-1}^{ij} " (referred to in the relevant formula in clause 2.3(b)(i));
- (C) information which explains the calculation of the items referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) above;
- (D) information relating to any *new price* which
 Goulburn-Murray Water proposes to introduce in
 regulatory year t; and
- (E) a statement setting out evidence demonstrating the extent to which Goulburn-Murray Water has provided, in respect of material price increases, information to its customers and any relevant consultative committee established under the Water Act 1989 (Vic) (the Water Act) explaining the calculation of the revised prices and has consulted effectively with its customers and any relevant consultative committee on the revised prices;
- (F) a statement setting out the anticipated customer impacts resulting from the revised prices and actions, if any, proposed by *Goulburn-Murray Water* to address these customer impacts;
- (G) a statement setting out evidence demonstrating the extent to which *Goulburn-Murray Water* has, over the course of the past *regulatory year*, provided information to its customers explaining its long-term pricing strategy for *prescribed services*

and consulted effectively with its customers on developing that pricing strategy to provide reasonable price stability(that is, minimising price shocks) to its customers; and

- (H) any other information required by the Commission.
- (ii) The Commission will approve the *revised prices* if it considers that:
 - the items referred to in clause 2.3(c)(i)(A) and (B) are reasonable;
 - (B) the *revised prices* have been calculated in accordance with the formulae set out in clause 2.3(b)(i) with any necessary adjustments to comply with clause 2.3(b)(iii);
 - (C) Goulburn-Murray Water has adequately consulted (in the circumstances) with its customers and any relevant consultative committee established under the Water Act on the revised prices;
 - (D) **Goulburn-Murray Water** has adequately addressed (in the circumstances) customer impacts resulting from the revised prices; and
 - (E) Goulburn-Murray Water has adequately consulted (in the circumstances) with its customers on its long-term pricing strategy and that strategy provides reasonable price stability (that is, minimising price shocks) to its customers.
- (iii) The Commission will be deemed to have approved the *revised prices* if it has not provided notice under clause 2.3(c)(iv) to *Goulburn-Murray Water* within 30 *business days* from the date of its receipt of the *revised prices*.
- (iv) If the Commission does not approve the *revised prices*, the Commission:
 - (A) will provide notice to *Goulburn-Murray Water* (including a statement of its reasons);

- (B) may request *Goulburn-Murray Water* to provide any additional information specified by the Commission;
- (C) will take any additional information provided by *Goulburn-Murray Water* into account; and
- (D) will determine the *revised prices*.
- (v) For the avoidance of doubt, any *new price* approved by the Commission under clause 2.3(c)(ii) or deemed to have been approved by the Commission under clause 2.3(c)(iii) will be a *revised price* for the purpose of clause 2.3(c).

2.4 Price changes during a billing period

(a) Application of this clause

This clause 2.4 applies where **Goulburn-Murray Water** issues an invoice in respect of a billing period during which a change to any price for a **prescribed service** comes into effect in accordance with this Determination.

(b) Method of charging

Goulburn-Murray Water must not charge the prices determined in accordance with this Determination in respect of any part of a billing period prior to the effective date of the change, but may charge for **prescribed services** in respect of the periods before and after the effective date of the change at the prices applicable for each of those periods on a pro-rata basis.

2.5 Reporting requirements

- (a) Goulburn-Murray Water must make available to the Commission all information reasonably requested by the Commission from time to time for the purpose of enabling it to confirm that Goulburn-Murray Water is complying with this Determination.
- (b) Without limiting clause 2.5(a), if, during the *regulatory period*, *Goulburn-Murray Water* enters into a *new contract* which relates to the provision of a *prescribed service* to which the pricing principles in Schedule 5 relate, *Goulburn-Murray Water* must, within 30 *business days* of the date of the *new contract*, on request provide the Commission with a notice specifying:

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(i) details of the *new contract*; and

