

Level 2, 35 Spring St Melbourne 3000, Australia Telephone +61 3 9651 0222 +61 1300 664 969 Facsimile +61 3 9651 3688

2008 WATER PRICE REVIEW

GIPPSLAND WATER DETERMINATION 1 JULY 2008 – 30 JUNE 2013

JUNE 2008

An appropriate citation for this paper is:

Essential Services Commission 2008, 2008 Water Price Review Final Decision: *Gippsland Water Determination*, June.

© Essential Services Commission. This publication is copyright. No part may be reproduced by any process except in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright Act 1968 and the permission of the Essential Services Commission.

CONTENTS

Gip	psland	Water	1
1.	Gene	ral	1
	1.1	Introduction	1
	1.2	Application	2
	1.3	Effective period	2
	1.4	Modification of time periods	2
	1.5	Summary and structure	2
	1.6	Definitions and interpretation	3
	1.7	Annexure	3
2.	Price	control	3
	2.1	General principles	3
	2.2	Ancillary matters	4
	2.3	Annual adjustment of prices	5
	2.4	Price changes during a billing period	7
	2.5	Reporting requirements	7
3.	Amer	ndment of Schedule 2	8
4.	Unce	rtain or unforeseen events	11
	4.1	General principle	11
	4.2	Consideration by the Commission	11
	4.3	Procedure	13
5.	Other	adjustments during regulatory period	14
Sch	nedule 1	I	15
	Defin	itions and Interpretation	15
Scł	nedule 2	2	18
	Price	S	18
Scł	nedule 3	3	21
	Appli	cation of prices	21
	3.1	Wastewater volumetric charge	21
	3.2	Miscellaneous fees and charges	22

3.2	Miscellaneous fees and charges	2
-----	--------------------------------	---

Schedule 4		25
Pricing	y principles	25
4.1	Recycled water pricing principles	25
4.2	Pricing principles where scheduled prices do not apply	25
4.3	Pricing principles for developer charges for new customers	26
4.4	Pricing principles for developer charges for existing property owners	27
4.5	Pricing principles for miscellaneous services not included in Schedule 2	28
4.6	Guidelines	28
Annexure A		29

GIPPSLAND WATER

1. General

1.1 Introduction

- (a) Clause 8 of the *WIRO* requires the Commission to either:
 - approve the prices which a *regulated entity* may charge for *prescribed 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
 - specify the prices which a *regulated entity* may charge for *prescribed services* or the manner in which such prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined.
- (b) On 20 June 2008, the Commission made its decision under the WIRO in respect of:
 - the prices which Central Gippsland Region Water
 Corporation (trading as Gippsland Water) (ABN 75 830
 750 413) (*Gippsland Water*) may charge for *prescribed services* during the *regulatory period*; and
 - (ii) the standards and conditions of service and supply which *Gippsland Water* has included in its *Water Plan*.
- (c) This Determination is made by the Commission under section 33 of the *ESC Act*, pursuant to clause 8 of the *WIRO*.
- (d) The purpose and reasons for the making of this Determination are to:
 - give effect to the decision of the Commission referred to in clause 1.1(b)(i);
 - specify the prices which *Gippsland Water* may charge for prescribed services during the regulatory period or the manner in which such prices are to be calculated or otherwise determined;

- (iii) facilitate the achievement of the Commission's objectives in the *ESC Act* and the *WI Act*; and
- (iv) reflect the requirements in the *WIRO*.

1.2 Application

This Determination applies to *Gippsland Water* and its successors and assigns in respect of the business carried on by *Gippsland 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 2008 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 2013.

(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 2013, 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 *Gippsland Water* between 1 July 2013 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 *Gippsland Water*, extend or reduce the time by which, or the period within which, *Gippsland 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 formula according to which prices may be adjusted during the *regulatory period* on an annual basis. Clauses 3, 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 *Gippsland 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 *Gippsland 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

Gippsland Water must not charge more than:

- (i) the scheduled prices in Schedule 2, during the first *regulatory year*, and
- (ii) the amount 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 3 will apply to the prices charged by *Gippsland Water* in respect of *prescribed services* during the *regulatory period*.

(c) Pricing principles

During the *regulatory period*, *Gippsland Water* must apply the pricing principles in Schedule 4 when determining the prices to apply to the *prescribed services* to which the pricing principles in Schedule 4 relate.

2.2 Ancillary matters

(a) Contracts

Where *Gippsland Water* has entered into a contract (a *relevant contract*) which relates to the provision of *prescribed services* prior to 1 July 2008, *Gippsland 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 a *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 4 will apply for the remainder of the *regulatory period*.

(b) 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.

(c) Publication

Gippsland 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. To the extent permissible under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth), 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.

