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1. Objective

The objective is to:

- set out the types of charges, and fees to be imposed, for districts and areas in which the Corporation provides its works or services;
- set out the methodology for calculating those fees and charges; and
- identify the irrigation periods for the coming season

in accordance with the requirements of the *Water Act* 1989.

2. Scope

This document sets out the methodology for the calculation of all tariffs, charges and fees for district and areas in which the Corporation provides its services and identifies the irrigation period for all irrigation districts.

3. Responsibilities

Responsibility	Who
Approval	GMW Board
Ownership and implementation	Steven Abbott, General Manager Strategy & Services Planning

4. Definitions

Words and phrases used in this document shall, unless the contrary is indicated, have the same meaning as contained in the Act.

"**Act**" means the *Water Act* 1989.

'Annual Delivery Allowance' means the delivery share multiplied by 270 for the Murray Valley, Shepparton, Central Goulburn, Rochester, Campaspe, Loddon Valley and Torrumbarry Areas of the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District or the delivery share multiplied by 365 for the Nyah and Tresco Irrigation Districts and the Woorinen Area of the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

'Area' or Sub-Area means part of an Irrigation District designated by the Corporation for administrative purposes.

'Contiguous' means parcels of land which share a common boundary, either as to the whole of the boundary or any part of the boundary. In a group of more than two parcels of land, each parcel is Contiguous with each other parcel in the group of parcels even if the boundary of each parcel does not share a boundary with all other parcels in the group provided there is a connection or link between the two parcels



via one or more of the other parcels in the group of parcels. Parcels of land will not cease to be Contiguous only because: a railway, road, or Corporation works exists through a parcel of land or between parcels; a waterway, with or without Crown land frontage, exists through a parcel of land or between parcels of land; or property within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1998 exists through or between a parcel of land or between parcels of land.

‘Corporation’ means GMW

‘Customer’ means

- (a) a person or persons who owns or occupies a Serviced Property or holds a license issued under section 51 or section 67 of the Act;
- (b) two or more persons operating collectively as a joint venture, partnership or otherwise who own or occupy properties used together as a common enterprise for the shared purpose of mutual economic gain or profit.

‘Delivery Share Reservation’ means an agreement between an owner of a Serviced Property and the Corporation to reserve for a specified period the right to a permanent transfer or issue of delivery share to the Serviced Property.

‘Distribution Capacity Share’ means the share of the capacity of the Distribution System which is available to a Serviced Property in a Water Supply District, expressed in kilolitres per day and recorded in the Water Register in respect of that Serviced Property.

‘Distribution System’ means the channels, pipes and other works, and the natural and modified waterways or wetlands, which are used to transport water from any of the river systems to properties and urban offtakes in Water Supply Districts and Irrigation Districts.

‘Existing Channel’ means any channel along which water from the Corporation's works is conveyed without being pumped.

‘GMW’ means Goulburn-Murray Water

‘Owner’ includes occupier or any other person holding a temporary transfer of any relevant rights of the Owner.

‘Practicable Route’ means a route along which a private channel could be constructed involving excavation of not more than 9.45 cubic metres per hectare of the area of the Serviced Property to be serviced and not more than 1147 cubic metres for any 1.6 km of channel excluding the distance the channel transverses a public road.



‘Resolution of the Corporation’ means any relevant resolution of the Board of GMW or any resolution or decision of any person lawfully delegated or otherwise empowered by the Board of GMW to make any relevant resolution or decision.

‘Serviced Property’ means a property which is a Serviced Property for the purposes of the Act and:

- (a) for the purposes of surface drainage, community surface drainage and subsurface drainage in Irrigation Districts, includes all the Contiguous lands which are owned by the Customer; or
- (b) for water delivery in Irrigation Districts and for Water Supply Districts, includes all the lands (whether Contiguous or not) which are owned by the Customer.

‘Seasonal Water Allowance’ means the volume of water made available to a Serviced Property in a Water Supply District for the financial year.

‘Water Entitlement’ is a right to take, use, or extract water including but not limited to water entitlements conferred by reason of bulk entitlements, water shares, section 51 take and use licences, water allowances and supplies by agreement.

‘Water Register’ means the Victorian Water Register kept in accordance with Part 5A of the Act.

5. CUSTOMER

5.1 Customer Fee

The Customer Fee is imposed on and payable by a Customer. The Customer Fee is calculated by reference to works or services provided by the Corporation and is charged per Customer set by the resolution of the Corporation.

