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Your submission for this review:

It is disappointing that this review is narrowly focusing only on who will deliver a service and not on the core issue of what the service is and how it can be improved. My understanding is that the VG is responsible for providing regular updates on LAND values for the purpose of calculating Land Tax and providing LGAs data for calculation of Council rates. There is an urgent need to modernise and simplify this process to bring this into line with other Australian states and elsewhere by adopting a Commercial Improved Value system that is both fairer and easier to understand than the current land only system. I am also aware that the NSW government is right now investigating making changes to Fire and Emergency Services Levies on Insurances and one model presented was to base this on VG valuations. As the purpose of insurance is to protect improvements (homes and other buildings) and not the unimproved land there is another imperative for change in the process. I would urge IPART to broaden or extend the review to include a comprehensive investigation into the purpose and role of Valuer General.