(d) GST

Gippsland 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, the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 will be adjusted in each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period* in accordance with the formula 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) Formula

 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 formula with effect from the beginning of each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period*:

 $P_{t} = P_{t-1} * CPI_{t} * (1 + PPM_{t})$

where:

- Pt is the price component for *regulatory year* t
- P_{t-1} is the price component 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

2008 WATER PRICE REVIEW GIPPSLAND WATER

- PPM_t is the prescribed price movement for the price component for *regulatory year* t determined in accordance with Schedule 2.
- (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 2013, PPM_t will be set equal to zero for the purpose of adjusting prices in accordance with the formula in clause 2.3(b)(i) for *regulatory years* commencing on or after 1 July 2013 until the date on which this determination is amended or revoked by a later determination.

(c) Adjustment procedure

- (i) At least 30 business days prior to the commencement of each subsequent regulatory year in the regulatory period, Gippsland Water must submit its proposed prices for the prescribed services referred to in clause 2.3(a) to apply in that 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.
- The Commission will approve the *revised prices* if it considers that they have been calculated in accordance with the formula set out in clause 2.3(b)(i).
- (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 Gippsland Water within 20 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 *Gippsland Water* (including a statement of its reasons);
 - (B) may request *Gippsland Water* to provide any additional information specified by the Commission;
 - (C) will take any additional information provided by *Gippsland Water* into account; and
 - (D) will determine the *revised prices*.

2008 WATER PRICE REVIEW GIPPSLAND WATER

2.4 Price changes during a billing period

(a) Application of this clause

This clause 2.4 applies where *Gippsland 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

Gippsland 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) Gippsland 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 Gippsland Water is complying with this Determination.
- (b) Without limiting clause 2.5(a), if, during the *regulatory period*, *Gippsland Water* enters into a *new contract* which relates to the provision of a *prescribed service* to which the pricing principles in Schedule 4 relate, *Gippsland Water* must, within 30 *business days* of the date of the *new contract*, provide the Commission with a notice specifying:
 - (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 *Gippsland 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 *Gippsland 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, *Gippsland 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. Amendment of Schedule 2

(a) Amendment

- (i) Gippsland Water may apply to the Commission in accordance with this clause 3 for the amendment of the prescribed price movements and/or price components included in Schedule 2 for the following regulatory year t (the relevant regulatory year) and all subsequent regulatory years remaining in the regulatory period (the revised tariff schedule).
- (ii) The average price movement for the *relevant regulatory year* and for each subsequent *regulatory year* in the *regulatory period* determined in accordance with the *revised tariff schedule* must not exceed the average price movement that would otherwise have applied under this Determination as calculated in accordance with the following formula.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{t}^{ij} q_{t-2}^{ij} \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} a p_{t}^{ij} q_{t-2}^{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{t-1}^{ij} q_{t-2}^{ij}}, i = 1, ..., n; j = 1...m$$

where *Gippsland Water* has *n* tariff categories, which each have up to *m* tariff components, and where, for each *regulatory year* t for which the calculation is undertaken:

p ^{ij}	is the tariff charged in <i>regulatory year</i> t-1 for
t -1	component j of tariff i

- *p^{"//}* is the proposed tariff for component j of tariff i
 t determined in accordance with Schedule 2 where
 the *revised tariff schedule* is not applied
- - *ij* is the quantity of component j of tariff i that was
 - q
 - sold in *regulatory year* t-2, or, if an actual
 quantity is not available, either an estimate of the quantity of component j of tariff i that would have been sold in *regulatory year* t-2 or a forecast of the quantity of component j of tariff i that is expected to be sold in *regulatory year* t-2

(b) Amendment procedure

- An application by *Gippsland Water* under this clause 3 must be received by the Commission at least 80 *business days* prior to the commencement of the *relevant regulatory year* and must be accompanied by the following information:
 - (A) (1) a clearly articulated new tariff strategy that is consistent with the regulatory principles in clause 14(i)(a) of the *WIRO* (the *revised tariff strategy*); or
 - (2) an explanation of how the *revised tariff schedule* is consistent with the tariff strategy for *Gippsland Water* approved by the Commission in connection with this Determination,

(the relevant tariff strategy);

(B) a *revised tariff schedule* that specifies proposed prices for the *relevant regulatory year* and prescribed price movements for each subsequent

SION 2008 WATER PRICE REVIEW GIPPSLAND WATER

regulatory year in the *regulatory period* that is consistent with the *relevant tariff strategy*;

