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Information requirement	Relevant information
<p>The name or a description of the regulated charge</p>	<p>Licence fees for Groundwater planning and management activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wimmera Annual Fixed Licence Charge • Wimmera Non WSPA Volume Charge (ML) • Neuarper WSPA Volume Charge (ML) • Telopea Downs Volume Charge (ML) • Murrayville WSPA Volume Charge (ML)
	<p>Licence fees for Surface Water Diversions planning and management activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulated Irrigation (ML) • Unregulated Irrigation (ML) • Unregulated Irrigation - Off stream (ML) • Regulated Domestic and Stock (per 2.2 ML unit) • Regulated Domestic and Stock - extra unit (ML) • Regulated Domestic and Stock - Commercial • Unregulated Domestic and Stock (per 2.2 ML unit) • Unregulated Domestic and Stock - extra unit (ML) • Unregulated Domestic and Stock - Commercial • Wimmera River Weir Pool and Commercial Fee (ML)
	<p>Fees to transfer water entitlement (Wimmera Irrigation/ River Diversion) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Transfer / per application • Permanent Transfer / Transaction • Preliminary Investigation Fee

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	<p>Fees for Diversions Take and Use Licences (Groundwater and Surface water) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a Take and Use Licence (section 51) other than domestic and stock • Application for a renewal of Take and Use Licence (section 53) other than annual licence (or for renewal of licences of more than one year's duration) • Application for annual diversion licence for domestic and stock use • Application for change of ownership <hr/> <p>Fees for Bore Construction Licence and Bore Alteration Licence Fees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a licence to construct or alter a bore (section 67) • Application for a licence to construct or alter a bore - Data Collection Only • Application for a licence to construct or alter a second or more bore(s) at the same site - Data Collection Only • Application for transfer of a licence to construct or alter a Bore - on sale of property (section 74) • Application for renewal (extension) of a Bore Construction Licence (section 72)
<p>The amount of the regulated charge (whether expressed as a dollar amount or as fee units) or details of rates, fixed and variable components and all other details necessary to determine the amount</p>	<p>Groundwater licence fees and charges for 2011/12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wimmera Annual Fixed Licence charge is \$99.58 • Wimmera Non WSPA Volume charge per ML is \$3.85 • Neuarper WSPA Volume charge per ML is \$3.95 • Telopea Downs Volume charge per ML is \$6.22 • Murrayville WSPA Volume charge per ML is \$8.94 <hr/> <p>Surface Water Diversion licence fees and charges for 2011/12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulated Irrigation per ML is \$15.76 • Unregulated Irrigation per ML is \$7.47 • Unregulated Irrigation - Off stream per ML is \$3.70 • Regulated Domestic and Stock - per 2.2 ML unit is \$152.69 • Regulated Domestic and Stock - extra unit per ML is \$76.34 • Regulated Domestic and Stock - Commercial is \$229.05 • Unregulated Domestic and Stock - per 2.2 ML unit is \$101.82 • Unregulated Domestic and Stock - extra unit per ML is \$50.90 • Unregulated Domestic and Stock - Commercial is \$152.7 • Wimmera River Weir Pool and Commercial Fee per ML is \$179.99

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	<p>Fees for transfer of water entitlements (Wimmera Irrigation / River Diversion) from 1 July 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Transfer / per application is \$95.00 • Permanent Transfer / Transaction is \$285.00 • Preliminary Investigation Fee is \$48.00 <hr/> <p>Fees for Diversions Take and Use Licences (Groundwater and Surface water) from 1 July 2011::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a Take and Use Licence (section 51) other than domestic and stock is \$900.00 • Application for a renewal of Take and Use Licence (section 53) other than annual licence (or for renewal of licences of more than one year's duration) is \$300.00 • Application for annual diversion licence for domestic and stock use is \$75.00 • Application for change of ownership is \$75.00 <hr/> <p>Fees for Bore Construction Licence and Bore Alteration Licence Fees from 1 July 2011::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a licence to construct or alter a bore (section 67) is \$380.00 • Application for a licence to construct or alter a bore – Data Collection Only is \$225.00 • Application for a licence to construct or alter a second or more bore(s) at the same site – Data Collection Only is \$75.00 • Application for transfer of a licence to construct or alter a Bore – on sale of property (section 74) is \$75.00 • Application for renewal (extension) of a Bore Construction Licence (section 72) is \$75.00
<p>The legislative, contractual or other authority for the regulated charge</p>	<p>Under the Instrument of Delegation dated 2 May 2003 by the Minister of Water GWMWater is delegated responsibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the management of 'take and use' water or groundwater licences under Section 51 (2)(a), (b), 56(1)(a)(iv), 57, 58 (2)(a),(b), 62 (4)(a),(b) of the <i>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</i>. These sections cover the processing of applications, receipt of payments, sale of licences , renewal of licences and transfer of licences. • the management of 'construction works' licences under Section 65 (2), 66 (1), 67 (2)(a),(b), 72 (2)(a), (b), 74 (4)(a),(b) of the <i>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</i>. These sections cover the processing of applications to construct, alter, operate, remove or decommission works, a bore or a private dam, renewal of licences and transfer of licences. <p>Under section 264 of the <i>Water Act 1989 (Victoria)</i> GWMWater has authority to set charges for any functions delegated to it.</p>

