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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MINISTER OF WORKS, MR. CORCORAN.

WATER CHARGES.

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The price of water in South Australia has been increased by just over five cents a thousand gallons.

However, water rates in the Adelaide Hills and some country districts have been reduced.

The Minister of Works, Mr. Corcoran, said today the increase was expected to return about an extra \$2m. this year, after allowing for the rate reductions.

This would help off-set the loss on water supply which was about \$5.8m. last year.

"It is obvious from last weeks Premiers' conference that increased charges are our only alternative", he said.

Mr. Corcoran said the rate reduction for certain areas resulted from a rationalisation of the rating differential system, which in the past had led to anomalies.

In future one rate would apply for the metropolitan system and another for country districts.

Previously there had been three rates for both metropolitan and country.

Mr. Corcoran said all ratepayers supplied from the metropolitan system would pay a rate of 7.5 per cent of assessed annual value.

This included towns in the Adelaide Hills and Murray Bridge - Mannum areas which in the past had a differential ranging between 9.5 and 15 per cent.

All country districts would pay 9.5 per cent.

This had also previously varied between 9.5 and 15 per cent.

Mr. Corcoran said most ratepayers in the areas where the rate had been reduced would pay less than before.

But, how much less would depend on the amount of water used, and where revaluation notices had been received, the extent of revaluation.

Mr. Corcoran said the new price for both rebate and excess water was 45.46 cents per thousand gallons (the old price was 40 cents). However, future water billing would be in metrics at the rate of 10 cents per kilolitre (a kilolitre equals 220 gallons).

Mr. Corcoran said that the increase did not mean ratepayers would automatically face higher water bills.

The effect was that their water entitlement before going into excess would be lower than in the past.

The way to avoid a higher bill was not to go into excess.

Mr. Corcoran said the cost of supplying water throughout the State was continuing to rise, and was far in excess of the actual charge made.

The actual cost of supply was 11.4 cents per kilolitre for the metropolitan system and 28.3 cents per kilolitre for country areas.

The new price and rate reductions apply from July 1.

Attached is a list of districts where the rate has been reduced.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>OLD SCALE</u>	<u>NEW SCALE</u>
Appila	12%	9½%
Arthurton	12%	9½%
Auburn	12%	9½%
Beachport	12%	9½%
Belair	9½%	7½%
Birdwood	9½%	7½%
Blackwood	9½%	7½%
Booborowie	12%	9½%
Booleroo Centre	12%	9½%
Burdett	12%	7½%
Burra	12%	9½%
Chain of Ponds	9½%	7½%
Caltowie	12%	9½%
Cambria	12%	9½%
Clare	12%	9½%
Coobowie	12%	9½%
Coonalpyn	12%	9½%
Cudlee Creek	9½%	7½%
Curramulka	12%	9½%
Eden Valley	12%	7½%
Edithburg	12%	9½%
Farell Flat	12%	9½%
Gumeracha	9½%	7½%
Houghton	12%	7½%
Jamestown	12%	9½%
Karoonda	12%	9½%
Keith	12%	9½%
Kersbrook	12%	7½%
Kimba	10%	9½%
Kingscote	12%	9½%
Kingston S.E.	12%	9½%
Lameroo	12%	9½%
Laura	12%	9½%
Lenswood	15%	7½%
Lobethal	9½%	7½%
Lucindale	12%	9½%
Maitland	12%	9½%
Mannum	9½%	7½%
Maree	12%	9½%
Marrabel	15%	9½%
Melrose	12%	9½%
Meningie	12%	9½%
Millicent	12%	9½%
Minlaton	12%	9½%
Moculta	12%	9½%
Mt. Pleasant	12%	7½%

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	<u>OLD SCALE</u>	<u>NEW SCALE</u>
Murray Bridge	9½%	7½%
Myponga	9½%	7½%
Onkaparinga	12%	7½%
Oodnadatta	12%	9½%
Orroroo	12%	9½%
Palmer	9½%	7½%
Parilla	12%	9½%
Paringa	12%	9½%
Parndana	12%	9½%
Penola	12%	9½%
Peterborough	12%	9½%
Pine Point	12%	9½%
Pt. Turton	12%	9½%
Pt. Victoria	12%	9½%
Pt. Vincent	12%	9½%
Robe	12%	9½%
St. Kilda	12%	9½%
Sedan	12%	9½%
South Kilkerran	12%	9½%
Springton	12%	9½%
Stansbury	12%	9½%
Tintinara	12%	9½%
Truro	12%	9½%
Tungkillo	9½%	7½%
Warooka	12%	9½%
Whyalla	12%	9½%
Wirrabara	12%	9½%
Wool Bay	12%	9½%
Yongala	12%	9½%
Yorketown	12%	9½%