- (C) a statement setting out evidence demonstrating that *Gippsland Water* has provided information to its customers explaining the *revised tariff schedule* and how it relates to the *relevant tariff strategy* and has consulted effectively with its customers on the *revised tariff strategy* (if clause 3(b)(i)(A)(1) applies) and the *revised tariff schedule*;
- (D) a statement setting out the customer impacts resulting from the *revised tariff schedule* and actions proposed by *Gippsland Water* to address these customer impacts; and
- (E) an explanation of the calculation of the relevant quantities " q_{t-2}^{ij} ".
- (ii) The Commission may approve the *revised tariff schedule* submitted by *Gippsland Water* under this clause 3 if it is satisfied that:
 - (A) Gippsland Water has complied with clause 3(b)(i)(A);
 - (B) the average price movements calculated in accordance with the *revised tariff schedule* comply with the formula in clause 3(a)(ii);
 - (C) the *revised tariff schedule* is consistent with the *relevant tariff strategy*;
 - (D) Gippsland Water has consulted effectively with its customers on the revised tariff strategy (if clause 3(b)(i)(A)(1) applies) and the revised tariff schedule;
 - (E) *Gippsland Water* has effectively addressed customer impacts resulting from the *revised tariff schedule*; and
 - (F) the basis for calculating the relevant quantities " q_{t-2}^{ij} " is reasonable.

- (iii) In determining whether it will approve the *revised tariff* schedule, the Commission may request Gippsland Water to provide any additional information specified by the Commission and/or to resubmit any of the matters in clause 3(b)(i)(A)-(E).
- (iv) The Commission will be deemed to have not approved a revised tariff schedule if it has not provided notice to Gippsland Water within 40 business days from the date of its receipt of Gippsland Water's application under this clause 3.

4. Uncertain or unforeseen events

4.1 General principle

- (a) Gippsland Water may apply to the Commission for the amendment of this Determination and/or the adjustment of the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 to reflect increased or decreased costs incurred by Gippsland Water and/or increased or decreased revenue received by Gippsland Water as a result of events which were uncertain or unforeseen at the time this Determination was made (an uncertain events application).
- (b) The Commission may take action under clause 4.3(b) in respect of an *uncertain events application* where the Commission is satisfied that such action is necessary or desirable to take account of events that were uncertain or unforeseen at the time of making this Determination provided that the Commission is satisfied that such action takes into account the interests of customers.

4.2 Consideration by the Commission

(a) Examples of uncertain and unforeseen events

The matters that may, at the discretion of the Commission, be taken into account by the Commission under this clause 4 include:

(i) actual licence fees or contributions payable by *Gippsland Water* during a particular *regulatory year* during the
 regulatory period under section 51 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003* (Vic), section 24 of the *Environment Protection Act 1970* (Vic) and section 4H(2) of the *WI Act*

which differ from the forecast licence fees or contributions set out in annexure A for that *regulatory year*;

- (ii) changes in the timing or scope of expenditure by
 Gippsland Water on major capital projects;
- (iii) instances where the Commission is satisfied that there is a material difference between the forecast demand levels set out in annexure A and actual demand levels for *Gippsland Water* in one or more *regulatory years* during the *regulatory period*; and
- (iv) a change in or to any of the following:
 - (A) the WI Act, the Water Act 1989 (Vic), the Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 (Vic), the State Owned Enterprises Act 1992 (Vic) and the Environment Protection Act 1970 (Vic);
 - (B) any licence issued pursuant to any of the Acts referred to in clause 4.2(a)(iv)(A);
 - (C) a *relevant tax*; or
 - (D) the Statement of Obligations,

or the introduction of a national emissions trading scheme or other scheme relating to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

(b) Exclusions

In considering an *uncertain events application*, the Commission will not take into account matters that:

- (i) are or should be within *Gippsland Water's* control;
- (ii) were or should have been known by *Gippsland Water* at the time the Determination was made;
- (iii) could reasonably have been foreseen by *Gippsland Water*,
- (iv) should be or should have been planned for or managed by *Gippsland Water*, and/or
- (v) reflect inefficient expenditure by *Gippsland Water*.

(c) Dispute resolution

Any question as to whether a matter should be taken into account by the Commission under this clause 4 will be determined by the Commission in its absolute discretion.

4.3 Procedure

(a) Application process

- (i) An *uncertain events application* must be accompanied by a statement setting out:
 - (A) the details of the relevant uncertain or unforeseen event;
 - (B) the amount and timing of any increase or decrease in operating and/or capital expenditure associated with the relevant event during the *regulatory period* and/or the amount and timing of any increase or decrease in revenue associated with the relevant event during the *regulatory period*;
 - (C) the basis for calculating the increase or decrease in operating and/or capital expenditure and/or revenue referred to in clause 4.3(a)(i)(B); and
 - (D) details of the proposed action to be taken by the Commission under clause 4.3(b).
- (ii) The Commission may identify an event or events which it considers has had or may have a material impact on *Gippsland Water's* operating and/or capital expenditure and/or revenue and may decide to take action under clause 4.3(b) in the absence of an *uncertain events application* by *Gippsland Water*.
- (iii) The Commission may request *Gippsland Water* to provide any additional information specified by the Commission in connection with an *uncertain events application*.

