

19 December 2017



## WHAT

IPART has released our Compliance and Enforcement Policy.

The policy sets our:

- ▼ Principles of compliance and enforcement.
- ▼ Risk-based regulatory model.
- ▼ Compliance approach.
- ▼ Enforcement action decision-making framework.

In our risk-based approach to holding regulated entities to account we aim to make the best use of our own resources, and at the same time avoid imposing excessive costs on regulated entities, which could increase prices for customers and consumers.



## WHY

Previously we applied a variety of compliance and enforcement policies and strategies across IPART. These were generally focused on the processes related to compliance, and in particular how we monitor compliance of regulated entities.

While these documents were based on sound principles of regulation, we did not have an overarching IPART compliance and enforcement policy that articulated these principles.



## WHO

The policy is applicable to all of IPART's regulatory compliance functions and regulated entities, including water licensing (public water utilities and WIC Act licensees), energy networks, rail access, and the Energy Savings Scheme, as well as water and transport pricing where we are responsible for compliance.



## HOW

We consulted with stakeholders by releasing a draft policy for comment before releasing our final IPART Compliance and Enforcement Policy.

We received eight submissions. The submissions were generally supportive of our policy and the approach we are taking.

We considered all stakeholder feedback before finalising the policy, making changes including clarifying our role as a regulator, and our risk-based approach to compliance and enforcement.



## WHAT NEXT

Our Compliance and Enforcement Policy will take effect from 19 December 2017, and may be updated from time to time.

In 2018, we intend to review some of our existing processes, procedures and guidelines related to compliance and enforcement. We will continue to consult with stakeholders as we update and improve our sector specific documents.