

Application for a licence to construct or modify a bore and to take and use groundwater

Water Act 1989, Section 51, 67, 72 & 74

Licence to construct, alter or decommission and operate a bore and to take and use groundwater



Once you have completed an application form to construct works, send it with your cheque or money order to Southern Rural Water, PO Box 153 MAFFRA 3860. Your payment must represent the application fee for the licence as well as the fee for the proposed volume of groundwater to be extracted. Check the fee details below and phone us on 1300 139 510 if you are unsure of the amount to be paid.

Domestic, Stock and Investigation/Observation Bores

These bores **do not** require an ongoing take and use licence

Domestic and/or stock bore (Base application fee)*	\$ 440.00
Investigation/observation bore (Base application fee)*	\$ 440.00
Additional investigation bores on the same site	\$ 95.00

All Other Bores - to be used for irrigation, dairy, commercial & industrial, urban or other use

As these bores require a take and use licence, the charges listed below include both the BCL & take and use application fees

Base application - Irrigation or dairy use only maximum volume 20ML

Typically reserved for small, non-significant, irrigation or dairy applications where there would be minimal if any impact to existing water users or the environment

\$ 1,535.00

Tier 1 – Irrigation or dairy use up to 150ML.

Where there is potential to impact existing water users or the environment

\$ 4,410.00

Tier 2 – Irrigation and dairy use between 150 and 400ML

Or any application volume for purposes including: Aquaculture, Commercial Nursery or Carwash, Road Construction or Dewatering of construction sites

\$ 4,410.00

For example: Application 175ML

Per Megalitre \$ 12.50

$\$4,410.00 \text{ plus } 25 \times \$12.50 = \$4,722.50$

Tier 3 – Irrigation and dairy use 400ML and over

Or and application volume for purposes including Feedlots, Pig or Poultry farming, Water Bottling, Town Supply, Quarrying / dewatering of site, or Power Generation

\$ 6,615.00

For example: Application 450ML

Per Megalitre \$ 24.00

$\$6,615.00 \text{ plus } 50 \times \$24.00 = \$7,815.00$

Decommissioning of a bore

Licence to decommission a bore (See application notes)

\$ No charge

Existing Licences

Renewal or transfer of works licence \$ 355.00

Amendment of a works licence \$ 290.00

Replacement of existing licensed bore or additional bore on current licence

No increase to existing licensed volume \$ 550.00

Increase to licensed volume See ML charge above

Alteration of existing bore

Domestic and/or stock bores \$ 440.00

No change to existing groundwater licence \$ 440.00

Amendment to existing groundwater licence extraction rates (no increase to licensed volume) \$ 520.00

Increase to annual licensed volume See ML charge above

Assessment may include referring your application to other agencies, advertising the proposal, notifying neighbours and public hearings. Costs incurred to advertise your proposal and any other costs associated to determining the application will be charged back to you. You may also be required to submit a hydrogeological report (technical information which will require analysis by SRW) and a water use plan to support your proposal.

Groundwater licence - Charges and annual fees

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The following fees are billed annually and the licence year is from 1 July to 30 June.

Groundwater - All Other Areas

Charge per licence	\$	370.00
Charge per ML of licensed volume	\$	4.10

Salinity Mitigation Charge

Applies to deep bores (greater than 25 metres) in the following Parishes \$0.40 per ML of licensed volume

Bundalaguah, Coongulla, Denison, Glenmaggie, Maffra, Nuntin, Sale, Tinamba, Toongabbie North, Toongabbie South, Wa-de-lock, Winnindoo, Wooundellah, Wurruk Wurruk

Intensive Management Charge - Deutgam

Applies to licences in Deutgam	\$27.30 per ML of licensed volume
Applies to licences in Koo Wee Rup	\$3.15 ML of licensed volume

Other Charges - These charges are in addition to the application fees listed.

Public consultation fee (Including Agency Consultation)

Public notification fee - Applications Under 20 megalitres	\$	200.00
Public notification fee - Application Over 20 megalitres	\$	405.00

Technical Information Analysis Fee (Cost associated with analysing technical information). \$ 1,190.00

Resubmission of technical documents \$ 1,540.00

Groundwater Information Report

Short (Map and General report on bores within an area)	\$	105.00
Standard (As with short, also including specific bore information) or Mail out	\$	375.00
Complex (Information tailored to specific needs)	\$	1,155.00

Additional assessment

Additional assessment of applications above normal process (charge per hour) \$ 125.00

Application notes

If the proposed bore is assessed as being a higher construction or decommissioning risk, it will attract an additional application fee. You will be advised if your application falls within the category.

	Construction	Decommissioning
Base fee ¹	\$ 440.00	No charge
Additional higher risk fee (hourly charge) - equivalent to minimum of 6 hours	\$ 122.50 per hour	\$ 735.00 ^{1,2} (minimum charge)

¹ Fee fixed pursuant to Section 67(2) Water Act 1989, as delegate of Minister.

² Provides for SRW commitment of up to 6 hours. An additional hourly rate applies to any further work by SRW.

- **Base application**- Typically reserved for smaller, non-significant, irrigation or dairy shed applications where there would be minimal if any impact to existing water users or the environment
- **Tier 1** - Typically an application where there is potential for 3rd party or environmental impact. Public interest may be minimal.
- **Tier 2** - Typically an application in an area where there is an increased likelihood of 3rd party or environmental impact. Public interest is likely.
- **Tier 3** - Typically an application in a high water use area or where an application is likely to attract strong public interest

More information

If you need help with the calculation of fees payable, please phone Southern Rural Water on 1300 139 510 and ask to speak with an Assessment Officer.