(b) Action by the Commission

If the Commission is satisfied of the matters set out in clause 4.1(b) in respect of an *uncertain events application*, the Commission may, in its absolute discretion:

- amend this Determination or adjust the scheduled prices in Schedule 2 with effect from *regulatory year* t at the same time as prices are adjusted pursuant to clause 2.3; or
- take the *uncertain events application* into account in making its determination in respect of the prices which *Gippsland Water* may charge for *prescribed services* in the *next regulatory period*.

5. Other adjustments during regulatory period

Where the Commission is satisfied that:

- (a) there is a manifest and material error in this Determination;
- (b) any information on which this Determination was based was false or misleading in a material respect; or
- (c) such amendment or adjustment is necessary or desirable to avoid an unintended consequence of this Determination,

the Commission may decide to amend this Determination and/or specify a price adjustment, provided that it is satisfied that such amendment and/or price adjustment takes into account the interests of customers.

Schedule 1

Definitions and Interpretation

A. Definitions

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 Customer Service Code Metropolitan Retail and Regional Water Businesses made under the **WI Act**.

developer charges has the meaning given in the WIRO.

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

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 *prescribed services*, prices in respect of which are either included in Schedule 2 or determined in accordance with the relevant pricing principles in Schedule 4.

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

next regulatory period means the period commencing on 1 July 2013 and ending on a date specified by the Commission.

prescribed services has the meaning given in the *WIRO* and includes *miscellaneous services*.

regulated entity has the meaning given in the WIRO.

regulatory period means the period commencing on 1 July 2008 and ending on 30 June 2013.

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 authority of 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.

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

WIRO means the Water Industry Regulatory Order 2003 as at 30 June 2008.

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';
 - (iii) *regulatory year* 't-2' is the *regulatory year* immediately preceding *regulatory year* 't-1'.

Schedule 2

PRICES

This schedule should be read in conjunction with Schedule 3 and Schedule 4. Variable water, wastewater and tradewaste charges are rounded down to 4 decimal places. All other charges are rounded down to 2 decimal places. Prices for services marked with an asterisk are not subject to the adjustments pursuant to clause 2.3 of this Determination.

Tariff and Brica Company	Price	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM
Tariff and Price Component	Price (1 July 2008)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	РРМ Year 4
	(1 July 2000)	i cai i	16012	Tear 5	
1.1 Residential Water Tariff					
Service Availability Charge (per annum)					
No Connection	53.52	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
20mm Connection	107.12	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
25mm Connection	107.12	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
32mm Connection	274.54	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
40mm Connection	428.51	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
50mm Connection	669.60	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
75mm Connection	1,506.57	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
80mm Connection	1,714.29	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
100mm Connection	2,678.40	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
150mm Connection	6,026.50	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Water Usage Charge	0,020.30	23.070	4.370	4.370	4.370
Consumption Charge – Treated Water (per kL)	1 0000	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
	1.2388	23.0%			
Consumption Charge – Raw Water (per kL)	0.6965		4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Notional Charge where no meter exists (per annum)	299.3919	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Water supplied via metered hydrant or stand pipe	2.7906	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
(per kL)	2.1000	20.070	1.070	1.070	1.070
1.2 Non Residential Water Tariff					
Service Availability Charge (per annum)					
No Connection	53.52	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
20mm Connection	107.12	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
25mm Connection	107.12	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
32mm Connection	274.54	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
40mm Connection	428.51	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
50mm Connection	669.60	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
75mm Connection	1,506.57	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
80mm Connection	1,714.29	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
100mm Connection	2,678.40	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
150mm Connection	6,026.50	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
	0,020.50	23.0 /0	4.370	4.3 /0	4.370
Water Usage Charge Consumption Charge – Treated Water (per kL)	1.2388	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Consumption Charge – Raw Water (per kL)		23.0 <i>%</i> 23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
	0.6965				
Notional Charge where no meter exists (per annum)	299.39	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Water supplied via metered hydrant or stand pipe	2.7906	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
(per kL)	2.1000	2010/0	11070	11070	11070
()					
1.3 Fire Service Tariff					
Service Availability Charge (per annum)					
20mm Connection	26.82	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
25mm Connection	26.82	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
32mm Connection	68.60	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
40mm Connection	107.15	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%

