

Understanding your NRM levy - water

Natural resources management (NRM) levies are raised by the South East Natural Resources Management Board to fund projects and programs to enable landholders, industry and the community to manage our region's natural resources, through four priority investment areas of water management, pest animal and plant management, soil and land management, and habitat conservation.

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 NRM levies on services to support the region as outlined in its Business Plan 2019/20 – 2021/22.

Water levy basis

The water levy is a fixed charge of \$200 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 2.7% in 2019/20.

The water levy rate will increase from \$2.46 to \$2.55 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.

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

No. However, you *will* require a licence if stock are 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 does the Board deliver?

Through the NRM levies, this year the SE NRM Board will deliver the following services:

Maintaining water quality and availability



- Landholder advice on managing surface water
- Revision of Tatiara and Padthaway Water Allocation Plans
- Engaging schools and community on water issues
- Advice and compliance on Water Affecting Activities

Minimising impacts of pest plants and animals



- Landholder advice and compliance on managing pests
- Control programs for targeted species, including new incursions and deer
- Monitoring and mapping pests
- Engaging schools and community about pests

Maintaining the health of soils and land



- Landholder advice on managing soils and land
- Soil and water testing and engagement
- Weather stations providing data to farmers
- Planning and monitoring for soils issues
- Engaging schools and community about maintaining soils

Conserving native vegetation, wetlands and coastal habitats



- Landholder advice on conserving native vegetation on private land and restoring wetlands
- Community-led habitat projects
- Engaging schools and community about conserving habitats

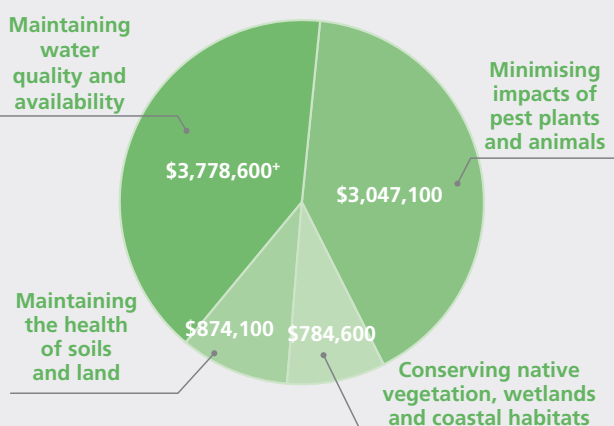


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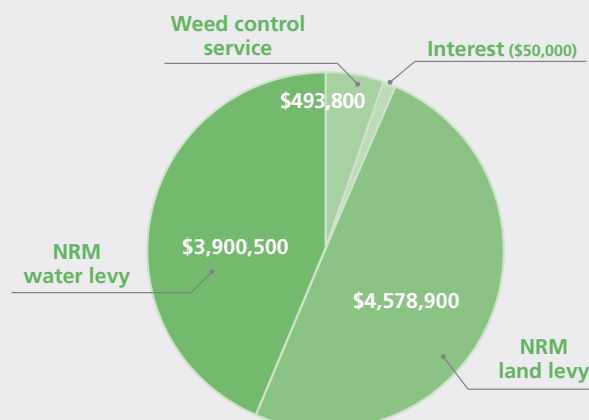
Contact us on **08 8735 1177** or see our website: naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/about-us/nrm-levy

How your levy is spent

Program Investment 2019/20



Sources of Funding 2019/20



*This includes \$2,435,400 as 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.

