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Clare Valley Peak Water Transportation

Schedule of Charges 2025-2026

Overview

This schedule sets out the charges that apply in relation to peak water transportation services we provide to irrigators in the Clare Valley.

These charges apply to water transportation services only. River Murray water must be purchased by customers prior to transportation and a license/allocation, and appropriate permits will need to be obtained from the Department for Environment and Water.

For further information, please contact us on 0436 407 161 or watertransportation@sawater.com.au

Period of operation

This schedule of charges is valid for water transportation services provided by us between 1 November 2025 and 31 March 2026, unless otherwise specified.

Scope

The charges only apply in relation to water transportation services provided within South Australia for the delivery of water taken from the River Murray in accordance with the Water Allocation Plan for the River Murray Prescribed Watercourse.

The charges apply to water transported during either of the peak water supply periods listed below:

1 November to 31 March; or

1 December to 31 March.

This schedule does not apply to customers who purchase water from SA Water.

Availability

Peak water transportation services are only available from the Clare Valley Water Supply System Area during the periods of supply described below.

New connections are subject to available capacity in our infrastructure.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the provision of a water transportation service, you will require a current class 3 - high security water access entitlement or water allocation right to take water from the River Murray as well as appropriate site permits from the South Australian Department for Environment and Water. You will also be required to hold a Clare Water Supply agreement with SA Water.



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Peak Water Transportation Service

Charges

Charge name	Amount
Transportation charge	\$2.15 per kilolitre plus GST
Quarterly supply charge	\$82.30

The Scheme Volume established as of October 1, 2025, determines the Transportation Charge to apply for the 2025-26 Peak Summer Period, and is effective in operation from October 1. The table below provides the 2025-26 Transportation Charge applicable for Scheme Volumes. SA Water has established the Scheme Volume at 750ML per annum or greater for the 2025-2026 Peak Summer Period.

Scheme Volume		2025-26 (\$/kL)	Agreed Volume – ML per annum 60% of Volume
750	ML pa or greater	\$2.15	450
740	ML pa to 749 ML pa	\$2.15	444
730	ML pa to 739 ML pa	\$2.15	438
720	ML pa to 729 ML pa	\$2.17	432
710	ML pa to 719 ML pa	\$2.19	426
700	ML pa to 709 ML pa	\$2.21	420
690	ML pa to 699 ML pa	\$2.24	414
680	ML pa to 689 ML pa	\$2.28	408
670	ML pa to 679 ML pa	\$2.31	402
660	ML pa to 669 ML pa	\$2.35	396
650	ML pa to 659 ML pa	\$2.38	390
640	ML pa to 649 ML pa	\$2.42	384
630	ML pa to 639 ML pa	\$2.46	378
620	ML pa to 629 ML pa	\$2.48	372
610	ML pa to 619 ML pa	\$2.51	366
600	ML pa to 609 ML pa	\$2.54	360
590	ML pa to 599 ML pa	\$2.60	354
580	ML pa to 589 ML pa	\$2.63	348
570	ML pa to 579 ML pa	\$2.67	342
560	ML pa to 569 ML pa	\$2.70	336
550	ML pa to 559 ML pa	\$2.75	330
540	ML pa to 549 ML pa	\$2.78	324
530	ML pa to 539 ML pa	\$2.84	318
520	ML pa to 529 ML pa	\$2.89	312
510	ML pa to 519 ML pa	\$2.93	306
500	ML pa to 509 ML pa	\$2.97	300



Notes

- The transportation charge attracts GST.
- An availability charge is a once only charge that allows access to the Clare Valley Water Supply System Area. This charge is applicable as part of the Clare Water Supply Agreement and is payable in annual instalments over a three-year period.
- We do not charge GST in relation to the availability charge and quarterly supply charge.
- You will require a smart meter, and we will provide a quote for instalment on confirmation that a connection is available.
- There is a 60 per cent minimum transportation charge for this service, to be paid regardless of whether the water has been transported. You will be asked to agree to the annual volume of water that you intend to use. The 60% calculation is based on this figure and can be ascertained by applying the following formula:
Minimum transportation charge = $60/100 \times \text{your agreed annual volume, expressed in kilolitres} \times \$2.15 \times 1.1 \text{ (GST)}$.

The effect of this minimum charge is that your annual transportation charge payment will be the higher of the minimum transportation charge calculated in the manner described above and the transportation charge based on the volume of water that you actually use. This amount is calculated by multiplying the volume of water you actually use, expressed in kilolitres, by $\$2.15 \times 1.1 \text{ (GST)}$.