The Customer Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

6. WATER REGISTER

6.1 Water Register Fee

The Water Register Fee is calculated by reference to the charge by Water Entitlement set by the resolution of the Corporation multiplied by the number of Water Entitlements held.

The Water Register Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



7. IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

7.1 *Water Delivery*

7.1.1 **Service Point Fee - Goulburn Murray, Nyah and Tresco Districts**

The Service Point Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within the District for each service point provided for the Serviced Property. The Service Point Fee is calculated by reference to the charges set by resolution of the Corporation and multiplied by the number of irrigation or domestic and stock service points, as the case may be, provided for the Serviced Property.

In the case of a shared irrigation service point, the Service Point Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within the District for the shared service point provided for the Serviced Property is calculated by reference to fifty percent of the charges set for a class of meter and multiplied by the number of shared irrigation service points, as the case may be, provided for the Serviced Property.

The Service Point Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.1.2 **Infrastructure Access Fee – All Districts and All Areas**

The Infrastructure Access Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area. The Infrastructure Access Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre per day set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres per day of delivery share.

The Infrastructure Access Fee is made and levied for the irrigation period.

7.1.3 **Infrastructure Use Fee – All Districts and All Areas**

The Infrastructure Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area. The Infrastructure Use Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres of water not exceeding the Annual Delivery Allowance delivered.

The Infrastructure Use Fee is made and levied for the irrigation period.

7.1.4 **Casual Infrastructure Use Fee – All Districts and All Areas**

The Casual Infrastructure Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area. The Casual Infrastructure Use Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres of water delivered that exceed the Annual Delivery Allowance.

The Casual Infrastructure Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



7.1.5 Delivery Share Reservation Fee – All Districts and All Areas

The Delivery Share Reservation Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area and the owner or occupier of any land supplied or capable of being supplied with water from the Corporation's Distribution System. The Delivery Share Reservation Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre per day set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres per day of delivery share reserved.

The Delivery Share Reservation Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.1.6 Distribution Access Fee

The Distribution Access Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a bulk entitlement for water supply to a town within a District or Area. The Distribution Access Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre per day set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres per day of delivery share assigned to the bulk entitlement holder.

The Distribution Access Fee is made and levied for the irrigation period.

7.1.7 Distribution Use Fee

The Distribution Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a bulk entitlement for water supply to a town within a District or Area. The Distribution Use Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres of water not exceeding the Annual Delivery Allowance delivered to the bulk entitlement holder.

The Distribution Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.1.8 Water Delivered from 15 May to 15 August – Goulburn Murray (excluding Woorinen Area) District

The Casual Infrastructure Use fee is imposed in respect of all water delivered to a Serviced Property in a District or Area during the period from 1 July to 15 August and 15 May to 30 June.

7.1.9 Termination Fee – All Districts and All Areas

The Termination Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area. The Termination Fee is calculated by reference to the Water Charge Rules 2010 (Cth).

7.2 Irrigation Period

7.2.1 Irrigation Period - Goulburn Murray (excluding Woorinen Area) District

The irrigation period is from 15 August to 15 May.



7.2.2 Irrigation Period - Goulburn Murray (Woorinen Area), Nyah and Tresco Districts

The irrigation period is from 1 July to 30 June.

7.3 Surface Drainage

7.3.1 Area Fee – Goulburn Murray (excluding Woorinen Area) District

The Area Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area. The Area Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per hectare;

B is the total Area in hectares of the Serviced Property; and

C is the Proportion of the Drainage Fee to be applied relating to the Drainage Division set out in the table in paragraph 7.3.3.

The Area Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.3.2 Water Use Fee – Goulburn Murray (excluding Woorinen Area) District

The Water Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area. The Water Use Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per megalitre of water used;

B is the number of megalitres of water used; and

C is the Proportion of the Drainage Fee to be applied relating to the Drainage Division set out in the table in paragraph 7.3.3

The Water Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



7.3.3 Table

Drainage Division of Property	Proportion of Drainage Fee to be Applied
1	100%
2	75%
3	50%
4	25%
5	15%
6	10%
7	5%
8	0%

The Drainage Division of each Serviced Property is calculated in accordance with 'Classification of Lands for Drainage' as set out in *Schedule 1*.

7.4 Drainage Diversion

7.4.1 Drainage Diversion Site Fee – All Districts and All Areas

The Drainage Diversion Site Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property (with a low flow drainage diversion agreement) within an Area, Sub-Area or District for water supplied for irrigation from any drain. The Drainage Diversion Site Fee is (except in the case of any special agreement with the Corporation) calculated by reference to the charge per site set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area, Sub-Area or District multiplied by the number of diversion sites.

