

IPART'S 2008 SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICITY, WATER AND GAS USE

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales (IPART) has commissioned McLennan Magasanik Associates and McNair Ingenuity Research to conduct a survey of households in the Central Coast and Hunter Valley areas. The aim of the survey is to gather information on electricity, water and gas use, as well as information on the number of people who live in the household and their characteristics.

Interviewers from McNair Ingenuity will be in your area in March and April, and may approach your household to ask you to participate in this survey. The survey will take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete, and all information provided will be strictly confidential.

The results from this survey will be used by IPART to assess the effects on households of proposed price changes for electricity, water and gas. In order to do this, it is important to have a good understanding of customer characteristics and behaviour from the widest possible sample of households.

IPART CEO Jim Cox said: "All households are urged to take part in this survey, as the information will be used to define important patterns of household behaviour and energy and water use, allowing IPART to make fair and balanced decisions about prices."

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