- (ii) information which demonstrates the way in which the prices in the *new contract* reflect the relevant pricing principles.
- (c) Without limiting clause 2.5(a), if *Goulburn-Murray Water* proposes to stop providing a *prescribed service* or refuses to provide a *prescribed service* to a customer, or potential customer, during the *regulatory period*, it must:
 - (i) in the case of a proposal to stop providing a *prescribed service*, provide a notice to the Commission stating the nature of the *prescribed service* which it proposes to stop providing and the reason why it proposes to stop providing the *prescribed service*. This notice must be provided at least 30 *business days* prior to the date upon which *Goulburn-Murray Water* proposes to stop providing the *prescribed service*; and
 - (ii) in the case of a refusal to provide a *prescribed service* to a customer, or potential customer, *Goulburn-Murray Water* must provide a notice to the Commission within 5
 business days of the refusal, stating the nature of the *prescribed service* and the reason for the refusal.

3. Unforeseen events

3.1 Procedure

- (i) An *unforeseen events application* must satisfy requirements of rule 40 of the *WCIR*.
- (ii) The Commission may request *Goulburn-Murray Water* to provide any additional information specified by the Commission in connection with an *unforeseen events application*.

Definitions and Interpretation

A. Definitions

ACCC pricing principles means the pricing principles for price approvals and determinations under the **WCIR** published by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission pursuant to rule 63 of the **WCIR**.

business day means a day on which banks are open for general banking business in Melbourne, not being a Saturday or a Sunday.

Code means the applicable *Customer Service Code* made under the *WI Act*.

ESC Act means the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic).

groundwater services means diversion services within the meaning in the *WIRO* in respect of groundwater.

GST has the meaning given in section 195-1 of the *A New Tax System* (Goods and Services) Tax Act 1999 (Cth).

miscellaneous services means services that are provided in direct connection with services to which regulated charges apply or with *groundwater services*, charges for or prices of which are either included in Schedule 2 or determined in accordance with the relevant pricing principles in Schedule 5.

new contract means any contract for *prescribed services* which is renewed, renegotiated or entered into during the *regulatory period*.

new price means a new charge or price in respect of a service to which the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 relate.

next regulatory period means the period commencing on 1 July 2016 and ending on a date specified by the Commission.

Part 6 operator has the meaning given in the WCIR.

regulated entity has the meaning given in the WIRO.

regulatory period means the period commencing on 1 July 2013 and ending on 30 June 2016.

regulatory year means each period of twelve months commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June.

relevant contract means a contract which relates to the provision of *prescribed services*

relevant tax means any tax imposed by or payable directly or indirectly to any government or public authority in the Commonwealth of Australia (including *GST*) but excluding:

- (a) the licence fees referred to in clause 4.2 of this Determination;
- (b) penalties and interest for late payment of any tax; or
- (c) any tax that replaces any of the taxes referred to in (a) and (b), where tax includes any rate, duty, charge or other like or analogous impost.

Water Plan has the meaning given in the WIRO.

WCIR means the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 (Cth) as at the date of this Determination.

WI Act means the Water Industry Act 1994 (Vic).

WIRO means the Water Industry Regulatory Order 2012 as at the date of this Determination.

B. Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- (a) The singular includes the plural, and the converse also applies.
- (b) If a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- (c) A reference to a person includes a corporation, trust, partnership, unincorporated body or other entity, whether or not it comprises a separate legal entity.
- (d) A reference to a clause or schedule is a reference to a clause of or schedule to, this document.
- (e) A reference to a determination, agreement or document (including a reference to this document) is to the agreement or document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by this document or that other agreement or document.