Example 1: An end user agrees to take 1,000 kilolitres of water but only uses 500 kilolitres during the year:

The minimum transportation charge is: $60/100 \times 1,000 \times \$2.15 \times 1.1 = \$1,419.00$ (includes \$129.00 GST)

The transportation charge for water actually taken is: $500 \times \$2.15 \times 1.1 = \$1,182.50$ (includes \$107.50 GST)

In this example, the minimum transportation charge is payable as it is the higher of the two amounts,

Example 2: An end user agrees to take 2,000 kilolitres of water but only uses 1,500 kilolitres during the year:

The minimum transportation charge is: $60/100 \times 2,000 \times \$2.15 \times 1.1 = \$2,838.00$ (includes \$258.00 GST)

The transportation charge for water actually taken is: $1,500 \times \$2.15 \times 1.1 = \$3,547.50$ (includes \$322.50 GST)



In this example, the transportation charge for the volume of water actually used is payable as it is the higher of the two amounts.

- Peak transportation charges are billed in the Third and Fourth quarters of the financial year, typically in January and April. Invoices will be mailed to you at the contact address you have notified us. The time for payment will be stated on the invoice. Payment arrangements can be entered into on request.
- Period of supply 1 November or 1 December to 31 March
8pm to 6am or to 10am
- Length of agreement Three years
- Available from the Clare Valley Water Supply System Area SA Water determines the transportation charges based on its operational costs to deliver the water to you. The Peak transportation charge was negotiated with the Clare Valley Wine and Grape Association. The charges are adjusted each year by increases in the Adelaide Consumer Price Index (CPI) All Groups, as set by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (CPI index table 6401.0 Series ID A2325822k, Percentage Change from Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year, March Ending) The charges in this schedule have already been adjusted and are effective for the period of operation described above.

Connection and Disconnection Services

Connection / disconnection fees are available [here](#). A connection invoice and design will be provided to you for your consideration together with a copy of this schedule of charges during the connection application process.

The Schedule of Charges – Beyond Allocation – Non-Residential Water Prices

Fees payable for - water supplied in excess of the volume described in any particular customer allocation, and/or water transported outside any period agreed or set for any particular customer - will be charged at the non-residential water price - for the period in which that supply takes place – the non-residential water prices are described on the [non-residential water prices](#) page on SA Water's website.

Description of charges for water transportation services

Charge name	Service description
Availability charge	A once only charge applicable as part of the Clare Water Supply Agreement payable against an agreed volume for supply by SA Water. To be eligible for a Clare Valley Peak Water Transportation agreement, the customer must hold a Clare Water Supply Agreement with SA Water. The availability charge is a capital contribution towards the 2004 Clare Valley Water Supply System infrastructure upgrade costs. The 2025-26 availability charge is \$3,160.00 per ML.



Transportation charge	Payable for water transported under a Clare Valley Peak Water Transportation and recovers operational costs for water transportation (i.e. pumping, water treatment, overheads and depreciation).
Quarterly supply charge	Applicable for having water supplied to your property under a peak transportation contract.
Non-residential water rate	Our non-residential customers include anyone who is not a residential or commercial customer and includes businesses, sport clubs, not for profit and charity organisations, and country lands. The non-residential water rate customers pay for water use in 2025-26 can be found here .
Connection/disconnection fee	The physical connection/disconnection of the customer to and from our water distribution network.

Generally available discounts

We do not offer discounts or reductions in relation to the charges set out in this schedule.

Payment Options

Bill payment can be made through multiple options. BPAY, online payment, phone payment, direct debit, payment by mail and payment in person are available. Details are stipulated on the SA Water invoice.

Hardship policy

We offer a hardship policy which applies to customers subject to our standard retail water supply contract for residential customers. In appropriate circumstances, we will consider applying a similar approach to customers receiving water transportation services. Information about our hardship policy is available [here](#).

Contact us

If you have any questions regarding your water transportation service, or wish to dispute your bill, please contact us on 0436 407 161.

Glossary

Clare Valley Water Supply System Area: means the Hundred of Upper Wakefield, Hundred of Clare or Hundred of Stanley.

End-user means an SA Water customer who has agreed to use SA Water's water transportation services in the Clare Valley Water Supply System Area.

GST: means the goods and services tax imposed by the GST Law.

GST Law: has the meaning attributed in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth);

kL: means kilolitre being one thousand litres.

ML: means megalitre being one thousand kilolitres.



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SA Water, our, us, we: means South Australian Water Corporation.

Scheme Volume: means the total Agreed Volume contracted to all End-users participating in the Clare Peak Water Transportation Scheme, which may change over time.

Adoption of schedule: This schedule of charges was adopted on 01/10/2025



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