**NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package**

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The NSW Government has announced details of its initiative to waive the fixed charge component cost of most Water Licences in rural and regional NSW.

As part of its Emergency Drought Relief Package, the NSW Government will provide financial assistance of up to $4,000 to all general security licenses (and supplementary water access licenses) in rural and regional NSW.

The rebate will apply to the fixed component of bills for general security licenses (and supplementary water access licenses) across surface and ground water systems, and to customers of Irrigation Corporation Districts (ICDs) for water entitlement costs incurred by customers of the ICDs (e.g. Government pass through costs such as WAMC & WaterNSW fixed entitlement charges).

High security licence holders for regulated river systems and government entities are not eligible for this rebate.

Customers don’t need to apply for this waiver - it will be automatically applied to their next bill notice. Groundwater and unregulated surface water customers with annual bills will receive the rebate on their next annual bill (for 2017/18), while regulated surface water customers on quarterly bills will receive a rebate on their next four quarterly bills.

More information on the NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package is available at:

- [Dept of Primary Industries (DPI) - NSW Emergency Drought Relief](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/nsw-emergency-drought-relief)