# Melbourne Water price review 2021-26

## Submission received through Engage Victoria

From 11 November 2020, we began accepting submissions on Melbourne Water 2021-26 price review via ([www.engage.vic.gov.au](https://escvic-my.sharepoint.com/personal/tom_alam_esc_vic_gov_au/Documents/Documents/Performance%20assessment/SBN/www.engage.vic.gov.au)). On this website people were given the opportunity to send us a response to set of questions we provided.

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We simply cannot keep talking from our waterways and not giving back in a way that is proportionate to use or abuse by those who use this ecosystem service.

I support a waterways and drainage charge, how else are we going to restore the ecosystems and the drains in a better way without water being so cheap. It is also so cheap that people do not bother to conserve it, even with a sewerage charge that is entirely a surrogate in the calculations of the price we pay for water.

The amount charged ought to be the amount to not only keep the water healthy but the vegetation adjacent to it, for these are more often than not havens for wildlife. Even with this fund, it is doubtful there will be enough to remediate the Koo-Wee-Rup drains that continue to cause the slippage of land, polluted by agricultural substances into Westernport Bay or Warn' Marrin.

I appeal to you that this price is not tokenistic, but is commensurate with actually being able to fund people, that is give jobs to people in nature to remediate waters to return them at some point to the state that they were in prior to 1788.

Kind Regards

Sue