

Review of developer charges and backlog sewerage charges for metro water utilities

24 October 2017



WHAT

IPART is reviewing the methodology for determining water, sewerage and stormwater developer charges and backlog sewerage charges for Sydney Water, Hunter Water and the Central Coast Council.

The review excludes developer charges for recycled water.



WHY

IPART last determined Sydney Water's and Hunter Water's developer charges in 2000. In 2008, the NSW Government set developer charges for Sydney Water and Hunter Water to zero.

We are reviewing this 2000 Determination at the same time we review the Central Coast Council's developer charges determination (see below) as a 'housekeeping' measure, to ensure these determinations are consistent and up to date.

IPART last determined the Central Coast Council's water, sewerage and stormwater developer charges in 2013. Unlike for Sydney Water and Hunter Water, this determination is still being applied.

We last set the backlog sewerage charges methodology in 1997 for Sydney Water, Hunter Water and the Central Coast, and updated it in 2006 for the former Gosford City Council.



HOW

Our Issues Paper summarises the key issues with the methodologies and provisions set out in the determinations.

We seek stakeholder comments on the issues and questions raised in our Issues Paper.

We will hold a public hearing, and then release draft and final reports and determination(s).



WHEN

Key dates for this review

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| 24 Oct 2017 | Release Issues Paper |
| 11 Dec 2017 | Utilities' submissions due |
| 22 Jan 2018 | Receive public submissions |
| 6 March 2018 | Public hearing |
| June 2018 | Release Draft Report and Determination(s) |
| July 2018 | Receive submissions to Draft Report and Determination(s) |
| Sep 2018 | Release Final Report and Determination(s) |



WHAT NEXT

Water utilities will respond to our Issues Paper by **11 December 2017**.

Public submissions on the Issues Paper and the utilities' submissions are due by **22 January 2018**.

We prefer submissions via our online form. You can also send comments by mail to:

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Unless identified as confidential, we plan to publish all submissions on our website soon after the closing date.