

SUPPLEMENT to the Solomon Islands GazetteFriday 8th September, 2023

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[Legal Notice No. 55]

SOLOMON ISLANDS WATER AUTHORITY ACT
(Cap. 130)**INCREASE OF TARIFF**

I, Hon. Bradley Tovosia, Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, and I, Hon. Harry Kuma, Minister for Finance and Treasury, under section 24(1) of the *Solomon Islands Water Authority Act* (Cap. 130) and with reference to section 26 of the *State Owned Enterprises Act 2007* (Act No. 7 of 2007), on the recommendation of the Authority fix the tariffs specified in the table as the tariffs for the services specified in column 2, effective on and from the following dates:

Tariffs effective from 1 September 2023 are set out in column 4

Tariffs effective from 1 January 2024 are set out in column 5

Tariffs effective from 1 January 2025 are set out in column 6

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Consumer Category	Service	Consumption (kL per month)	Current Tariff (\$/kL)	Tariff Effective 1 Sep 2023 (\$/kL)	Tariff Effective 1 Jan 2024 (\$/kL)	Tariff Effective 1 Jan 2025 (\$/kL)
Domestic	Water	0 to 15 kL	\$8.54	\$8.91	\$9.75	\$10.43
		15 to 30 kL	\$12.67	\$13.23	\$14.48	\$15.49
		Greater than 30 kL	\$14.73	\$15.38	\$16.84	\$18.01
	Waste water	0 to 15 kL	\$4.20	\$4.38	\$4.79	\$5.12
		15 to 30 kL	\$6.26	\$6.53	\$7.15	\$7.64
		Greater than 30 kL	\$7.28	\$7.60	\$8.31	\$8.89
Commercial	Water	0 to 15 kL	\$33.28	\$34.77	\$38.07	\$40.73
		15 to 30 kL	\$37.41	\$39.09	\$42.79	\$45.79
		Greater than 30 kL	\$41.54	\$43.41	\$47.52	\$50.85
	Waste water	0 to 15 kL	\$16.56	\$17.30	\$18.93	\$20.26
		15 to 30 kL	\$18.63	\$19.46	\$21.30	\$22.79
		Greater than 30 kL	\$20.69	\$21.62	\$23.66	\$25.31

Dated this thirty-first day of August 2023.

HON. BRADLEY TOVOSIA
MINISTER FOR MINES, ENERGY
AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

HON. HARRY KUMA
MINISTER FOR FINANCE
& TREASURY

[Legal Notice No. 56]

SOLOMON ISLANDS WATER AUTHORITY ACT
(Cap. 130)

INCREASE OF SERVICE CHARGES AND OTHER FEES

The Solomon Islands Water Authority, under regulation 3(3) of the *Solomon Islands Water Authority (Finance) Regulations* (Cap. 130), makes available for its customers the following information about the charges and fees specified in the table it is imposing for the services and other matters specified in column 2, effective on and from the following dates:

Charges and fees effective from 1 September 2023 are set out in column 4

Charges and fees effective from 1 January 2024 are set out in column 5

Charges and fees effective from 1 January 2025 are set out in column 6

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Consumer category	Service	Current Charge	Charge Effective 1 Sep 2023	Charge Effective 1 Jan 2024	Charge Effective 1 Jan 2025
Domestic	Water unmetered basic monthly charge (base 40kL)	\$465.00	\$485.00	\$530.00	\$566.00
	Water and waste water unmetered basic monthly charge (base 40kL)	\$695.00	\$724.00	\$790.00	\$843.00
	Monthly service standing charge	\$59.17	\$61.83	\$67.70	\$72.43
	Monthly service charge per kL (Cash Water)	\$2.57	\$2.68	\$2.93	\$3.13
	Service installation fee	\$1,370.00	\$1,431.00	\$1,566.00	\$1,675.00
	Service disconnection fee	\$104.00	\$108.00	\$118.00	\$126.00
	Service reconnection fee	\$104.00	\$108.00	\$118.00	\$126.00
	Service connection deposit	\$1,120.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,281.00	\$1,370.00
	Survey fee	\$140.00	\$146.00	\$159.00	\$170.00
	Standard waste water installation fee	\$8,590.00	\$8,976.00	\$9,828.00	\$10,515.00
	Waste water connection with new manhole required	\$12,500.00	\$13,062.00	\$14,302.00	\$15,303.00
	Water meter testing fee	\$253.00	\$264.00	\$289.00	\$309.00
	Plumbing and investigation fee	\$244.00	\$254.00	\$278.00	\$297.00
	Interest on overdue accounts charged per month	12% pa	12% pa	12% pa	12%pa
	Dishonoured cheque fees	2 x bank charges			
	Service amplified fee	Based on detailed assessment			