- (f) A reference to an Act, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them.
- (g) If a period of time is specified and commences on a given day or on a day of an act or event, the period of time is to be calculated inclusive of that day.
- (h) Any 'notice' to be given or matter to be 'notified' must be in writing.
- (i) The symbol ' Σ ' requires a summation to be performed over the range of variables specified in respect of the algebraic terms specified.
- All data which is utilised in calculations made under this
 Determination will be utilised to the accuracy, in terms of the number of decimal places, to which it is given.
- (k) A fixed price, charge or fee determined in accordance with this Determination is to be rounded down and specified to two decimal places.
- A volumetric price, charge or fee determined in accordance with this Determination is to be rounded down and specified to four decimal places.
- (m) When a calculation is required under this document:
 - (i) *regulatory year* 't' is the *regulatory year* in respect of which the calculation is being made;
 - (ii) *regulatory year* 't-1' is the *regulatory year* immediately preceding *regulatory year* 't'.

Prices

This schedule should be read in conjunction with Schedules 3-5.

Tariff and Price Component	Unit	Price
	· · ·	(1 July 2013)
Shepparton		
1.1 Shepparton Gravity Irrigation		
Service fee	Property	80.0
Service point fee - Irrigation	Irrigation Service Point	300.0
Service point fee - D&S	D&S Service Point	60.0
Service point fee	Service Point	n/
Distribution		
nfrastructure access fee	ML/Day	4 878.9
nfrastructure use fee	ML	11.1
Casual Infrastructure use fee	ML	102.6
Distribution Access fee	ML/day	4 878.9
Distribution Use fee	ML	11.1
Fermination fee *	ML/day	48 789.
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.0
.2 Shepparton community surface drainage		
Community surface drainage fee	KM	600.9
.3 Shepparton primary surface drainage		
Service fee	Property	80.0
Area fee	ha	10.9
Vater use fee	ML	5.2
Drainage diversion site fee	Site	200.0
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	2.0
.4 Shepparton sub surface drainage		
Subsurface drainage fee	ML/ENT	1.0
_och Garry		
1.5 Loch Garry flood protection		
Service fee	Property	80.0
	Property	00.0

Tungamah

1.6 Tungamah - Pipeline system

Service fee	Property	80.00
Additional service point fee	Service Point	60.00
Water allowance storage fee	ML/Allowance	7.64
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Allowance	147.92
Infrastructure use fee	ML	36.65
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00

Central Goulburn

1.7 Central Goulburn gravity irrigation

Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee – Irrigation	Irrigation Service Point	300.00
Service point fee - D&S	D&S Service Point	60.00
Service point fee	Service Point	n/a
Distribution		
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	3 253.95
Infrastructure use fee	ML	6.23
Casual Infrastructure use fee	ML	67.24
Distribution access fee	ML/day	3 253.95
Distribution use fee	ML	6.23
Termination fee *	ML/day	32 539.50
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.8 Central Goulburn community surface drainage		
Community surface drainage fee	KM	600.94

1.9 Central Goulburn primary surface drainage

Service fee	Propoerty	80.00
Area fee	ha	5.73
Water use fee	ML	2.82
Drainage diversion site fee	Site	200.00
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	2.00
1.10 Central Goulburn sub surface drainage		

Service fee	ML	4.42
Local benefit area fee	ha	3.52
Local benefit water use fee	ML	2.01
Municipal local benefit area fee	ha	14.08

Rochester-Campaspe

1.11 Rochester Gravity Irrigation Service fee Se Se

Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee – Irrigation	Irrigation Service Point	300.00
Service point fee - D&S	D&S Service Point	60.00
Service point fee	Service Point	n/a

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Distribution		
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	2 808.77
Infrastructure use fee	ML	5.83
Casual infrastructure use fee	ML	58.49
Distribution access fee	ML/day	2 808.77
Distribution use fee	ML	5.83
Termination fee *	ML/day	28 087.70
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.12 Rochester-Campaspe community surface drainage		
Community surface drainage fee	КМ	600.94
1.13 Rochester-Campaspe primary surface drainage		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Area fee	ha	7.43
Water use fee	ML	2.82
Drainage diversion site fee	Site	200.00
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	2.00
1.14 Rochester sub surface drainage		
Service fee	ML	1.91
Local benefit area fee	HA	15.78
Local benefit water use fee	ML	8.85
Municipal local benefit area fee	HA	63.12
1.15 Campaspe gravity irrigation		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee - Irrigation	Irrigation Service Point	300.00
Service point fee - D&S	D&S Service Point	60.00
Service point fee	Service Point	n/a
Distribution		The d
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	2 601.76
Infrastructure use fee	ML	8.54
Casual infrastructure use fee	ML	57.33
Distribution access fee	ML/day	2 601.76
Distribution use fee	ML/day	8.54
Termination fee *	ML/day	26 017.60
Overuse fee	ML/day	2 000.00
		2 000.00
1.16 Campaspe west sub surface drainage		
Subsurface drainage fee	ML	6.33
Loddon Valley		
1.17 Loddon Valley Gravity Irrigation		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee – Irrigation	Service Point	300.00

