

31 August 2018

Discovery Point Water Pty Ltd

IPART has taken action in relation to Discovery Point Water Pty Ltd (**DPW**) for contravening the *Water Industry Competition (General) Regulation 2008* (**WIC Reg**). DPW is a licensed network operator under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (**WIC Act**).

Monetary penalty

On 27 July 2018 IPART issued an order to DPW, imposing a \$20,000 penalty for failing to immediately notify the proper authorities of a water quality incident. Licensees under the WIC Act are required to immediately notify authorities of such incidents under Schedule 1, Clause 1(2) of the WIC Reg.

DPW paid the penalty on 22 August 2018.

Requirement to review and update risk register

DPW was also ordered to review and update its risk register within 28 days.

DPW advised on 24 August 2018 that it has reviewed and updated the risk register that forms a part of its water quality plan.

Compliance and Enforcement

IPART administers licences for private water utilities under the WIC Act and monitors compliance to protect public health, consumers and the environment.

For those private water utilities, IPART undertakes regular audits to monitor compliance with their licence conditions.

Monetary penalties and orders requiring specified remedial action are amongst the tools IPART can use to enforce compliance.

Further information about IPART's approach to compliance and regulation can be found in the <u>IPART Compliance and Enforcement Policy</u>.