# Duck Irrigation District
## Charge rates: 2026-27

Tasmanian Irrigation

## In-season annual charges for water entitlements

| | 2025-26 ($/ML) | 2026-27 ($/ML) | Change ($) | Change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed charges*** | | | | |
| Operation & maintenance charge | $ 61.76 | $ 65.46 | $ 3.71 | 6.0% |
| Asset renewal levy | $ 31.16 | $ 39.92 | $ 8.76 | 28.1% |
| Storage charge** | $ 4.40 | $ 4.40 | $ - | 0.0% |
| **Total** | **$ 97.32** | **$ 109.78** | **$ 12.47** | **12.8%** |
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| **Variable charges***** | | | | |
| Mill Creek Dam (Duck River) | $ 28.85 | $ 28.85 | $ - | 0.0% |
| Edith Pump Station (Edith line) | $ 37.91 | $ 37.91 | $ - | 0.0% |
| Smithton Pump Station (Mella line) | $ 63.26 | $ 63.26 | $ - | 0.0% |
| Smithton Pump Station (Forest & Irishtown lines) | $ 94.66 | $ 94.66 | $ - | 0.0% |

* Fixed charges: payable on current entitlement holdings on the opening day of the irrigation season.
** Storage charges: a fixed charge to replenish storage losses in the scheme, such as evaporation.
*** Variable charge: payable on water that is supplied to you during the irrigation season.

## Excess water charges - for unauthorised use of additional volume

| Excess Water Charges* | | 2026-27 ($/ML) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mill Creek Dam (Duck River) | | $ 100.00 | | |
| Edith Pump Station (Edith line) | | $ 110.00 | | |
| Smithton Pump Station (Mella line) | | $ 130.00 | | |
| Smithton Pump Station (Forest & Irishtown lines) | | $ 160.00 | | |

* Excess water charges: payable for each additional megalitre (or part of a megalitre) of water taken, in addition to your authorised volume under your water entitlement, during the irrigation season. These rates have been set within the By-Laws for your scheme.

## Interest for late payments

In accordance with the by-laws for the district, Tasmanian Irrigation may issue interest charges when payment is not received within the standard terms of each invoice (30 days). This will be charged at the rate two per cent (2%) per annum above the 3 month Australian Bank Bill Swap Bid Rate (BBSY).

***You will be unable to trade your water entitlements if your account is in arrears.***

Tasmanian Irrigation understands that on some occasions our customers may experience times of financial hardship due to circumstances outside of their control. As such, you may choose to apply for a payment plan under our Financial Hardship Policy.

## Other charges

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| Permanent transfer application fee | $ 88.00 | *Including GST* |
| Limited term transfer application fee | $ 88.00 | *Including GST* |
| Short term transfer application fee | $ - | *Including GST* |
| Registration, transfer, variation, or discharge of security interest | $ 88.00 | *Including GST* |
| Copy of water entitlement extract | $ 44.00 | *Including GST* |

## Further information:

Water charges are levied by Tasmanian Irrigation to recover the costs of operating, maintaining and administering irrigation districts.

In all irrigation districts, a **Fixed Charge** is levied on the volume of your irrigation right holdings on the first day of the irrigation season and is payable regardless of whether water has been consumed.

The Fixed Charge can have up to three components:

> **Operation & Maintenance** charge recovers the costs for running the scheme which don't normally change materially with the volume of water supplied during a season. This includes costs relating to employment of scheme operators, motor vehicle costs, maintenance, telemetry, compliance, administration, finance and insurance.
> **Asset Renewal Levy** makes provision for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the district.
> **Storage Charge** (some districts): recovers costs of pumping any evaporation or seepage losses into the main water storage.

Most irrigation districts also include a **Variable Charge** which is levied on the volume of water ordered or consumed by each irrigator, to recover electricity costs for pumping and water purchase costs incurred by Tasmanian Irrigation. The variable charge is based on the cost to deliver water to the various charge zones. Variable Charges are invoiced following the end of the irrigation season or delivery period.

**Excess Water Charges can be avoided entirely by ensuring you have sufficient allocation:**

> Monitor your usage (contact your Scheme Operator if you require assistance).
> Contact us if you have any questions about your allocation, trading or usage.
> Trade any required additional allocation. We are unable to accept retrospective trades.

To assist buyers and sellers of water entitlements with establishing trading connections, Tasmanian Irrigation provides a free **Water Trading Notice Board** on our website. This allows parties to advertise their interest in buying, selling or leasing water entitlements. You can access the Notice Board via Tasmanian Irrigation's website: www.tasirrigation.com.au.

All annual water charges are retained within the separate irrigation schemes to be used for the benefit of the irrigators.

If you have any questions, please contact our office on 03 6398 8433 or enquiries@tasirrigation.com.au.