Service point fee - D&S	Service Point	60.00
Distribution		
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	3 300.18
Infrastructure use fee	ML	7.53
Casual infrastructure use fee	ML	69.41
Distribution access fee	ML/day	3 300.18
Distribution use fee	ML	7.53
D&S supplied outside irrigation period	Service	388.90
Termination fee *	ML/day	33 001.80
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.18 Loddon Valley community surface drainage		
Community surface drainage fee	KM	600.94
1.19 Loddon Valley primary surface drainage		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Area fee	ha	3.52
Water use fee	ML	2.91
Drainage diversion site fee	Site	50.00
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	n/a
Loddon Waterworks		
1.20 Normanville domestic & stock		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee	Service Point	60.00
Water allowance storage fee	ML/Allowance	7.64
Infrastructure access fee	kL/Day	159.68
Infrastructure use fee	ML	120.05
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.21 East Loddon (North) domestic & stock		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Water allowance storage fee	ML/Allowance	7.64
Infrastructure access fee	ha	2.82
Distribution access fee	ML/day	3 300.18
Distribution use fee	ML	7.53
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.22 East Loddon (South) domestic & stock		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee	Service Point	-
Water allowance storage fee	ML/Allowance	7.64
Infrastructure access fee	kL/Day	102.50
Infrastructure use fee	ML	58.28
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00

1.23 West Loddon	domestic & stock
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Service fee	Property	80.00
Water allowance storage fee	ML/Allowance	7.64
Infrastructure access fee	ha	3.12
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00

Murray Valley

1.24 Murray Valley gravity irrigation

Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee – Irrigation	Irrigation Service Point	300.00
Service point fee - D&S	D&S Service Point	60.00
Service point fee	Service Point	n/a
Distribution		
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	2 965.54
Infrastructure use fee	MĹ	5.23
Casual infrastructure use fee	ML	60.82
Distribution access fee	ML/day	2 965.54
Distribution use fee	ML	5.23
Termination fee *	ML/day	29 655.40
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.25 Murray Valley community surface drainage		
Community surface drainage fee	KM	600.94
1.26 Murray Valley primary surface drainage		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Area fee	ha	8.14
Water use fee	MI	3 12

	na	0.11
Water use fee	ML	3.12
Drainage diversion site fee	Site	200.00
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	2.00
1.27 Murray Valley sub surface drainage		
Service fee	ML	2.11
Local benefit area fee	ha	4.73
Local benefit water use fee	ML	3.52

Local benefit water use fee	ML
Municipal local benefit area fee	ha

Torrumbarry-Gravity

1.28 Torrumbarry Gravity irrigation

Service fee Service point fee – Irrigation Service point fee - D&S Service point fee Delivery	Property Irrigation Service Point D&S Service Point Service Point	80.00 300.00 60.00 n/a
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	3 040.91
Infrastructure use fee	ML	6.84

