

Understanding your NRM levy - water

Natural resources management (NRM) levies are raised by the South East NRM Board to fund projects and programs that 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.

Water levy basis

The water levy is a fixed charge per licence plus a rate per ML of allocation. The total amount of income collected from the NRM water levy has increased by CPI of 1.6% in 2018/19.

The water levy rate goes from \$2.41 to \$2.46 per ML for irrigation and forestry allocations.



Frequently asked questions

How do I read my water levy invoice?

Right to Take Water

This wording applies to all allocation types, including water holding allocations.

Water Licence Management Fee

This is the fixed charge per water licence.

Unit – kL (kilolitres)

1kL = 0.001ML (megalitres) or 1ML = 1,000kL

Why is my levy on total allocation, not on use?

Licensees pay in accord with the volume of their allocation which reflects the entitlement to access water. This also provides a certainty of income raised each year.

Do I need a water licence to take water for stock and domestic use?

No.

However, you *will* require a licence if stock is subject to intensive farming, or you take water for the purpose of watering or irrigating land in connection with a dwelling exceeding 0.4 of a hectare.

What if I no longer need my water licence?

You may be able to sell or surrender your water licence and the associated allocation to avoid being charged a levy in future years. To discuss these options, contact our water licensing team.



For more information on your water licence or invoice contact the Water Licensing Team on **08 8735 1134**.



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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

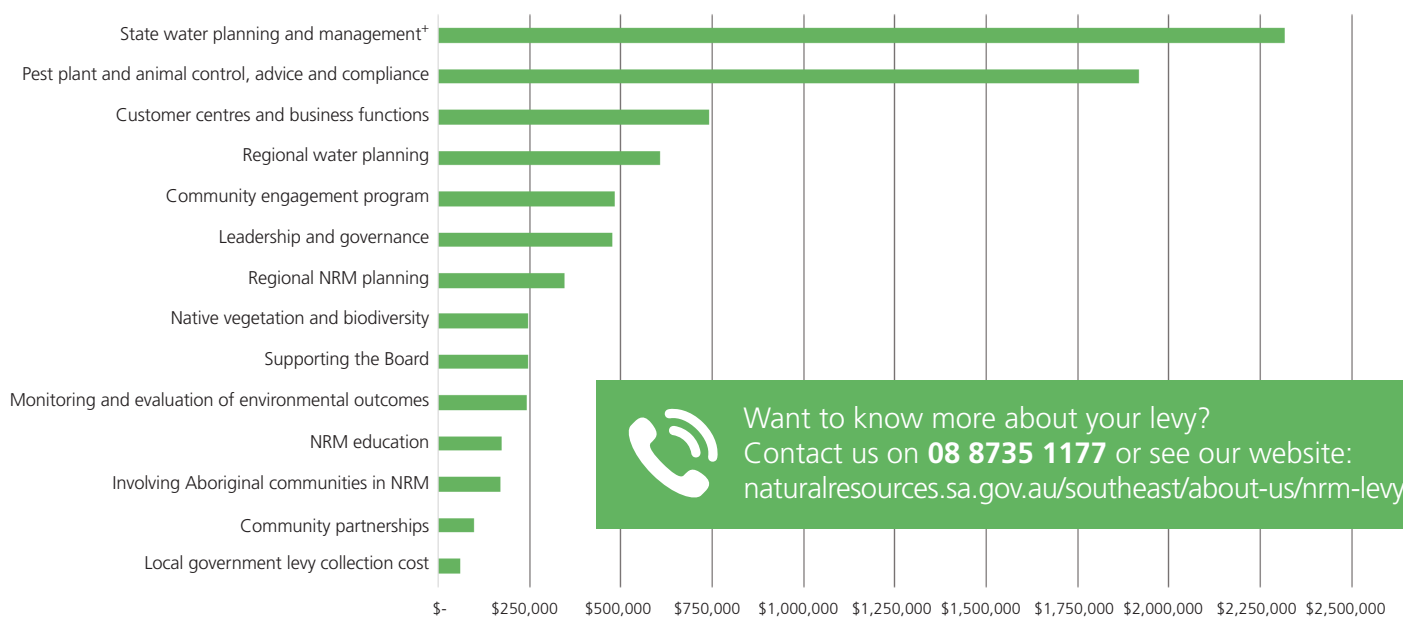


Upcoming events, community workshops and planning activities for managing our natural resources

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

*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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