

# Understanding your NRM levy - land

Natural resources management (NRM) levies are raised by the South East NRM Board to fund projects and programs to enable landholders, industry and the community to manage our region's natural resources (land, soils, water and biodiversity) sustainably.

There are two NRM levies; a land levy on all rateable land in the South East, and a water levy, on all water licences and allocations. The Board invests levies based on priorities outlined in its Business Plan.

## Land levy basis

The NRM land levy is a fixed charge that depends on the purpose for which land is used.

The categories for purpose of use are primary production, commercial, industrial and residential, vacant land and other.

The total amount of income collected from the NRM land levy in 2018/19 will increase by 1.6% in line with CPI.

Due to the way the levy rates per land use category are calculated, the rates for some categories will increase more than 1.6%.

The greatest increase in the levy this year will be for primary producers because some primary producers applied to councils to have their properties considered as a single farm enterprise. As a result, NRM levy income from the primary production category will be spread over a smaller number of properties.



## Frequently asked questions

**Why is the NRM levy included on my council rates notice?**

Your council is required to collect the NRM land levy on behalf of the South East NRM Board, in accordance with the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

The SE NRM Board pays councils a collection fee each year for providing this service.

**How can I change my land use category?**

Your land use category is assigned by councils together with the State Valuation Office. Please contact your council who can help you to apply to change the land use category assigned to your property.

**What is single farm enterprise?**

If you're a primary producer with more than one rateable property within a South East local government area, you can apply to council to have your properties treated as a single farm enterprise. This means your enterprise will be charged the NRM land levy once annually.

If you own land in more than one council area, the land levy is payable in each.

If your contiguous rateable land is divided by boundaries of two councils, you can apply to the council where the larger portion of land is located to pay one levy.



For more information on your land levy contact Natural Resources South East on **08 8735 1177**.



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# What services are available to me?

Through the NRM levy (water and land) and grant funding, the SE NRM Board makes the following services available:

For more info talk to:



Advice on declared weeds and pest animals

Natural Resources Management Officers



Support for local agriculture and industry groups, soils advice and training in nrmFarm - a whole of farm planning tool

Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator



Advice on applying for a permit for Water Affecting Activities (WAA) such as digging a farm dam, constructing a crossing over a watercourse, or discharging water to a watercourse, lake or wetland

Water Planning Team



Advice on native vegetation including regeneration, revegetation, weed control, and protecting native wildlife in bushland

Bush Management Advisor



Environmental education programs for local schools

NRM Education Team



Upcoming events, community workshops and planning activities for managing our natural resources

Community Engagement Team and Planning Team

## How your levy is spent

This graph shows proposed spending of \$8.256M in NRM levies collected in the South East in 2018/19.



Want to know more about your levy?  
Contact us on **08 8735 1177** or see our website:  
[naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/about-us/nrm-levy](http://naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/about-us/nrm-levy)

\*This is a contribution towards State water planning and management costs, including water licensing, water monitoring, compliance activities and policy advice to support the management of water resources. The total includes employing staff in the South East to undertake these activities.



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