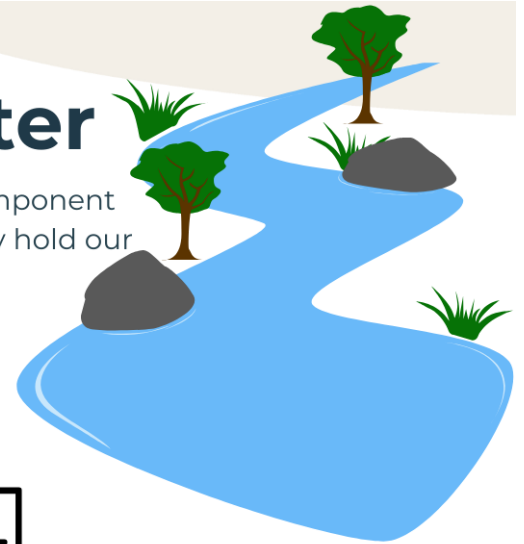


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Water - Shared Meter

Water has since time immemorial been a central component of our existence, the rivers that crisscross our country hold our stories and we are eternally responsible for their care.

We experience water differently today as it is made available to households at a cost.



Household Water Usage

Water authorities across NSW set rates for water usage. Households have experienced increased costs of living including water.

Water authorities (e.g. Sydney Water) bill for water 4 times a year. This bill includes a mixture of charges such as:

- Wastewater (sewers)
- Water Service
- Environmental Charges
- and Water Usage.

Birribee Housing gets the bill from the water authority and pays the entire bill on behalf of households. For some households they are on a shared meter and aren't separately metered.

A fair and reasonable water payment arrangement is created with the household, at 5.5% of weekly rent up to \$11 per week.

The water usage charge is the responsibility of the tenants and will be charged by Birribee to the tenant's account.



How we work out your water:

- We assess water charges based on weekly rent up to the \$11 per week cap.
- The water charge is applied to the tenancy weekly.
- Birribee receives the shared meter water charge from the water authority and pays this.
- In the event that Birribee has charged more to shared metered households than Birribee was charged by the water authority, Birribee will reimburse the affected households.

Mary



Mary lives in a unit complex which has a shared water meter. Birribee has calculated Mary's water usage charge based on her weekly rental charge.

Mary's rent is \$200 per week.
 $\$200 \times 5.5\% = \11

Mary's weekly water usage charge is \$11.
Mary pays \$11 to Birribee every week for water usage.



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