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Casual infrastructure use fee		00.05
Distribution access fee	ML	63.85
Distribution use fee	ML/day	3 040.91
Termination fee *	ML	6.84
Overuse fee	ML/day	30 409.10
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.29 Torrumbarry community surface drainage		
Community surface drainage fee	KM	600.94
1.30 Torrumbarry primary surface drainage		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Area fee	ha	3.52
Water use fee	ML	2.51
Drainage diversion site fee	Site	50.00
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	n/a
1.31 Tyntynder primary surface drainage		
Service fee	Broporty	80.00
Area fee	Property	7.24
Water use fee	ha	
Drainage diversion site fee	ML	4.02
Drainage diversion agreement fee	Site	50.00
	ML/ENT	n/a
Torrumbarry-Pumped		
1.32 Woorinen Pumped Irrigation		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee	Service Point	60.00
Distribution		
Infrastructure access fee	ML/Day	4 836.51
Infrastructure use fee	ML	18.79
Casual infrastructure use fee	ML	109.47
Termination fee	ML/day	48 365.10
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.22 Weerings out surface designers		
1.33 Woorinen sub surface drainage Service fee	_ .	
	Property	80.00
Area fee	ha	1.61
Water use fee	ML	0.66
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	n/a
1.34 Nyah Pumped Irrigation		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee	Service Point	60.00
Distribution		*
Infrastructure access fee - WR, D&S	ML/Day	3 599.64
Infrastructure use fee	ML	20.10
		20.15

Casual infrastructure use fee Termination fee * Overuse of annual entitlement fee	ML ML/day ML	87.59 35 996.40 2 000.00
1.35 Nyah sub surface drainage Service fee	Property	80.00
Water use fee	ML	3.52
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	n/a
1.36 Tresco pumped irrigation		
Service fee	Property	80.00
Service point fee	Service Point	60.00
Distribution Infrastructure access fee		
Infrastructure use fee	ML/Day	4 563.37
Casual infrastructure use fee	ML	10.46
Termination fee *	ML ML/day	96.01 45 633.70
Overuse fee	ML/day	2 000.00
		2 000.00
1.37 Tresco sub surface drainage		
Subsurface drainage fee	ML	1.40
Drainage diversion agreement fee	ML/ENT	n/a
Diversions		
1.38 Murray regulated		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Water delivery fee Overuse fee	ML/day	769.77
Overuse lee	ML	2 000.00
1.39 Goulburn regulated		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Water delivery fee	ML/day	583.86
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.40 Murray unregulated		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Water delivery fee	ML/ENT	23.22
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.41 Goulburn unregulated		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Water delivery fee	ML/ENT	25.23
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00

1.42 Exceptions:

(i) Fish farming		
Service fee		
Murray	Licence	185.00
Goulburn	Licence	185.00
Water delivery fee		
Goulburn regulated	ML/ENT	33.76
Goulburn unregulated	ML/ENT	33.76
Murray unregulated	ML/ENT	33.76
Groundwater Diversions		
1.43 Groundwater supply area - Shepparton IRSWPA		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Service point fee	Bore	105.00
Groundwater entitlement fee	ML/ENT	3.83
Intensive management fee	ML/ENT	1.75
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.44 Groundwater supply areas - Spring Hill, Campaspe, Katunga, Mid-Loddon, Upper Loddon, Kinglake, Mid Goulburn, Upper Ovens, Lower Ovens		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Service point fee	Bore	105.00
Groundwater entitlement fee	ML/ENT	3.83
Intensive management fee	ML/ENT	4.73
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00
1.45 Other groundwater supply areas		
Service fee	Licence	185.00
Service point fee	Bore	105.00
Groundwater entitlement fee	ML/ENT	3.83
Overuse fee	ML	2 000.00

Storage

1.46a Entitlement storage fee - Water entitlement non water user

Broken Basin - HRWS (non water user)	ML	30.45
Broken Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	n/a
Goulburn Basin - HRWS(non water user)	ML	7.64
Goulburn Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	3.92
Campaspe Basin - HRWS (non water user)	ML	19.70
Campaspe Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	12.16
Loddon Basin - HRWS (non water user)	ML	32.46
Loddon Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	n/a
Bullarook Basin - HRWS (non water user)	ML	261.18
Bullarook Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	158.27
		100.21