The Drainage Diversion Site Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.4.2 Drainage Diversion Site (High Flow) Fee – All Districts and All Areas

The Drainage Diversion Site (High Flow) Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property (with a high flow drainage diversion agreement) within an Area, Sub-Area or District for water supplied for irrigation from any drain. The Drainage Diversion Site (High Flow) Fee is (except in the case of any special agreement with the Corporation) calculated by reference to the charge per site set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area, Sub-Area or District multiplied by the number of diversion sites.

The Drainage Diversion Site (High Flow) Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



7.4.3 Drainage Diversion Agreement Fee – Shepparton, Central Goulburn, Rochester-Campaspe & Murray Valley

The Drainage Diversion Agreement Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within an Area, Sub-Area or District for water supplied for irrigation from any drain. The Drainage Diversion Agreement Fee is (except in the case of any special agreement with the Corporation) calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area, Sub-Area or District and multiplied by the greater of the volume of megalitres specified in the drainage diversion agreement or the volume used.

The Drainage Diversion Agreement Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.5 Community Surface Drainage

7.5.1 Community Surface Drainage Fee – Goulburn Murray (excluding Woorinen Area) District

The Community Surface Drainage Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District or Area, who is a participant in a community surface drainage scheme administered by the Corporation. The Community Surface Drainage Fee is calculated by reference to charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B$$

Where

A is the charge per kilometre equivalent of drain; and

B is the kilometre equivalent of drain as recorded and shown in the Water Register in respect to that Serviced Property.

The Community Surface Drainage Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.6 Subsurface Drainage

7.6.1 Subsurface Drainage Fee – Tresco District

The Subsurface Drainage Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within the District. The Subsurface Drainage Fee is calculated by reference to the charges set by resolution of the Corporation and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per megalitre of high reliability water share;



B is the number of megalitres of high reliability water share attached to the Serviced Property; and

C is the Proportion of Drainage Fee to be applied relating to the Drainage Division set out in the table in paragraph 7.6.8

The Subsurface Drainage Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.6.2 Local Benefit Area Fee - Central Goulburn, Rochester and Murray Valley Areas

The Local Benefit Area Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within an Area. The Local Benefit Area Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per hectare;

B is the total Area in hectares of the Serviced Property; and

C is the service level for the Serviced Property as set out in Part A of *Schedule 2*.

The Local Benefit Area Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.6.3 Local Benefit Water Use Fee - Central Goulburn and Rochester Areas

The Local Benefit Water Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within an Area. The Local Benefit Water Use Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per megalitre of water used;

B is the number of megalitres used; and

C is the service level for the Serviced Property as set out in Part A of *Schedule 2*.

The Local Benefit Water Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



7.6.4 Area Fee – Woorinen Area and Woorinen Sub-Area of Torrumbarry

The Area Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within an Area or Sub-Area. The Area Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area or Sub-Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per hectare;

B is the total Area in hectares of the Serviced Property; and

C is the Proportion of Drainage Fee to be applied relating to the Drainage Division set out in the table in paragraph 7.6.9.

The Area Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.6.5 Water Use Fee – Nyah District

The Water Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within the District. The Water Use Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per megalitre of water used;

B is the number of megalitres of water used; and

C is the Proportion of Drainage Fee to be applied relating to the Drainage Division set out in the table in paragraph 7.6.8.

The Water Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.6.6 Water Use Fee - Woorinen Area and Woorinen Sub-Area of Torrumbarry

The Water Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within an Area or Sub-Area. The Water Use Fee is calculated by reference to the scale of charges set by resolution of the Corporation for that Area or Sub-Area and is calculated as follows:

$$A \times B \times C$$

Where

A is the charge per megalitre of water used;



B is the number of megalitres of water used; and

C is the Proportion of Drainage Fee to be applied relating to the Drainage Division set out in the table in paragraph 7.6.9.

The Water Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

7.6.7 Table – Nyah and Tresco Districts

Drainage Division of the Serviced Property	Proportion of Drainage Fee to be Applied
1	100%
2	75%
3	50%
4	25%
5	0%
6	0%
7	0%
8	0%

The Drainage Division of each Serviced Property is calculated in accordance with 'Classification of Lands for Drainage' as set out in *Schedule 1*.

7.6.8 Table – Woorinen Area and Woorinen Sub-Area

Drainage Division of the Serviced Property	Proportion of Drainage Fee to be Applied
1	100%
2	75%
3	50%
4	25%
5	15%
6	10%
7	5%
8	0%



The Drainage Division of each Serviced Property is calculated in accordance with 'Classification of Lands for Drainage' as set out in *Schedule 1*.