	<u> </u>				
Tariff and Price Component	Price	PPM	PPM Veer 2	PPM Veer 2	PPM Voor 4
	(1 July 2008)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
50mm Connection	167.39	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
75mm Connection	376.72	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
80mm Connection	428.54	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
100mm Connection	428.54 669.59	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
		23.0% 23.0%			
150mm Connection	1,506.59	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
1.4 Residential Wastewater Tariff					
Service Availability Charge (per annum)					
Connected Property	503.85	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Non Connected Property	251.92	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
1.5 Non Residential Wastewater Tariff					
Service Availability Charge (per annum)					
	503.85	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Connected Property Non Connected Property	251.92	23.0%	4.3%	4.3% 4.3%	4.3%
	201.92	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Wastewater Volumetric Charge (per kL) Wastewater Volumetric Charge	2.4006	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Wastewater Volumetric Charge	2.4000	23.0 /0	4.3 /0	4.3 /0	4.370
1.6 Trade Waste Tariff					
Application Fee (per application)	76.66	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Annual Charge (per annum)	194.70	23.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
1.7 New Customer Contributions (per lot)					
Typical standard greenfield urban development or					
subdivision					
Water NCC - Less than 450sqm	550.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Water NCC - 450 - 1350sqm	1,100.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Water NCC - Above 1350sqm	2,200.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sewer NCC - Less than 450sqm	550.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sewer NCC - 450 - 1350sqm	1,100.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sewer NCC - 450 - 1350sqm	2,200.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Typical dual pipe development or subdivision	2,200.000	0.076	0.078	0.076	0.076
Water NCC - Less than 450sqm	275.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Water NCC - 450 - 1350sqm	550.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Water NCC - Above 1350sqm	1,100.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Recycled NCC - Less than 450sqm	550.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Recycled NCC - 450 - 1350sqm	1,100.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Recycled NCC - Above 1350sqm	2,200.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sewer NCC - Less than 450sqm	550.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sewer NCC - 450 - 1350sqm	1,100.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sewer NCC - Above 1350sqm	2,200.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
1.8 Miscellaneous Fees and Charges					
Water Main Tapping (per tapping)					
Capping of a 20mm or 25mm Service Plumber to	107.900	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Excavate	107.000	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070
20mm x 100mm Main Buried Property Service up to	614.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
5 metres in road reserve	014.000	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070
	740 700	0 00/	0 00/	0.00/	0.00/
20mm x 150mm Main Buried Property Service up to	742.700	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
5 metres in road reserve	1 050 900	0.00/	0.00/	0.00/	0.00/
20mm x 100mm Main Buried Property Service up to	1,059.800	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
20 metres in road reserve	1 220 000	0.00/	0.00/	0.00/	0.00/
20mm x 150mm Main to Meter up to 20 metres in	1,330.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
road reserve					

Tariff and Price Component	Price	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPN
	(1 July 2008)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
20mm x 150mm Main to Meter up to 5 metres in road reserve	877.800	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
20mm x 100mm Main to Meter up to 5 metres in road reserve	749.100	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
20mm x 100mm Main to Meter up to 20 metres in road reserve	1,201.800	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Property Service Connection Pipe Installation –					
Polyethylene PN12 Type 50					
Tapping size 20 mm length less than 5 metres (per tapping)	209.300	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Meter Installation (per meter)					
Meter size 20mm	141.500	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Meter size 25mm	229.600	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Meter Assembly Fee for Pre-Tapped Properties			,.	,.	
(per meter)					
Fee for a new meter and meter assembly to be installed to a pre-tapped property	289.900	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Application for Connection to Waste Water Main					
(each)					
Standard residential connection into wastewater connection point	107.900	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Minor repairs/alterations requiring P.I.C number	40.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Small industrial/commercial connection	141.500	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Provision of wastewater connection point be existing wastewater main by accredited pipelayer	67.300	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Special Meter Reads (each)					
Special meter read at the commencement of a	13.350	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
tenancy and at the termination of a tenancy					
Information Statements (each)					
Preparation of a Property Information Statement, inclusive of a Special Meter Reading performed on	60.350	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
settlement date					
Restriction and Reconnection of Water Supply					
(each)	~~~~	0.00/	0.00/	a a a a	
Restriction of water supply	60.350	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Reconnection of water supply	67.300	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Application to Build over Gippsland Water's Assets					
and/or Easements (each) Fees for Application to Build over Gippsland Water's Assets and/or Easements	26.700	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Metered Hydrant Fees (each)					
Annual fee	112.100	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Land Development Fees	112.100	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.0
Application Fee including water supply &					
wastewater (each)					
11-20 lots in subdivision	506.200	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Offer Acceptance Fee including water supply &	2.30.200				0.0
wastewater (each)					
11-20 lots in subdivision	1,125.000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Non-core misceneous services	Actual cost	NA	NA	NA	Ν

Schedule 3

Application of prices

3.1 Wastewater volumetric charge

A Wastewater Volumetric Charge applies to non residential properties which use in excess of 100 kilolitres of water in any four monthly period, calculated and levied on the following basis:

A = water usage above 100 kilolitres in any four monthly period.

