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WHAT

A WICA Application, is an application made for a licence under the Water Industry Competition Act, 2006 (the Act).

Applications may be for a new network operator's licence or retail supplier's licence or a variation to an existing licence. Licenses authorise the holder to construct, maintain or operate water industry infrastructure for a certain purpose or to supply water or sewerage services.



WHY

Stakeholder submissions are an important step in our process. Information provided by stakeholders allow IPART and the Minister to consider the range of views in determining an application and help shape the conditions which may be applied.



WHO

An application can only be made by a corporation. **Applicants** are required to lodge an application with IPART.

IPART is required to invite submissions from certain stakeholders including the public. After considering the application and any submissions, IPART must provide recommendations to the Minister on whether or not a licence should be granted and the conditions (if any).

The Minister for Energy and Utilities determines the application by granting a licence or refusing an application and

providing a notice of the decision, including reasons for the decision.



HOW

Licensing [principles](#) and [criteria](#) outlined in the Act are considered when determining an application.

We address each of these considerations in our report to the Minister. Our report also summarises stakeholder submissions. Our report to the Minister is made public on our website at the conclusion of the review.



WHEN

Consultation periods are normally six weeks long. The application normally takes a number of months to assess.



WHAT NEXT

Look at our website to see when the submissions period for a current application closes.

Tell us which of the licensing principles or criteria you think are relevant to your submission.

Submissions can be made directly through our website, or you can send a letter in the mail.

Submissions can be made publically, confidentially or anonymously. Public submissions are available on our website after the submission period closes.