8. WATER SUPPLY DISTRICTS

8.1 *East Loddon, Mitiamo, Normanville and Tungamah Districts*

8.1.1 Service Point Fee – Domestic & Stock

The Service Point Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within the Water Supply District for each service point provided for the Serviced Property. The Service Point Fee is calculated by reference to the charges set by resolution of the Corporation and multiplied by the number of domestic and stock service points, as the case may be, provided for the Serviced Property.

The Service Point Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.1.2 Water Allowance Storage Fee

The Water Allowance Storage Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District. The Water Allowance Storage Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and multiplied by the number of megalitres of water allowance and supply by agreement available to the Serviced Property.

The Water Allowance Storage Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.1.3 Infrastructure Access Fee

The Infrastructure Access Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District. The Infrastructure Access Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per kilolitre per day set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and multiplied by the number of kilolitres per day of Distribution Capacity Share.

The Infrastructure Access Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.1.4 Infrastructure Use Fee

The Infrastructure Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District. The Infrastructure Use Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and multiplied by the number of megalitres delivered.

The Infrastructure Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.1.5 Excess Fee

The Excess Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District (except in the case of special agreement with the Corporation). The



Excess Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and multiplied by the number of megalitres delivered that exceed the Seasonal Water Allowance.

The Excess Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.1.6 Distribution Access Fee

The Distribution Access Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a bulk entitlement for water supply to a town within a District or Area. The Distribution Access Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre per day set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres per day of delivery share assigned to the bulk entitlement holder.

The Distribution Access Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.1.7 Distribution Use Fee

The Distribution Use Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a bulk entitlement for water supply to a town within a District or Area. The Distribution Use Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District or Area and multiplied by the number of megalitres of water not exceeding the Annual Delivery Allowance delivered to the bulk entitlement holder.

The Distribution Use Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.2 East Loddon (North) and West Loddon Districts

8.2.1 Water Allowance Storage Fee

The Water Allowance Storage Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District. The Water Allowance Storage Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and multiplied by the number of megalitres of water allowance and supply by agreement available to the Serviced Property.

The Water Allowance that may be supplied (except in the case of special agreement with the Corporation) is set out in the *Schedule 4*.

The Water Allowance Storage Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.2.2 Infrastructure Access Fee

The Infrastructure Access Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District. The Infrastructure Access Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per hectare set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and



multiplied by the number of hectares of the Serviced Property and as adjusted in accordance with the following table:

Water Supply Division	Proportion of Fee to be Applied
1	100%
2	50%
3	25%
4	0%

The basis of the Water Supply Division classification is set out in *Schedule 3*. The Infrastructure Access Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

8.2.3 Excess Fee

The Excess Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of a Serviced Property within a District (except in the case of special agreement with the Corporation). The Excess Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation for that District and multiplied by the number of megalitres overused.

The Excess Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

9. FLOOD PROTECTION DISTRICTS

9.1 Loch Garry

9.1.1 Flood Protection Fee

The Flood Protection Fee is imposed on and payable by the owner of:

- (a) a Serviced Property within the District that is rateable under section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and is calculated by reference to the charge per hectare set by resolution of the Corporation and multiplied by the number of hectares of the Serviced Property; and
- (b) a Serviced Property within the District that is not rateable under section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and is calculated by reference to the charge per hectare set by resolution of the Corporation and multiplied by the number of hectares of the Serviced Property.

The Flood Protection Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



10. WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION AREAS

10.1 *Katunga, Loddon Highland, Lower Campaspe, Upper Ovens*

10.1.1 Service Point Fee

The Service Point Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a section 51 licence or section 67 licence for each metered or unmetered service point authorised by the licence. The Service Point Fee is calculated by reference to the charges set by resolution of the Corporation and multiplied by the number of equipped metered or unmetered service points, as the case may be, authorised by the licence.

In the case of a shared metered service point, the Service Point Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a licence for the shared service point authorised by the licence is calculated by reference to fifty percent of the charges set for a class of meter and multiplied by the number of shared metered service points, as the case may be, authorised by the licence.

The Service Point Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

10.1.2 Access Fee

The Access Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a section 51 licence or section 67 licence issued under the Act for each service point authorised by the licence. The Access Fee is calculated by reference to the charges set by resolution of the Corporation and multiplied by the number of equipped service points authorised by the licence.

The Access Fee is made and levied for the financial year.