B = Wastewater Volumetric Charge per kilolitre

C = a percentage figure of 95%, 75%, 50% or 25%, based upon the property type (as detailed below).

D = the Wastewater Volumetric Charge to be paid.

The Volumetric Charge for Wastewater shall be calculated as $D = A \times B \times C$. The charge is set according to the type of Development/Business conducted on the property.

Property types designated at 95% Wastewater Volumetric Charge

Aerodrome, Agri-business/Meat & Poultry, Art Gallery, Automotive, Bank, Body Corporate (Non Res), Church, Cinema/Theatre, Clubs/Facilities/Venues (Meal Preparation), Commercial Storage Units, Community Services (Schools, Hospitals, Prison, Childcare Facilities), Courthouse, Dry Cleaners, Emergency & Public Services, Factory, Hairdresser/Barber, Hotel, Laundromat, Library, Livestock/Saleyards, Medical & Dwelling, Medical Rooms/Facilities (Doctors, Dentists, Chiropractic etc), Museum, Office, Photo Laboratory/Chemical, Post Office, Public Utility (eg. Public Toilets), Pump Station, Radio Station, Railway Station, Restaurants & Cafes, Shed, Shops, Shop & Dwelling, Shopping Centre, Supermarket, Telephone Exchange, Timber Yard (retail), Veterinary Centres, Warehouse, Wool Production, Workshop & Dwelling, Wrecking Yard, Undefined.

Property types designated at 75% Wastewater

Accommodation, Food Processing/Manufacturing, Public Swimming Pools, Undefined.

Property types designated at 50% Wastewater Volumetric Charge

Brewery/Winery (wine making process), Caravan Park, Farms/Animal Husbandry, Funeral Parlour, Horse Stable & House, Kennels/Animal Hospital, Piggery, Undefined.

Property types designated at 25% Wastewater Volumetric Charge

Bakery, Cemetery, Clubs/Outdoor Facilities (Ground Watering Only), Market Garden, Plant Nursery, Racecourse/Stables, Winery/Vineyard, Timber Factory/Saw Mill, Undefined.

3.2 Miscellaneous fees and charges

Water main tappings

- Capping of a 20mm or 25mm service (plumber to excavate) *Gippsland Water's* contractor attends site to cap the existing tapping provided on the water main. This is completed by turning the ferrule off, disconnecting the copper and inserting a cap. Excavation of the main to be carried out by the customer's plumber
- Main buried property service in road reserve *Gippsland Water's* contractor attends site, excavates water main and completes an under pressure water tapping.
- Main to meter in road reserve *Gippsland Water's* contractor attends site, excavates water main, completes an under pressure water tapping and installs a 20mm meter.

Property service connection pipe installation – polyethylene PN12 Type 50

 Tapping size 20 mm length less than 5 metres – *Gippsland Water's* contractor provides the pipes and fittings used or intended to be used for the supply of water to a property, from the water main up to and including the meter assembly or to the stop tap / ball valve if no meter fitted.

Meter installation

 20mm and 25mm meters - this charge provides for *Gippsland Water's* contractor to attend site and fit a standard 20mm or 25mm water meter assembly.

Meter assembly fee for pre-tapped properties

Fee for a new meter and meter assembly to be installed to a pre-tapped property

 this charge provides for *Gippsland Water's* contractor to attend site at fit a
 standard meter assembly. A standard meter assembly is an apparatus consisting
 of a water meter, stop valve, strainer, additional valves (if fitted) and unions
 required to connect these components together and to the water supply pipe
 work but does not include a backflow prevention device installed downstream of
 the outlet of the meter.

Application for connection to waste water main

- Standard residential connection into wastewater connection point the sewer connection application charge provides for processing of an application for a standard residential sewer connection. Once the application has been approved a Plumbing Industry Commission (PIC) number will be issued. Note that the application charge does not include the PIC fee.
- Minor repairs/alterations requiring PIC number the sewer connection application charge provides for processing of an application for a sewer

2008 WATER PRICE REVIEW GIPPSLAND WATER

alteration. Once the application has been approved a Plumbing Industry Commission (PIC) number will be issued. Note that the application charge does not include the PIC fee.

