


Rates & Charges made crystal clear

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR YOUR RATES AND CHARGES?

Area rates and open water charges cover the operating and capital costs associated with distributing water and replenishing the underground aquifer within the authority area



Lower Burdekin Water

Lower Burdekin Water is a locally managed organisation that delivers sustainable water services for the prosperity of agriculture, industry, community and environment within the Burdekin region.

For more information on LBW's Rates & Charges please visit www.lowerburdekinwater.com.au

AREA BASED CHARGES

- Rates are based on the area of irrigated agricultural land
- Rates are levied on land greater than 1 hectare in the authority area
- Invoiced annually
- Rates per hectare are available on LBW's website

OPEN WATER CHARGES

- Growers pumping from LBW's water distribution network are invoiced for each megalitre pumped
- Invoices are issued monthly in the Southern Division and bi-monthly in the Northern Division
- Growers who hold a Water Supply Agreement are provided with a water allowance
- Water pumped over the nominal allowance attracting an excess charge
- Growers who hold a water allowance have no legal title of the water
- LBW does not guarantee the supply of water

WATER ALLOCATION ENTITLEMENT (WAE) HOLDERS

- Sunwater issues their customers (WAE holders) with quarterly invoices
- Sunwater retains all income for all water used by WAE holders
- Sunwater issues breach notices for excess water used by the WAE holders
- WAE holders are responsible for obtaining additional water allocation to cover excess water used
- LBW reads the meters quarterly and provides Sunwater with the readings