

## UTILITIES AND HOUSEHOLD FEES

Household fees and charges will increase by 2.0% or \$127.77 for the representative household. This is the lowest increase in household fees and charges in 13 years, but follows two budgets which contained very significant increases (4.8% or \$292 in 2018-19 and 7.7% or \$438 in 2017-18).

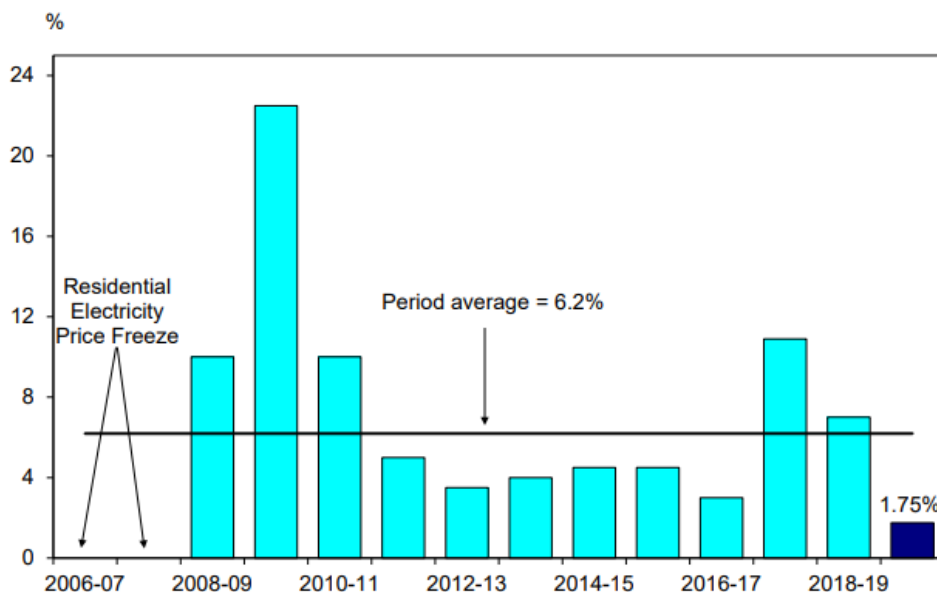
### ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE 'REPRESENTATIVE' HOUSEHOLD

	2018-19 \$ level	% change	\$ change	2019-20 \$ level
<b>Motor Vehicles <sup>(a)</sup></b>				
Vehicle licence charge	373.96	3.0	10.88	384.84
Recording fee	11.00	-6.4	-0.70	10.29
Drivers licence	88.10	-	-	88.10
Motor Injury Insurance (MII)	391.79	3.1	12.15	403.93
<i>Total</i>	<i>864.85</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>22.32</i>	<i>887.17</i>
<b>Utility Charges <sup>(b)</sup></b>				
Electricity <sup>(c)</sup>	1,759.81	1.75	30.81	1,790.62
Water, sewerage and drainage <sup>(d)(e)</sup>	1,733.95	2.5	43.39	1,777.34
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,493.76</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>74.20</i>	<i>3,567.96</i>
<b>Public Transport <sup>(f)</sup></b>				
Student fares <sup>(g)</sup>	280.00	-	-	280.00
Standard fares <sup>(h)</sup>	1,105.92	2.0	23.04	1,128.96
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,385.92</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>23.04</i>	<i>1,408.96</i>
<b>Emergency Services Levy (ESL) <sup>(e)</sup></b>	304.00	2.7	8.21	312.21
<b>Stamp Duty <sup>(i)</sup></b>				
Stamp duty on general insurance <sup>(i)</sup>	178.75	-	-	178.75
Stamp duty on MII	40.39	-	-	40.39
<i>Total</i>	<i>219.14</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>219.14</i>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6,267.67</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>127.77</b>	<b>6,395.44</b>

## ELECTRICITY AND WATER

- An increase of 1.75% to the residential A1/A2 tariff or \$30.81 for the representative household
- For Budget planning purposes, residential tariffs are assumed to increase by 2% in 2020-21, 2.5% in 2021-22 and 2.5% in 2022-23
- Residential electricity tariffs remain 5.5% below cost-reflective levels

### RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASES



- Community and charitable organisations are going to see an increase of 2.5% to their electricity tariff, followed by a further 2.5% in 2021-22
- Water consumption (fixed and variable), wastewater, and drainage tariffs all increase by 2.5% for metropolitan and country customers in 2019-20
- For the 'representative' household that pays a fixed service charge, consumes 240kL and owns and occupies a property that has an average gross rental value, this will result in an overall 2.5% increase

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Public transport fare changes from 1 July 2018 will include,

- a 2% increase to standard public transport fares (rounded to the nearest 10 cents)
- concession fares increasing from 42% to 43% of standard fares

There will be no changes to:

- the 70 cent school student fare
- SmartRider discounts, which will remain at 20% for Autoload and 10% for Other reload; and
- \$2 per day parking fee

Seniors, disability and age pensioner cardholders, and carers will continue to be eligible for free travel on weekdays before 6am, between 9.00am and 3.30pm, after 7pm, and anytime on weekends and public holidays.

## **MOTOR VEHICLES**

- Vehicle licence charge has increased by 3.0% or \$10.88
- Motor Injury Insurance by 3.1% or \$12.15
- Recording fees decreased by \$0.70 or 6.4%

This a total overall increase of 2.6% or \$22.32 for the representative household.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY**

The Emergency Services Levy is increasing by 2.7% or \$8.21 for the representative household in 2019-20.

## **CONCESSIONS**

Electricity concessions and rebates have been increased in line with residential tariff increases, including the Energy Assistance Payment (\$305 in 2019-20) and the Dependent Child Rebate (\$320.51 for the first child, \$83.44 for subsequent children).

## **CONSUMER ADVOCACY**

\$900K has been allocated over three years to support energy consumer advocacy. This includes funding to employ a dedicated advisor on energy consumer issues at the Public Utilities Office, and \$420K for consumer advocacy consultancies over three years.