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NEW WATER PRICES IN PLACE FROM TODAY

From today, South Australian water prices will increase in real terms by 21.7 per cent on average.

SA Water Chief Operating Officer John Ringham says the new 2010-11 water prices were announced by the State Government in December last year.

“The new water prices will contribute to critical water security investment for South Australia’s future including Adelaide’s \$1.83 billion accelerated and expanded 100 gigalitre desalination project,” Mr Ringham said.

The water supply charge will increase by \$1.20 per quarter to \$35.60 (\$142.40 annually) and the average residential bill will increase by about \$1.62 per week.

Sewerage charges will rise in real terms by 0.8% for metropolitan customers and 1.3% for country customers.

The NEW prices for the 2010-11 financial year are:

Increased (3%) annual residential supply charge of \$142.40

- \$1.28/kL for water use from 0-30 kL per quarter
- \$2.48/kL for water use from 30-130 kL per quarter
- \$2.98/kL for water use above 130 kL per quarter

The current 2009-10 water supply and usage charges are:

Annual residential supply charge of \$137.60

- \$0.97/kL for water use from 0-30 kL per quarter
- \$1.88/kL for water use from 30-130 kL per quarter
- \$2.26/kL for water use above 130 kL per quarter

“The average metropolitan household uses about 190 kilolitres of water per year and based on this average, householders will pay \$469.60 in 2010-11 for water supply and consumption - an increase of about \$1.62 per week,” Mr Ringham said.

Concessions of 20 per cent of the total annual water bill, from a minimum of \$95 to a maximum of \$200, will continue to be available to assist pensioners and Commonwealth Low Income Health Care Card holders with payments. The existing \$95 sewerage concession will also continue.