

## Water price review 2023

### Submission received through Engage Victoria

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From 3 October 2022, we began accepting submissions on our 2023 water price review via Engage Victoria ([www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au)). On this website, people were given the option to send us general feedback or respond to questions we provided.

1. What do you think of the prices proposed by your water business?

N/A

2. What do you think of the proposed outcomes?

I own 110 acres of land on the south side of Cuthberts Road directly adjacent to the rapidly growing Lucas residential estate. My land is at the very northern end of the new western growth area and very close to the proposed north western growth area.

The recently constructed Finches Road pump station will provide sewer services for my property. Potable water mains currently traverse the frontage to my property in Cuthberts Road. I am most concerned my property may not be able to be developed because of apparent water supply pressure issues in the area.

The new CHW servicing plan should make allowance for my property to be developed from a water and sewer perspective. It represents a logical sequential development front utilising the existing considerable public infrastructure at Lucas. I am located 30m from existing houses.

Council have resolved for my land to be rezoned to urban growth zone at the February 2022 meeting yet the current CHW plan seems to be in no way allowing for the development of my property and the western growth area.

The new western growth area has been at the planning stage for about 8 years yet there seems to be no co-ordination between CHW and Council regarding timing and service delivery. The February 2022 Council meeting notes Council are down to about 3 years of residential land supply yet the CHW servicing plan seems to be silent regarding the need to bring on any new growth area besides part of the northern growth area.

The northern growth area is affected by flooding, mine shafts, former tip, industrial buffers, flight paths, etc but seems to be Councils only growth priority. The northern growth area is also separated from existing Ballarat by a freeway further complicating matters. It was previously proposed by the City of Ballarat as an industrial estate. This would clearly be a more appropriate use for the area as BWEZ land dries up.

The CHW plan should provide for servicing of my property and particularly potable water.

I would like to present to any public hearing in relation to my submission.

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