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### COMMISSION UPDATES ICON WATER'S REGULATED WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES PRICES FOR 2019–20

The ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission today released its annual update of prices that Icon Water Limited can charge for its regulated water and sewerage services from 1 July 2019.

A typical household consuming 200 kilolitres of water per year will see an increase in its annual water and sewerage bill of 1.9 per cent or \$22. The increase in the estimated annual bill for 2019–20 follows a decline of 3.5 per cent in the 2018–19 annual bill, as a result of the Commission's 2018 final decision on regulated water and sewerage services prices for the regulatory period 2018-2023.

Non-residential customers will see an annual bill changes ranging from decreases of around 0.5 per cent to increases of up to 1.1 per cent depending on the water usage and the number of flushing fixtures.

The 2019–20 price adjustment reflects changes in the Consumer Price Index and the cost of debt, and includes pass-through adjustments for water and sewerage.

The largest pass-through adjustment was for the Water Abstraction Charge (WAC), which is paid to the ACT Government for the licence to take water. The actual charge for 2017-18 was \$1.1 million higher than forecast.

The Commission has published a report – *Regulated water and sewerage services: 2019–20 price adjustment* – that describes the price adjustment process for 2019–20, including details of the price calculations. The report is available at <http://www.icrc.act.gov.au>.

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## Attachment 1: 2019-20 prices and customer impact tables

**Table 1 Water prices, 2018–19 to 2019–20 (\$, current prices, percentages to two decimal places)**

	2018–19	2019–20	Change (%)
Fixed (\$/year)	120	<b>140</b>	16.7
Tier 1 (0–200 kL/a) (\$/kL)	2.43	<b>2.46</b>	1.23
Tier 2 (200 kL/a+) (\$/kL)	4.88	<b>4.94</b>	1.23

**Table 2 Sewerage services prices, 2018–19 to 2019–20 (\$, current prices, percentages to two decimal places)**

	2018–19	2019–20	Change (%)
Supply charge (\$/year)	531.19	<b>527.34</b>	-0.72
Fixture charge non-residential customers (\$/year) <sup>a</sup>	519.50	<b>515.74</b>	-0.72

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

**Table 3 Change in annual combined water and sewerage services bill for residential customers (\$, current prices, percentages to two decimal places)**

Annual water consumption (kL)	Annual 2018–19 combined bill (\$)	Annual 2019–20 combined bill (\$)	Change in combined bill (%)	Change in combined bill (\$)
0	651	667	2.48%	16
50	773	790	2.28%	18
100	894	913	2.14%	19
150	1,016	1,036	2.03%	21
<b>200</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1.94%</b>	<b>22</b>
250	1,381	1,406	1.82%	25
300	1,625	1,653	1.73%	28
350	1,869	1,900	1.67%	31
400	2,113	2,147	1.62%	34
500	2,601	2,641	1.54%	40
750	3,821	3,876	1.44%	55