



ACCC,
State Water Pricing

My submission is to advise of the situation that I find myself in with regard to the billing of underground water in the Border Rivers Area.

The present billing is as follows : (taken from State Water Table of pricing)

Groundwater Management charges 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

River Valley	Access charge (with meter)	Access charge (without meter)	Usage Charge
	(a) \$/mg of entitlement	(c) \$/mg of entitlement	(b) \$/mg/ of entitlement
Border	\$4.86	\$ 6.95	\$2.09

I would conclude that:

The access charge (a) \$4.86 is for the Administration of Ground water for all licence holders.

The access charge (c) \$6.95 (\$4.86 + \$2.09) is for irrigators who pump water without a meter. This charge would cover the cost of any irrigator taking water illegally up to their approved allocation.

The usage charge (b) \$2.09 is the cost irrigators pay for each mg pumped through their meter.

As a result of personal reasons and financial hardship, my bore is not yet equipped and I do not pump any water.

My allocation is 684 mg. Licence No. 90BL 152671 (Border Rivers Alluvium)

My next water bill will be 684x \$6.95 (\$4753.80). therefore I am paying the Access charge (a) \$4.86 per mg plus the Usage Charge (b) \$2.09 per mg.

This means I am being charged for water that I do not pump

I am happy to pay the access charge, the same as all other irrigators but I object to paying an extra \$2.09 per mg for water that is not extracted.

It seems this type of situation has been overlooked by the policy makers. There needs an adjustment to this billing policy to provide other farmers in a similar situation with a sensible and equitable price arrangement.

I trust serious consideration can be given to my request to address a very unfair anomaly in pricing structure of Ground water.

**Yours Sincerely,
John Ryan**