	Water and sewer service extension and relocation	Based on detailed assessment			
Commercial	Water unmetered basic monthly charge (base 46kL)	\$1,597.00	\$1,668.00	\$1,824.00	\$1,951.0
	Water and waste water unmetered basic monthly charge (base 46kL)	\$2,391.00	\$2,497.00	\$2,731.00	\$2,920.00
	Monthly service standing charge	\$76.02	\$79.44	\$86.98	\$93.06
	Service installation fee	\$2,120.00	\$2,215.40	\$2,425.86	\$2,595.67
	Service disconnection fee	\$208.00	\$217.00	\$237.00	\$253.00
	Service reconnection fee	\$208.00	\$217.00	\$237.00	\$253.00
	Service connection deposit	\$4,710.00	\$4,921.00	\$5,388.00	\$5,765.00
	Survey fee	\$208.00	\$217.00	\$237.00	\$253.00
	Waste water installation/new connection fee (may include new manhole)	Based on detailed assessment			
	Water meter testing fee	Based on detailed assessment			
	Plumbing and investigation fee	Based on detailed assessment			
	Interest on overdue accounts charged per month	12% pa	12% pa	12% pa	12% pa
	Dishonoured cheque fees	2 x bank charges			
	Service amplified fee	Based on detailed assessment			
	Water and sewer service extension and relocation	Based on detailed assessment			

This category applies to a property used exclusively for residential living purposes by a single family or for shared living up to a maximum of 8 bedrooms. Fees are based on total monthly consumption.

CONSUMER CATEGORY COMMERCIAL

This category applies to any consumer other than a Domestic consumer, including any of the following:

- (a) government agencies;
- (b) regional organisations;
- (c) health facilities, including hospitals and clinics;
- (d) educational or training institutions;
- (e) businesses;

- (f) religious organisations and churches;
- (g) non-governmental organisations;
- (h) any property used wholly or partly to run a business or generate revenue through trade;
- (i) any commercial property that incorporate a small residential dwelling (for example, dwelling above shop);
- (j) any apartment block or other residential housing complex where a single water supply is provided for entire property; and
- (k) metered standpipe or commercial water tanker operators.

OTHER

Cash water monthly charge per kL is based on average monthly consumption of 23 kL
Domestic and Commercial water charges include a catchment levy as follows:

Catchment levy from 1 July 2023 is 40 c/kL

Catchment levy from 1 January 2024 is 40 c/kL

Catchment levy from 1 January 2025 is 40 c/kL

Date this thirty-first day August 2023.

DONALD MARAHARE
CHAIRPERSON OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOLOMON ISLANDS WATER AUTHORITY

[Legal Notice No. 57]

WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT 1998
(No. 10 of 1998)

DECLARATION OF APPROVED PERSON

I, Josef Hurutarau, Acting Director for Environment and Conservation, under section 8 of the *Wildlife Protection and Management Act 1998* (Act No. 10 of 1998), having complied with regulation 9 of the *Wildlife Protection and Management Regulations 2008* (Legal Notice No. 78 of 2008), declare Maximus International Limited to be an approved person for the purposes of exporting Tubi Xanthostemon specimens, with effect for the period of 12 months commencing on and from the date this notice is published in the Gazette.

Date this seventh-day of September 2023.

JOSEF HURUTARAU
ACTING DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

[Legal Notice No. 58]

WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT 1998

(No. 10 of 1998)

DECLARATION OF APPROVED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

I, Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, by order under section 6 of the *Wildlife Protection and Management Act 1998* (No. 10 of 1998), having taken into account the matters specified in regulation 5 of the *Wildlife Protection and Management Regulations 2008* when determining whether to make this declaration:

- (a) declare the Tubi Xanthostemon harvesting and exporting Programme, a management programme proposed by Maximus International Limited to be an approved management programme for the purposes of the Act; and
- (b) state the following:
 - (i) specimens taken under the management programme must be taken from selected areas of plantation and natural forests on Binaboli land in Isabel Province agreed to by the Ministry of Forestry and Research and the Environment and Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and the provincial government of the Isabel Province, and clearly identified in the harvesting and management plan developed for the management programme, by felling and removing Tubi Xanthostemon using reduced impact logging techniques to ensure sustainable use of this natural resource, maintain the stocks of Tubi Xanthostemon, protect natural ecosystems and conserve biodiversity;
 - (ii) the management program area does not include any reserves, and activities under the program must not take place on areas outside the programme area;
 - (iii) the machinery and equipment used for the management programme must be limited to only that which is essential, all machinery and equipment that is used must be clean when they enter the management programme area, and existing infrastructures must be used to avoid or reduce clearance of new land for road construction and storage and transportation of felled timber.

Date this seventh-day of September 2023.

HON. STANLEY FESTUS SOFU
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE,
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND METEOROLOGY

PROTECTED AREAS ACT 2010

(No. 4 of 2010)

**DECLARATION OF PROTECTED AREA OF
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SIGNIFICANCE**

I, Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, on the recommendation of the Director, under section 10(1) of the *Protected Areas Act 2010*, declare that the Latitude coordinates in column 2 and the Longitude coordinates in column 3 in the Schedule describe the boundaries of KIRA FOREST BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AREA in East Are Are, Malaita Province, and that it is a protected area of biological diversity significance.

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
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Date this eight-day of September 2023.

HON. STANLEY FESTUS SOFU
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE,
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND METEOROLOGY