- Small industrial/commercial connection the sewer application charge provides for processing of an application for a sewer connection for a small industrial or industrial development. Once the application has been approved a Plumbing Industry Commission (PIC) number will be issued. Note that the application charge does not include the PIC fee.
- Provision of wastewater connection point be existing wastewater main by accredited pipelayer – this charge is an audit fee for *Gippsland Water* personnel to attend the site at the time of construction of a sewer property connection by an accredited pipelayer.

Special meter reads

• Special meter read at the commencement of a tenancy and at the termination of a tenancy – this charge provides for an out of the ordinary meter read at the commencement and termination of an occupancy for incoming and outgoing customers.

Information statements

• Preparation of a property information statement, inclusive of a special meter reading performed on settlement date – information statement upon request to provide certificate of outstanding rates and encumbrances in accordance with section 158 of the Water Act 1989.

Restriction and reconnection of water supply

- Restriction of water supply restriction of water supply for non-payment of water account in accordance with *Gippsland Water's* Customer Charter.
- Reconnection of water supply reconnection of water supply following either payment of the outstanding tax invoice or a suitable payment plan being negotiated with the customer as per *Gippsland Water's* Customer Charter.

Application to build over Gippsland Water assets and/or easements

• This is a charge for processing an application from a customer who wishes to construct a structure over a *Gippsland Water* asset and or easement.

Metered hydrant fees

 Annual fee – *Gippsland Water* provides a metered hydrant service to registered users in accordance with the Water Act 1989.

Land development fees (application fee including water supply and wastewater – each)

 11-20 lots in subdivision – this is a charge for processing an application from a customer who wishes to construct a structure over a *Gippsland Water* asset and or easement Land development fees (offer acceptance fee including water supply and wastewater – each)

 11-20 lots in subdivision – this charge is to receipt monies and process start works notice etc upon acceptance by developer of owners cost work agreements.

Schedule 4

Pricing principles

4.1 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 *Gippsland 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 *Gippsland Water* or pursuant to other Government policies that apply to *Gippsland Water* or there has been consultation with the affected customers about their willingness to pay for the benefits of increased recycling.

4.2 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.

4.3 Pricing principles for developer charges for new customers

Schedule 2 sets out *developer charges* for new customers.

The scheduled charge applies on a per lot basis, and may be levied on any connection of a new customer that is, or can be, individually metered.

When connecting to *Gippsland Water's* water and sewerage network, the developer must provide the reticulation assets that are required to service their development and connect to *Gippsland Water's* network.

Reticulation assets are infrastructure assets that are explicitly provided in relation to prescribed services for one development and are not required to be upsized to support other future developments. A water main that is 150mm or less in diameter and a sewerage main that is 225mm or less in diameter, and all associated assets that relate to these sized assets are generally considered to be reticulation assets although there may be some situations where these sizes are inappropriate.

Shared distribution assets are infrastructure assets that are generally provided in relation to prescribed services for more than one development and do not include:

- reticulation assets; or
- headworks and tailworks.

If a developer is required to provide reticulation assets that exceed the requirements of their development in a material respect, the developer can only be required to contribute to the costs of the reticulation assets an amount that reflects the requirements of their development.

The balance of the costs of the reticulation assets in such a case is to be recovered from future developers.

At any time during the regulatory period, *Gippsland Water* may levy a charge greater than the scheduled charge that will cover the costs associated with bringing forward the provision of shared distribution assets. In doing so, *Gippsland Water*

must set out the pricing principles for determining *developer charges* as contained in this Determination, and also notify the developer of their right to appeal any non-scheduled charge to the Commission. The proposed charge is to be calculated on the basis of:

- the development-specific capital costs associated with connecting a customer or group of customers. For the avoidance of doubt, development-specific capital costs do not include any costs associated with:
 - assets in place prior to the development;
 - shared network assets; or
 - headworks, tailworks and treatment plants.
- where relevant, the financing costs that may be attributable to bringing forward the timing of the provision of shared assets required to connect to the existing network.

The brought forward financing costs associated with developments requiring the construction of shared network assets are to be calculated on the basis of the extent to which the assets being constructed form part of a logical extension to *Gippsland Water's* existing water and sewerage networks:

- Where the shared assets could be reasonably considered to form part of a logically sequenced network expansion and could reasonably be expected to be required by *Gippsland Water* within a short to medium term planning horizon, no bring forward *developer charge* is to apply (scheduled charge applies).
- Where the shared assets do not form part of a logically sequenced network expansion, but could reasonably be expected to have been required by *Gippsland Water* in respect of a long term planning horizon, then a non-scheduled *developer charge* equivalent to 40 per cent of the as constructed cost of the shared assets will apply.
- Where the shared assets do not form part of a logically sequenced network expansion, and could not reasonably be expected to have been required by *Gippsland Water* in respect of a long term planning horizon, then a non-scheduled *developer charge* equivalent to 70 per cent of the as constructed cost of the shared assets will apply.