10.1.3 Resources Management Fee

The Resource Management Fee is imposed on and payable by the holder of a licence issued under section 51 of the Act. The Resource Management Fee is calculated by reference to the charge per megalitre set by resolution of the Corporation multiplied by the number of megalitres which the holder of the licence is entitled to take and use under the licence issued under section 51 of the Act.

The Resource Management Fee is made and levied for the financial year.



11. Document history

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3778686v7 Tariff Policy and Procedure	28 September 2016	Board	4244901
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Schedule 1: Classification of Lands for Drainage

General

This schedule sets out the drainage divisions for the classification of properties drained to the Corporation's works.

The schedule applies to properties which are:

- (a) Drained (by pumping or gravitating) directly into the Corporation's drains or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains (private drains taken over by the Corporation for maintenance purposes shall be regarded as forming part of the Corporation's works).

Properties drained directly include those served by a community, private or road table drain with entry to the Corporation's works and with the closest point of the furthestmost properties on the drain not more than 61 m from the Corporation's drain.

- (b) Drained (by pumping or gravitating) to the Corporation's drains along a Practicable Route by either community, private or road table drains.
- (c) Indirectly drained (by pumping or gravitating) to the Corporation's drains via a route through private land (without appropriate drainage rights).
- (d) Drained by discharging (pumping or gravitating) into the Corporation's supply channels, either individually or as a community group.

Equivalent Area Drained – Goulburn Murray Irrigation District

Application of the Drainage Fee for the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District requires the determination of the equivalent Area drained directly into the Corporation's drains or channels for each Serviced Property using the following drainage characteristics:

(a)	Directly into Corporation drains or can be so drained by the construction of internal works	1.00
(b)	Via community, private or road drains more than 61 m in length	0.25
(c)	Indirectly into Corporation drains	0.25
(d)	Discharging into Corporation supply channels	0.125
(e)	Not drained or not drained to Corporation works	0

The equivalent Area drained for each Serviced Property is determined by identifying which of five drainage characteristics set out above apply to a part or parts of the Serviced Property and summing the figures determined by multiplying these Areas by their respective drainage factors. This total is then used to determine the drainage division for the Serviced Property.



Drainage Divisions - Goulburn Murray Irrigation District

The drainage divisions together with their respective proportions are as follows:

1st Division 100%

All properties for which the equivalent Area drained is not less than two-thirds (67%) of the total Area of the Serviced Property.

2nd Division 75%

All properties, not included in 1st Division, for which the equivalent Area drained is more than half (50%) but less than two thirds (67%) of the total Area of the Serviced Property.

3rd Division 50%

All properties, not included in 1st or 2nd Division, for which the equivalent Area drained is more than one quarter (25%) but less than one half (50%) of the total Area of the properties.

4th Division 25%

- (a) All properties, not included in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Divisions to which the "Rating of Community Surface Drain Catchments" policy adopted by the Corporation on 21 March 1996 applies
- (b) All properties, not included in 1st, 2nd or 3rd Division or part (a) of 4th Division for which the equivalent Area drained is more than fifteen percent (15%) but less than one quarter (25%) of the total Area of the properties.
- (c) All properties, not included in 1st, 2nd or 3rd Division or part (a) of 4th Division which as a result of any of the Corporation's works receive protection.

5th Division 15%

All properties, not included in 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Division, for which the equivalent Area drained is more than ten percent (10%) but less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total Area of the properties.

6th Division 10%

All properties not included in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Division, for which the equivalent Area drained is more than five percent (5%) but less than ten percent (10%) of the total Area of the properties.

7th Division 5%

All properties not included in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th Division, for which the equivalent Area drained is not more than five percent (5%) of the total Area of the properties.

8th Division 0%

All other lands within the District.



Special Condition

All properties having Areas of land which can be drained directly into the Corporation's works or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains but which are adversely affected to a substantial degree by flooding from the Corporation's drains shall be classified one drainage division lower than would otherwise be determined.

Drainage Divisions - Nyah and Tresco Irrigation Districts

The drainage divisions for the Nyah and Tresco Irrigation Districts together with their respective proportions are as follows:

1st Division 100%

All properties of which not less than two-thirds of their Areas are effectively drained into the Corporation's works, or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains (private drains taken over by the Corporation for maintenance purposes shall be regarded as forming part of the Corporation's works). Some residential properties not exceeding 0.2 of a hectare which can be effectively drained are excepted. See 3rd Division (c).

