



INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

**Review of ActewAGL
natural gas miscellaneous charges
in the Shoalhaven local government area (Ref: 01/476)**

Invitation for Submissions

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (Tribunal) has received a proposal from ActewAGL Retail to vary its natural gas miscellaneous charges applying to residential and business customers in the Shoalhaven local government area from 1 July 2003. The customers affected are those using less than 1 TJ of natural gas per annum (equivalent to an annual gas bill of up to about \$12,500).

ActewAGL proposes to introduce some new charges for miscellaneous services and to increase and decrease their existing charges. Miscellaneous charges cover services such as initial connections and disconnections, and fees for late payment, security deposits, and dishonoured payment. New charges proposed include: \$23.10 for dishonoured payment, \$53.90 for high bill field visit, and \$100.00 for security deposit (GST inclusive).

A copy of ActewAGL's proposal, including a schedule of existing and proposed miscellaneous charges, is available from the Tribunal's website (www.ipart.nsw.gov.au) under Gas, or by contacting Andrew Hall on (02) 9290 8435 or by email at andrew_hall@ipart.nsw.gov.au.

The Tribunal invites submissions on this proposal.

Submissions must be **received no later than 5:00pm on Friday 9 May 2003**. They should be marked "ActewAGL Shoalhaven Natural Gas Miscellaneous Charges" and may be mailed to the address below and/or emailed to ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au. Unless marked "Confidential", submissions will be made publicly available from the Tribunal's office or on its website.

Any inquiries regarding this matter may be directed to Deborah Walker by phone (02) 9290-8450 or email deborah_walker@ipart.nsw.gov.au

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