

Schedule of Rates & Charges 2025/26

Lower Burdekin Water is a Category 2 Water Authority under the Water Act 2000 Qld. Subsections (2), (4) and (5) of section 572 of the Act empowers LBW to make and levy on its customers and ratepayers charges and rates. The Act provides for charges to be made and levied on ratepayers land in the authority area in relation to a water service on a ratepayers irrigated agricultural land (see Area Based Charge below) and also provides for charges to be made and levied on a volumetric basis for water supplied (see Open Water Charges below).

Lower Burdekin Water does not guarantee the supply of water and all water supplied by Lower Burdekin Water is of a non-potable standard

Open Water Base Rate (GST free)

- Northern Division \$20.86 per megalitre
- Southern Division \$20.86 per megalitre

Open Water Excess Rate (GST free)

Northern and Southern Division \$17.84 per megalitre

Usage over and above the nominal water allowance as stated on the agreement, subject to any restrictions imposed by LBW in managing its water activities. This charge will be in addition to the respective open water base rate for each division.

Open Water River Base Rate (GST free)

Northern and Southern Division \$20.86 per megalitre

Charge for persons who have an agreement to pump Lower Burdekin Water allocation from the Burdekin River.

Infrastructure Levies – Southern Division Only (GST free)

- Inside Authority Area – Open Water \$2.56 per megalitre
- Area Rate \$4.94 per hectare

Water Supply Outside Authority Area (GST free)

- External Water Fixed \$52.25 per megalitre
- External Water Variable \$36.50 per megalitre

Non-Commercial Entities and Stock and Garden Supply (GST free)

Annual usage charge \$50.00 per annum

Commercial and Industrial Water Rate

(GST free) – charges associated with non-rated entities

Temporary Access \$56.92 per megalitre (*minimum charge 1 megalitre*)

For all temporary, non-rate paying entities that are granted approval to use LBW's Water Allocation Entitlement, supplied through LBW's infrastructure for non-irrigation purposes

Permanent Access – new developments requiring access to water will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and may be subject to contribution charges associated with LBW's existing infrastructure, existing water allocation entitlement, ongoing operations and maintenance costs, any new infrastructure and water allocation allowance required to service the development

Burdekin Shire Council \$37.88 per megalitre (GST free) for usage up to and including 5000 megalitres

Usage in excess of 5000ML per annum in the Northern Division the following charges apply:

Headworks upgrading	\$16.45 per megalitre
Purchase of allocation	\$48.78 per megalitre
Annual fixed charge	\$16.23 per megalitre
TOTAL =	\$81.46 per megalitre

Open Water Licence Fees (including GST)

Once-off charge upon approval of open water supply applications:

Up to and including a 50mm pump	\$110 (unmetered)
Up to and including a 50mm pump	\$2200 (metered)
>50mm and up to and including a 150mm pump	\$5000
>150mm pump	\$5500

These fees do not include the cost of installation materials.

WATER CHARGES

AREA BASED CHARGE

Calculation of Rates

Sugar Cane: charged on the basis of an assessable area

Other Crops: charged on the basis of the area under crop (eg corn, beans etc)

All growers are required to complete and return LBW's annual crop declaration, even if the area remains unchanged. Please refer to LBW's Rating Policy on LBW's website for more information on the rating process.

Rate per Hectare (GST free)

A contribution of one third of the annual rates for area on which sugar cane is grown, is made by Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited

Northern Division

Grower (other crops) \$154.32 per hectare

Grower (sugar crop) \$103.40 per hectare

Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd co-contribution \$50.92 per hectare

Southern Division

Grower (other crops) \$154.32 per hectare

Grower (sugar crop) \$103.40 per hectare

Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd co-contribution \$50.92 per hectare

Agricultural Developments

Within the Authority Area

New agricultural developments requiring access to open water will be assessed on a case-by-case basis on application and may be subject to contribution charges associated with LBW's:

- Existing infrastructure
- Existing water allocation allowance
- Ongoing operations and maintenance costs
- Any new infrastructure and water allocation entitlement required to service the development

Outside the Authority Area

Agricultural developments requiring access to water from within the LBW authority area will be assessed on a case-by-case basis on application and may be subject to contribution charges associated with LBW's:

- Existing infrastructure
- Water allocation allowance
- Ongoing operations and maintenance costs
- Any new infrastructure and water allocation allowance required to service the development.

Property Search Fees

\$55 per entity (GST inclusive)

Right to Information

Right to Information applications will be charged the following fees as per Section 5 (l) (b) of the Right to Information Regulation 2009:

- Administration charge per request – \$6.70 per 15 minutes or part thereof; and
- Standard application fee – \$43.35

Equipment Hire

Rates for specific plant and equipment are on a case-by-case basis and only applicable when performing scheduled capital and maintenance-based works on LBW infrastructure only.

Closed Pondage Pumping

Pumping from closed surface water pondage will be considered under the following criteria:

- sites over ten metres distance from the nearest edge of LBW's channel do not apply
- individual benefits shall be determined by LBW, test of time to demonstrate the benefit
- pump without rostering

Overdue Accounts

Simple interest is charged 60 days from invoice issue date on amounts owed. The rate of interest charged is 15%.

OTHER CHARGES