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<p>A description of the process applied in determining the regulated charge including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cost allocation principles; and • whether the regulated charge has been the subject of consultation, a review or audit and, if it has, a description of the process and a summary of the outcome 	<p>The fees and charges for these services are regulated by the Essential Services Commission (Commission) in accordance with the Water Industry Regulatory Order 2003 (WIRO) issued under the <i>Water Industry Act 1994</i>.</p> <p>The process prescribed in the WIRO requires that prices be calculated or otherwise determined in accordance with the Regulatory Principles related to: recovery of operational, maintenance and administrative costs; recovery of expenditure on renewal and rehabilitation of existing assets; provide appropriate signals to incentivize the sustainable use of water resources; and provide the regulated entity a sustainable revenue to meet efficient delivery of outcomes identified in the Water Plan.</p> <p>These charges were included in the 2008-13 Water Plan and subsequent pricing proposals that have been subject to regulatory review and public consultation prior to receiving the final determinations by the Commission.</p>
<p>The class of persons by whom the regulated charge is payable</p>	<p>The applicable licence fees are payable by all Groundwater and Surface Water Diversion licence holders for licences issued by GWMWater.</p>
<p>The person to whom or agency to which the regulated charge is payable</p>	<p>Fees and charges are payable to GWMWater.</p>
<p>When the regulated charge is payable and, if payable by instalments, the number of instalments and intervals at which they are payable</p>	<p>Fees and charges are payable annually in respect of licence fees, or on application.</p>

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<p>If applicable, the water resource, catchment or district, and the water resource plan or other plan, to which the regulated charge relates</p>	<p>Within the Murray Group Limestone Aquifer system, the specific groundwater management areas are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apsley* • Neuarpurr* • Gymbowen* • Kaniva* • Balrootan* • Telopea Downs* and • Murrayville <p>Fees and charges relate to the Groundwater Management Plans in the Water Supply Protection Areas (WSPA).</p> <p>* Groundwater Management Plans for these areas will be replaced by the West Wimmera Management Strategy during 2011/12.</p> <p>All surface water diversion licences issued by GWMWater are for unregulated waterways. The relevant waterways for which licences are issued include the Wimmera, Avoca, Richardson and Glenelg rivers.</p>
<p>If applicable, the class of water access right, water delivery right or irrigation right to which the regulated charge relates</p>	<p>Groundwater supplies do not have a nominal level of security. Within the management areas, formal Permissible Consumptive Volumes (PCV) have been declared by the Minister for Water.</p>

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<p>A description of the water planning and water management activity or activities to which the regulated charge relates including, in relation to each activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the financial year or other period during which the activity is being, or is to be, carried out • the actual or estimated operating, capital and corporate service costs of the activity in respect of the financial year or other period • whether the costs of the activity have been the subject of consultation or a review or audit • the relationship between the costs of the activity and the calculation of the regulated charge 	<p>Licence fees cover the cost of licencing and metering groundwater and diversion activities. The differential charges between management areas reflect the extent of oversight required to manage the sustainability of the water resource.</p> <p>The estimated annual operating, maintenance and administration budget reflected in the 2008-13 Water Plan incurred by GWMWater for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater activities is \$365,000 • Surface water diversion activities is \$83,000 <p>The estimated capital works budget reflected for the 5 year period of the 2008-13 Water plan for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater activities is \$1,985,000 • Surface water diversion activities is \$406,000 <hr/> <p>Fees for applications cover the costs in processing applications.</p> <hr/> <p>All fees and charges have been independently reviewed by the Commission.</p>
<p>Any other information the person determining the charge considers necessary or desirable to explain the regulated charge</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>