2nd Division 75%

- (a) All properties, not included in 1st Division, more than half but less than two thirds of whose Areas are drained directly into the Corporation's works or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains.
- (b) All properties, which are drained directly into the Corporation's works or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains, but which are adversely affected to a substantial degree by flooding from the Corporation's drains.

3rd Division 50%

- (a) All properties, not included in 1st or 2nd Division, more than one quarter and less than one half of whose Areas are drained directly into the Corporation's works or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains.
- (b) All properties, not included in 1st or 2nd Division, the nearest portion of which is within 1.6 kilometres of a drain of the Corporation's works and which can be drained by a surface drain thereto along Practicable Route, or properties which receive protection from intercepting drains.
- (c) Small residential properties, not exceeding 0.2 of a hectare in Area, which can be effectively drained into the Corporation's works.
- (d) In the Nyah District only where more than half the Area to be drained is drained by gravity and remainder pumped.



4th Division 25%

- (a) All properties, not included in 1st, 2nd or 3rd Division, less than one quarter of whose Areas are drained directly into the Corporation's works or can be so drained by the construction of internal drains.
- (b) All properties, not included in 1st, 2nd or 3rd Division, which as a result of any of the Corporation's works receive drainage benefit or protection.
- (c) In the Nyah District only where less than half the Area to be drained is drained by gravity and the remainder pumped.

5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Divisions 0%

- (a) Properties traversed by a well-defined depression which provided adequate natural drainage prior to the construction of the Corporation's works, where the level of the water table does not present an existing problem.
- (b) Properties which are indirectly drained by route either through private land (without an appropriate easement) or along a road without the consent of the Municipality.
- (c) All other lands within the District.



Schedule 2: Subsurface Drainage Service Level

Part A – Central Goulburn, Rochester and Murray Valley Areas

Service Level A

Value = 5 Units

In "orchard Areas" where the ground water level is maintained (by pumping) more than two metres below the surface.

An orchard Area is any perennial fruit tree or vine plantings that are grown for commercial purposes.

Service Level B

Value = 3 Units

Where the ground water level is drawn down below its original level by greater than 30 centimetres after a two month pump test.

Service Level C

Value = 1 Unit

Where the ground water level is drawn down below its original level by between 10 and 30 centimetres after a two month pump test.

Service Level D

Value = Nil Unit

Drawdown is less than 10 centimetres (no direct benefit assigned) after a two month pump test.

Part B – Campaspe Irrigation Area

Service Level 1.0

Where a Serviced Property used for irrigation in the Campaspe West Area Salinity Management Plan derives benefit as a result of salinity dilution flows from the Waranga Western Channel.



Schedule 3: East Loddon (North) and West Loddon Water Supply Districts - Water Supply Division

	WATER SUPPLY DIVISIONS		
	RESIDENTIAL AND NON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES		
	<4.5 HA	>4.5 HA <260 HA	>260 HA
1. PROPERTIES SUPPLIED BY THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM			
(a) by gravity	1 st	1 st	1 st
(b) pumping by the landholder	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
(c) by gravitation possible via a private channel not greater than 1.6 km in length	1 st	1 st	1 st
(d) any section forming part of a Serviced Property of which any portion is in first division and which section could be supplied by gravity by a private channel which would be more than 1.6 km but not more than 4 km in length along a Practicable Route from an Existing Channel	-	-	2 nd
(e) any section forming part of a Serviced Property which is in first or second division which is not included in (b), (c) or (d)	-	-	3 rd
(f) Crown Land held under a grazing lease or licence whereby a condition prevents clearing of the land	-	-	3 rd
2. PROPERTIES NOT SUPPLIED BY THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM			
(a) Small residential properties of 4.5 ha or less not actually supplied but within 1.6 km of a public tank filled by the Corporation	3 rd	-	-
(b) Properties (except small residential properties of 4.5 ha or less) on which a tank could be constructed so that it could be filled to within 60 cm of the natural surface by gravitation through a private channel not more than 1.6 km in length constructed along a practicable route	-	1 st	1 st



Schedule 4: East Loddon (North) and West Loddon Water Supply Districts - Water Allowance

Water District	Lands in 1 st Division	Lands in 2 nd Division	Lands in 3 rd Division
East Loddon (North)	6 megalitres	3 megalitres	1.5 megalitres
West Loddon	6 megalitres	3 megalitres	1.5 megalitres

Standard quantities to be supplied to any Serviced Property in respect of each 250 hectares, with proportionate quantities for greater or lesser Area.