Murray Basin - HRWS (non water user)	ML	12.16
Murray Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	4.62
Ovens Basin - HRWS (non water user)	ML	38.39
Ovens Basin - LRWS (non water user)	ML	n/a
1.46b Entitlement storage fee - Water entitlement water user		
Broken Basin - HRWS (water user)	ML	9.85
Broken Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	4.83
Goulburn Basin - HRWS (water user)	ML	9.85
Goulburn Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	
Campaspe Basin - HRWS (water user)		4.83
	ML	9.85
Campaspe Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	4.83
Loddon Basin - HRWS (water user)	ML	9.85
Loddon Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	4.83
Bullarook Basin - HRWS (water user)	ML	9.85
Bullarook Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	4.83
Murray Basin - HRWS (water user)	ML	12.16
Murray Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	4.62
Ovens Basin - HRWS (water user)	ML	12.16
Ovens Basin - LRWS (water user)	ML	4.62
		4.02
1.46c Entitlement storage fee - Spillable water account		
Goulburn Basin	ML	3.92
Campaspe Basin		
Murray Basin	ML	12.16
Wullay Dasil	N/11	5.02
-	ML	5.02
	WL.	5.02
Bulk water	WL.	5.02
Bulk water	WL.	0.02
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement		
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR	ML/ENT	11.05
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR	ML/ENT ML/ENT	11.05 5.02
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system	ML/ENT	11.05
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Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system Spillable water account 1.48 Ovens Basin – Entitlement Ovens Basin HR 1.49 Goulburn Supplemented Basin - Entitlement	ML/ENT ML/ENT ML ML	11.05 5.02 12.97 5.02 38.39
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Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system Spillable water account 1.48 Ovens Basin – Entitlement Ovens Basin HR 1.49 Goulburn Supplemented Basin - Entitlement Goulburn System - WR Equivalent	ML/ENT ML/ENT ML ML	11.05 5.02 12.97 5.02 38.39
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system Spillable water account 1.48 Ovens Basin – Entitlement Ovens Basin HR 1.49 Goulburn Supplemented Basin - Entitlement Goulburn System - WR Equivalent 1.50 Broken Basin – Entitlement	ML/ENT ML/ENT ML ML/ENT ML/ENT	11.05 5.02 12.97 5.02 38.39 9.75
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system Spillable water account 1.48 Ovens Basin – Entitlement Ovens Basin HR 1.49 Goulburn Supplemented Basin - Entitlement Goulburn System - WR Equivalent	ML/ENT ML/ENT ML ML	11.05 5.02 12.97 5.02 38.39
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system Spillable water account 1.48 Ovens Basin – Entitlement Ovens Basin HR 1.49 Goulburn Supplemented Basin - Entitlement Goulburn System - WR Equivalent 1.50 Broken Basin – Entitlement Broken Basin HR	ML/ENT ML/ENT ML ML/ENT ML/ENT	11.05 5.02 12.97 5.02 38.39 9.75
Bulk water 1.47 Murray – Entitlement Murray Basin HR Murray Basin LR Murray system Spillable water account 1.48 Ovens Basin – Entitlement Ovens Basin HR 1.49 Goulburn Supplemented Basin - Entitlement Goulburn System - WR Equivalent 1.50 Broken Basin – Entitlement Broken Basin – Entitlement J.51 Goulburn Basin – Entitlement	ML/ENT ML/ENT ML ML/ENT ML/ENT ML/ENT	11.05 5.02 12.97 5.02 38.39 9.75 30.45
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Spillable water account	ML	3.92
1.52 Campaspe Basin - Entitlement		
G-MW Capacity share		
Campaspe Basin HR	ML/ENT	19.70
Campaspe Basin LR	ML/ENT	12.16
Spillable water account	ML	12.16
Coliban capacity share		
Source	ML/ENT	24.72
1.53 Loddon Basin - Entitlement		
Loddon Basin HR	ML/ENT	32.46
Loddon Basin LR	ML/ENT	n/a
1.54 Bullarook - Entitlement		
Bullarook Basin HR	ML/ENT	261.18
Bullarook Basin LR	ML/ENT	158.27
* Indicative; Termination Fee will be calculated using the actual fixed fees payable in the year of termination		

Calculation of revenue requirements for each regulatory year

This schedule should be read in conjunction with clause 2.3 and Schedule 2.

