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COMMISSION DETERMINES ACTEW REGULATED WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICE PRICES FOR 2014–15

The ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission today announced the maximum prices that ACTEW can charge for its regulated water and sewerage services from 1 July 2014.

‘Water prices will rise by about 3.7 per cent and the price of sewerage services will increase by about 2.7 per cent in 2014–15,’ Senior Commissioner Malcolm Gray said. ‘The price increase will see the average water and sewerage bill for a typical Canberra household rise by around 3 per cent in 2014-15. This translates to an annual increase of about \$35 or 67 cents a week,’ Mr Gray continued.

Table 1 Change in water prices 2013-14 to 2014-15

	2013–14	2014–15	Change (%)
Fixed (\$/a)	100.00	102.56	2.56
Tier 1 (0–200 kL/a) (\$/kL)	2.55	2.64	3.71
Tier 2 (200 kL/a+) (\$/kL)	5.10	5.29	3.71

Table 2 Change in sewerage service prices 2013-14 to 2014-15

	2013–14	2014–15	Change (%)
Supply charge (\$/a)	492.02	505.41	2.72
Fixture charge non-residential customers (\$/a) ^a	481.18	494.28	2.72

Note: a For every additional flushing fixture greater than two.

The Commission advised that the price adjustment is higher than the 2.56 per cent change in the consumer price index to account for the ACT Government's announcement in the 2014–15 budget to increase both the Water Abstraction Charge and Utilities Network Facilities Tax by 5 per cent.

The approved schedule of ACTEW's 2014-15 water and sewerage service charges can be found on the ACT Legislation Register at <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2014-285/default.asp>.

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