

To: <water@esc.vic.gov.au>
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Subject: Water licences

Dear ESC,

Some time ago, and again, even before that, I wrote to you asking for the justification for approving bore licence fees for dairyfarmers to skyrocket from \$60 in 1990, to \$240+ in 2000, and now most recently to just over \$249 as charged by Southern Rural Water.

You never did answer my letters.

Now I note you are finally conducting a price review for some water Authorities, but are conducting the one for SRW in Maffra, which is several hundred kilometers away from where I live.

I have written to SRW asking them to present a case for their price increases, but their courtesy amounts to the same as yours -- they don't answer.

I fail to see the justification of annual price increases such as SRW's (their bore-drilling application fee is now \$720 for a stock and domestic bore as compared with \$70 in South Australia), well above the CPI.

I am drawing this matter to your attention once again! Please take heed.

Yours Faithfully, Don Ward.