Revenue requirements for regulatory years

\$2013-14

Regulatory year	Calculation of revenue requirements
Where t = 2013-14,	$rev_{t} = $ \$118.958 million
Where t = 2014-15,	$rev_t = $ \$118.615 million* $cpir_t$
Where t = 2015-16,	$rev_t = $ \$118.832 million* $cpir_t$

where

cpir, for the particular *regulatory year* is:

the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index for the Eight Capital Cities as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the March quarter immediately preceding the start of the relevant *regulatory year*

divided by

the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index for the Eight Capital Cities as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the March quarter 2013

Application of prices

4.1 Private works

Job is defined as the customer's reasonable estimate of the job costs.

4.2 Transfer of water entitlement

Application and certificate fees are set by the Water (Permanent Transfer of Water Right) Regulation 2001.

4.3 Miscellaneous fees and charges

The following table sets out the definitions of the miscellaneous charges contained in Schedule 2.

Miscellaneous service	Definition
Land information statements	Application to obtain all current information relating to particular land descriptions.
Allocation trades	Application to transfer allocation between two allocation account for use or carryover.
Water share transfer	Application to transfer the ownership of a water share from one owner to another.
Water share divide & transfer	Application to transfer part of a water share to a new owner.
Groundwater licence renewal	Application to renew a groundwater licence for a further tenure of anywhere between 5 and 15 years.
Works licence construction – Bore	Application for the issue of a licence to construct a groundwater bore.
Groundwater/Surface water transfer of licence (upon sale of land)	Application to transfer the licence ownership from one person to another upon sale of land.
Delivery share vary	Application to increase/decrease or apportion the delivery share rate over the service points.
Special meter reads	Request for current meter read on one or all service points for a property at the time of sale of the land.
Water share vary	Application to vary the associations of a particular water share.

Connection fees	This refers to the Normanville water district. Where landowners apply for additional service points (i.e. connections to the pipeline) then they meet the costs associated with this. Four elements are listed. Only those that are relevant are applied – in particular, the largest element related to entitlement acquisition will depend on whether the landowner needs more water entitlement or not. Even when they do, rather than acquiring through G-MW by paying this fee they can transfer entitlement they may already own elsewhere (e.g. on an irrigation property) or that they purchase and transfer.			
Information statements	These provide G-MW-related information (such as property size, drainage access, entitlement size and reliability, charges that apply, etc) about properties and / or water entitlements that people may be interested in purchasing. They are usually applied for as part of the due diligence process they undertake prior to purchase			

Pricing principles

5.1 Recycled water pricing principles

Recycled water prices should be set so as to:

- have regard to the price of any substitutes and customers' willingness to pay;
- cover the full cost of providing the service (with the exception of services related to specified obligations or maintaining balance of supply and demand); and
- include a variable component.

Where **Goulburn-Murray Water** does not propose to fully recover the costs associated with recycled water, it must demonstrate to the Commission that:

- it has assessed the costs and benefits of pursuing the recycled water project;
- it has clearly identified the basis on which any revenue shortfall is to be recovered; and
- if the revenue shortfall is to be recovered from non-recycled water customers, either the project is required under the Statement of Obligations which applies to *Goulburn-Murray Water* or pursuant to other Government policies that apply to *Goulburn-Murray Water* or there has been consultation with the affected customers about their willingness to pay for the benefits of increased recycling.

