

# Outline of Today's Information Session

*Water Industry Competition Act 2006*

September 2008

# Background on WIC Act

- ▼ A new licensing & access regime for private sector entrants into the water industry commenced on **8 August 2008** with the enactment of the WIC Act & its regulations
- ▼ Private corporations that wish to supply water or provide sewerage services must obtain a licence
- ▼ The Act is part of the NSW Government's strategy for a sustainable water future
- ▼ The Act aims to harness the innovation & investment potential of the private sector in the water & wastewater industries & to promote competition

# Key areas of WIC Act and Regulations

The Act establishes:

- ▼ a **licensing regime** for private sector entrants to ensure the continued protection of public health, consumers and the environment
- ▼ an **access regime** to ensure that certain monopoly infrastructure services are available to persons seeking access to them
- ▼ binding arbitration of **sewer mining** disputes, where service provider has lodged a notice with IPART indicating willingness to allow disputes to be referred for arbitration

# Regulations

- ▼ There are two Regulations under the Act:
- ▼ General Regulation
  - ▼ matters that must be addressed in licence applications
  - ▼ standard licence conditions
  - ▼ register of licences
  - ▼ RoLR provisions
  - ▼ establishes various Codes
- ▼ Access Regulation
  - ▼ provides for coverage declarations, access undertakings and access determinations

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Today's session will provide:

1. Overview of the licensing regime
  - ▼ Who can apply for a licence and how?
  - ▼ When is a licence required, when is it not?
  - ▼ What approvals are required for commissioning of new infrastructure?
  - ▼ What sort of licence conditions may apply?
  - ▼ How will the new licence compliance regime work?
2. Overview of the access regime
3. Overview of IPART's new web pages on the WIC Act

# Agenda

Item	Time	Topic
1	9:30am	Purpose of this Session
2	9:40am	Overview of licensing regime
3	10:20am	How to apply for a licence
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
4	11:30am	Licence conditions and compliance
5	12:00pm	Overview of access regime
6	12:20pm	Website presentation
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>