

## Do I Have to Pay This?



# WATER & SEWERAGE CHARGES

Information for Tenants

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## THE BASICS

Here's the quick low down on water and sewerage bills:

- Water and sewerage bills should be sent to the landlord or agent **not** the tenant, as this service remains in the owner's name.
- The landlord/agent may **only** pass on the **metered** (water used) component of the bill to the tenant.
- The tenant is entitled to see a copy of the bill prior to paying the metered amount to the landlord.
- The metered component can only be passed on to the tenant if the meter is not shared with any other property
- The metered component can only be passed on to the tenant when that tenant(s) have been the only occupant during the billing period or the meter was read when there was a change of occupants.

Tenants are not responsible for the whole bill, even if the lease agreement says that they are. If tenants need advice on this issue contact the Tenant's Union.

Housing Tasmania tenants do not presently pay water and sewerage costs directly.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Tenants' Union of Tasmania Inc  
166 Macquarie Street Hobart  
☎ 6223 2641 or 1300 652 641  
[www.tutas.org.au](http://www.tutas.org.au)

Residential Tenancy Commissioner  
(Consumer Affairs & Fair Trading)  
☎ 1300 654 499

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