

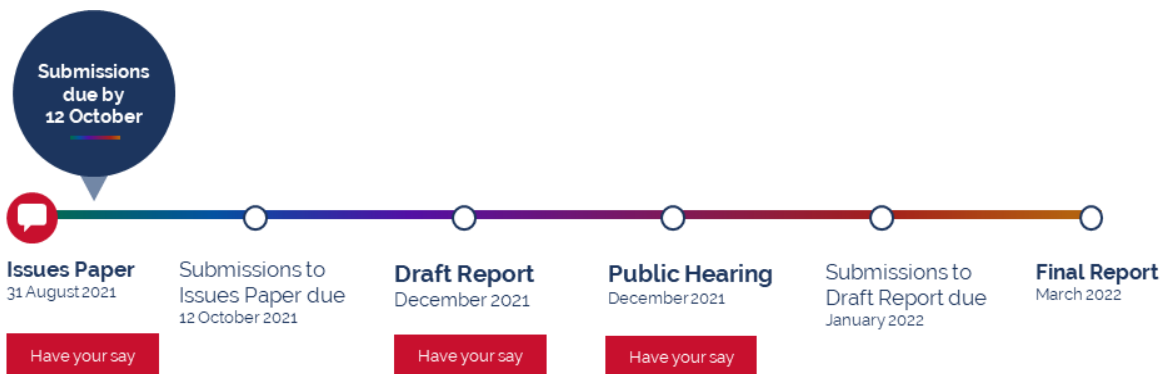


Review of Fire and Rescue NSW's fees and charges

31 August 2021

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) is reviewing Fire and Rescue NSW's fees and charges. Our review will recommend which of FRNSW's services should have user charges; and how FRNSW should recover the costs of providing those services. Our recommendations will inform a review of the *Fire Brigades Regulation 2014* (FB Regulation), and any new charges should apply from 1 September 2022.

This information paper provides an overview of our review and key issues we seek your comments on. Your views will inform our recommendations. Let us know what you think about the 5 steps we outline below or find more questions in the full [Issues Paper](#), by 12 October 2021.



Have your say

Your input is critical to our review process. [Submit feedback >](#)

You can get involved by making a submission, submitting feedback, or attending a public hearing in December.

IPART acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise the unique cultural and spiritual relationship and celebrate the contributions of First Nations peoples.

We are reviewing charges for some FRNSW services that have, or could have, separate charges

Services in this review 



Attending hazardous material incidents



Providing fire safety advice for building development such as reports, inspections, and other advisory services



Attending automatic fire alarms that are false alarms



Providing services to other government agencies



Any other FRNSW's services such as attending community events and reptile handling



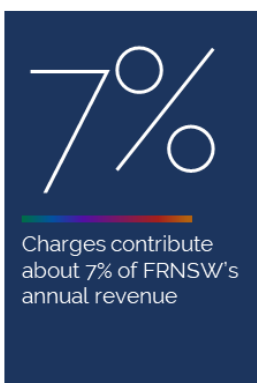
We are **not** reviewing funding for FRNSW's key tasks of:

- Attending fires in its fire districts
- Rescues
- Community education around fire safety

Emergency Service Levy (ESL) funds these services. We are not reviewing ESL.

FRNSW's charges have not changed for several years

FRNSW's charges have remained the same for several years – in fact, some charges have remained the same since 2006. FRNSW's operating costs have increased over time, so it is timely to review its charges.



Some charges have not changed since 2006

This review is timely to ensure charges reflect current efficient costs.



We take a principles-based approach to setting charges

We will balance principles such as cost-reflectivity, equity and simplicity.

New charges should protect the community and FRNSW

The Emergency Services Levy funds FRNSW's services in attending fires and undertaking rescues.

FRNSW is the only provider of most of its other services. It is important to protect consumers from monopoly power and ensure FRNSW can recover the efficient costs of providing its services. Where a particular group of individuals create the need for FRNSW's services, they should pay for those services.

We will take 5 steps to decide on charges for services that should have user charges

