

# Water price review 2020

## Submission received through Engage Victoria on Goulburn-Murray Water's price submission

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Water business: Goulburn-Murray Water

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From 18 November 2019, we began accepting submissions on our 2020 water price review via Engage Victoria ([www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au)). On this website, people were given the option to send us general feedback or respond to a set of questions we provided.

1. Which of Goulburn-Murray Water's proposals is most relevant to you?

*No response.*

2. Does the submission by Goulburn-Murray Water accurately reflect the themes and outcomes explored through its engagement?

*No response.*

3. General comments on this price submission

*I made decisions about my water use a few years ago when a GMW newsletter was circulated to its customers explaining that service point fees were going to rise substantially in the next 3 or so years after this letter was circulated, and GMW customers had the opportunity to surrender their service point outlet, and they would be paid approx \$5,500.00 compensation for it and it would be removed and used elsewhere. The letter also gave an expectation of increases in water pricing also. I made decisions from this information & took up this offer, but firstly had to pay out my delivery share of 0.2 equating to almost \$10,000.00 to be paid to GMW before the outlet would be removed. I said to GMW to keep the Compensation payment and I paid GMW an additional amount of approx \$4,500.00 to pay out my delivery share and be free of any ongoing fees. I still own all of my water shares. These decisions were made on the information you provided to me. Now you are telling me, that I have to pay the same price as I understand it, as someone who is an irrigator. That it will be just one fixed price which includes fees that I paid money out to be rid of!!!!!!!!! Well if this is the case, you can reinstall my outlet and give me back the extra amount payment of approx \$4,500.00 I paid to GMW on top of the outlet compensation payment. Water pricing policy and ownership should never had been changed from what it was in the 1980's &*

*1990's, it wasn't perfect, but it worked and was relatively fare.!!! I totally disagree with the current water structure in every aspect, It [REDACTED] the main people who need the water to grow us clean food, OUR FARMERS!!!! But you people created this mess & I made decisions according to this. As far as I am concerned, there should be a compulsory Government water buyback and water allocation put back and tied to the land where it belongs and the old pricing \$/per Meg and No Carryover. There is a reason why our former leaders who had vision and put this irrigation structure in place, tied water entitlement to the land!!!! so what has happened now couldn't happen and get overthrown with greed. There is no way that I am now going to pay Fees that I paid GMW, money to get rid of. You seriously need to rethink this. I am sure that anyone else in my situation will feel the same way and seeking legal advice.*