

The Chair,
Melbourne Water Price Review
Essential Services Commission
Level 21 / 220 Collins Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

RE: Melbourne Water Price Review 2016

Dear Sir,

We refer to Melbourne Water's 2016 Pricing Submission dated 20th October 2015 and in particular to the proposed introduction from the 1st July 2016 of a new tariff is proposed for the Patterson Lakes Shire to implement an existing contract. The tariff will recover the relevant and reasonable cost of a water grid that services the Shire. The method for calculating the tariff is consistent with the principles used to develop the Patterson Lakes 'dry tariff' as briefly noted in Melbourne Water on Page 60 of their Submission.

We submit as one of the directly affected residential property owners, given that on the basis of the written Agreements in place the proposed "New Tariff", could result in a potential cost and additional annual cost the equivalent of in excess of \$1275.00 which our neighbours already experience on the other side of our street with the benefit from the protection of the Total Flood Control Scheme would result in additional charge fees and beyond the Melbourne Metropolitan Waterways and Drainage Charge.

We hereby seek the Commission's consideration towards declining the proposed "New Tariff" on the grounds that:

- it is unreasonable and would require an additional request to register an easement and the other affected residential owners do not wish to do so other than we are simply located adjacent to the easement, as opposed to being located on any other part of the Total Drainage, where the other 3 full properties rather who benefit from these designated Total Flood Control Schemes and not incur any additional charge fees and beyond the general waterways and drainage charge which we are already paying
- it is not consistent to Melbourne Water's previous position of the water meters and recommendations of the 2011 Patterson Lakes Independent Review, where it was formally and publicly agreed that in some of the areas currently served by the Total Flood Control Schemes that these general, operational and maintenance costs would be covered through the Melbourne Metropolitan Waterways and Drainage Charge.
- it fails to comply with Melbourne Water's past and current use of "Recovering Water" as outlined and a \$1275.00 per customer with the best possible service at a low price.

Yours faithfully



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