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2023-24 charges for water, wastewater and building application services fees for the IOT

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From 1 July 2023, there will be changes to water, wastewater and building application services fees for the Indian Ocean Territories, consistent with pricing for remote communities in Western Australia.

The following increases have been applied to the new water and wastewater service charges:

- 2.5% increase for residential charges
- 2.5% increase for non-residential charges (commercial)
- 2.5% average increase for miscellaneous fees and charges
- 12.5% increase in water flow reduction/restoration fees reflecting the cost of providing the service.

Full details about the 2023-24 charges can be found at:

- ***Christmas Island Utilities and Services (Water, Sewerage and Building Application Services Fees) Amendment (2023 Measures No. 1) Determination 2023*** [<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2023L00861>]
- ***Cocos (Keeling) Islands Utilities and Services (Water, Sewerage and Building Application Services Fees) Amendment (2023 Measures No. 1) Determination 2023*** [<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2023L00863>]

The Australian Government, through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, provides funding to Water Corporation to deliver water and wastewater services to Christmas Island (CI) and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI).

The fees for water, sewerage and building application services for 2023-24 were determined in consultation with Water Corporation. The fees charged on CI and CKI are currently less than the cost of providing water and wastewater services.

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