4.4 Pricing principles for developer charges for existing property owners

At any time during the regulatory period, *Gippsland Water* must seek the Commission's approval where it proposes to levy a *developer charge* to apply to existing property owners connecting to water and/or sewerage services. This charge must not be greater than:

- the full efficient cost of installing the local reticulation mains; and
- any cap as specified by the Minister for Water in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Obligations.

4.5 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.

4.6 Guidelines

Gippsland 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 4 relates.

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



Date: 15 June, 2008

G.Ll.

Greg Wilson Chairperson

ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION VICTORIA

Annexure A

Table 1 Additional se	ervice stan	dards			
Service standard	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Population receiving water meeting E.coli standards (per cent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Population receiving water meeting Disinfection by- products standards (per cent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EPA Discharge Quality licence compliance (per cent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Population receiving water meeting Turbidity standards (per cent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total CO2 equivalent Emissions (tonne)	73 860.0	73 860.0	73 860.0	73 860.0	73 860.0
Recycled water target (per cent)	10.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Biosolids reuse (per cent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sewer backlog connections (number)	0.0	17.0	16.0	15.0	5.0
CTWSS Connections (number)	330.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 2 Weighted average cost of capital (per cent)			
	Post tax WACC	Implied pre-tax WACC	
	5.8	5.8	

Benchmark revenue requirement \$ million in January 2007 prices Table 3

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-2012	2012-13
Operating expenditure	49.66	53.17	52.88	53.49	53.86
Return on existing assts	15.41	15.02	14.62	14.21	13.80
Return on new investments	2.36	5.42	6.91	8.53	10.35
Regulatory depreciation	7.17	8.40	9.13	9.94	10.82
Total	74.59	82.01	83.54	86.16	88.83

Updated regulatory asset base \$ million in January 2007 prices Table 4

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Opening RAB	167.70	179.39	172.27	210.56
Plus Gross capital expenditure	24.03	43.08	65.88	99.99
Less Government contributions	0.00	39.72	17.09	0.00
Less Customer contributions	4.27	1.67	0.66	0.50
Less Proceeds from disposals	0.81	0.69	0.73	0.79
Less Regulatory depreciation	7.26	8.12	9.11	10.20
Closing RAB	179.39	172.27	210.56	299.06

Rolled forward regulated asset base \$ million in January 2007 prices Table 5

	ary 2007 price	:3			
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Opening RAB	269.06	343.64	360.88	381.55	402.38
Plus Gross capital expenditure	83.64	30.58	41.57	34.04	43.12
Less Government contributions	0.00	0.39	6.80	0.39	0.00
Less Customer contributions	1.37	4.07	4.29	1.91	3.91
Less Proceeds from disposals	0.53	0.48	0.68	0.97	0.53
Less Regulatory depreciation	7.17	8.40	9.13	9.94	10.82
Closing RAB	343.64	360.88	381.55	402.38	430.23

Table 6Approved licence fee and environmental contribution
assumptions

\$ million in January 2007 prices

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Essential Services Commission licence fee	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080
Department of Human Services licence fee	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025
Environment Protection Authority licence fee	0.440	0.463	0.463	0.466	0.466
Environmental contribution	2.616	2.542	2.470	2.401	2.333

Table 7Demand forecasts

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Water assessments (no.)					
Residential	54 349	55 200	56 066	56 945	57 838
Non-residential	5 634	5 658	5 682	5 705	5 728
Total	59 983	60 858	61 747	62 649	63 565
Sewerage assessments (no.)					
Residential	46 304	47 044	47 797	48 562	49 339
Non-residential	4 903	4 924	4 944	4 964	4 984
Total	51 206	51 968	52 741	53 526	54 323
Billable water consumption (ML)					
Residential	10 448	10 253	10 062	9 875	9 692
Non-residential	3 562	3 573	3 583	3 594	3 604
Total	14 011	13 826	13 645	13 469	13 296

na not applicable.

	Expected completion date
Loch Sport Sewer Project	2012-13
Coongulla Waste system Project	2012-13
Gippsland Water Factory	2008-09
Water Reticulation Renewals Program	2012-13
Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Program	2012-13
Moe Groundwater Project	Post 2012-13
Shared Assets (Regional Development)	2012-13
Glenmaggie Waste System Project	Post 2012-13
Gippsland Water Factor Micro Hydro/Bio Gas	2008-09
Warragul Moe Interconnection Project	Post 2012-13
Drouin Waste Water Treatment Upgrade	2011-12
Mirboo North Groundwater Augmentation	2012-13
Warragul Groundwater Augmentation	Post 2012-13

Table 8Key capital projects