1. Re-balancing constraint

As discussed with the ESC, SRW are proposing a 10% per annum re-balancing constraint upon the tariffs and charges listed within the SRW template submission.

2. Macalister irrigation usage charge

At the direction of our Macalister Consultative Committee, SRW recently discussed historic usage information within the district. Within the context of declining usage, and regulation by a revenue cap, the committee endorsed a revision of the budgeted delivery volume in the MID (from 163GL to 148GL). This change results in a 10% increase to the usage tariff, and reduces the risk to irrigators that SRW will raise other tariffs within the Water Plan period to compensate for actual deliveries being less than the budget assumption (noting that all MID revenue is regulated by revenue cap).

3. Western Water

Western Water advised SRW that their draft decision did not include a revenue requirement to reimburse SRW charges. We suggest that the ESC review this part of the Western Water draft determination.

4. WP4 information

Given uncertainty regarding key infrastructure investment decisions - some or all of modernisation of WID and MID, viability of BMID and dam safety upgrades – , SRW is reluctant to imply any pricing assurance without these uncertainties resolved. From previous discussion with the ESC, SRW understood that the ESC was content with this approach.

Thanks

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