5.2 Pricing principles where scheduled prices do not apply

Where the prices set out in Schedule 2 do not apply because the nature of the service provided to a particular customer (including, in the case of trade waste customers, the volume or load of waste treated) is unique, prices must be set as follows:

- variable prices (including, in the case of trade waste customers, load-based charges) should reflect the long run marginal cost (LRMC) of providing services (including, in the case of trade waste customers, trade waste transfer, treatment and disposal);
- the total revenue received from each customer should be greater than the cost that would be avoided from ceasing to serve that customer, and (subject to meeting avoidable cost) less than the stand alone cost of providing the service to the customer in the most efficient manner;
- the methodology used to allocate common and fixed costs to that customer should be clearly articulated and be consistent with any guidance provided by the Commission;

- prices should reflect reasonable assumptions regarding the customer's demand for services (including, in the case of trade waste customers, the volume and strength of trade waste anticipated to be produced by that customer);
- depreciation rates and rates of return used to determine prices should be consistent with those adopted by the Commission for the purposes of making this Determination;
- customers should be provided with full details of the manner in which prices have been calculated and any new, renewed or renegotiated contractual agreements with customers should indicate that the prices to apply are subject to any Determination made by the Commission;
- where applying these principles results in significant changes to prices or tariff structures, arrangements for phasing in the changes may be considered and any transitional arrangements should be clearly articulated.

5.3 Pricing principles for miscellaneous services not included in Schedule 2

Prices for miscellaneous services must be set according to actual cost calculated on the basis of the aggregate of:

- direct third party or contractor invoice cost;
- direct marginal internal costs, including labour, materials and transport costs; and
- a fair contribution to overheads.

For bank dishonour, debt collection and legal fees, the third party costs must be charged directly to the customer with no contribution for internal costs or a contribution to overheads.

5.4 Guidelines

Goulburn-Murray Water must comply with any guidelines issued by the Commission from time to time which relate to the setting of prices for *prescribed services* to which Schedule 5 relates.

5.5 Pricing principles for termination fees

Goulburn-Murray Water may apply termination fees to irrigation customers who surrender delivery entitlements during the **regulatory period**.

Any termination fee levied by *Goulburn-Murray Water* must be calculated and applied in accordance with Schedule E Protocol (Access, Exit and Termination Fees) of the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.

The Common Seal of the Essential Services Commission was affixed to this Determination with the authority of the Commission.

Date: 2/ June 2013



Dr Ron Ben-David Chairperson

Annexure A

Weighted average cost of capital (per cent)				
	Post tax WACC	Implied pre-tax WACC		
	4.5	4.5		

Table 2Benchmark revenue requirement
\$m 2012-13

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Operating expenditure	97.6	100.9	99.0
Return on existing assets	9.3	9.0	8.7
Return on new investments	1.0	2.8	4.0
Regulatory depreciation	8.0	10.1	11.8
Total	116.0	122.7	123.5

Table 3 Updated regulatory asset base \$m 2012-13

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Opening RAB	113.0	125.3	138.8	155.4	177.3
Plus Gross capital expenditure	25.1	27.9	28.3	34.9	22.0
Less Government contributions	1.9	4.9	3.0	0.7	0.0
Less Customer contributions	7.4	5.3	3.2	5.9	2.9
Less Proceeds from disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less Regulatory depreciation	3.4	4.3	5.5	6.4	6.4
Closing RAB	125.3	138.8	155.4	177.3	190.0

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Opening RAB	190.0	210.2	249.8	273.5	288.4	312.9
<i>Plus</i> Gross capital expenditure	28.4	47.9	34.3	27.4	36.7	32.8
Less Government contributions	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4
Less Customer contributions	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4
Less Proceeds from disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less Regulatory depreciation	6.2	8.0	10.1	11.8	11.1	11.8
Closing RAB	210.2	249.8	273.5	288.4	312.9	333.0

Rolled forward regulatory asset base Table 4 \$m 2012-13

Approved licence fee and environmental contribution Table 5 assumptions \$m 2012-13

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Essential Services Commission licence fee	0.11	0.11	0.11
Environmental contribution	1.64	1.60	1.56

Bulk water purchases \$m 2012-13 Table 6

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Bulk water purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00