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WHAT

IPART is reviewing the framework for sharing the efficient costs of rural bulk water services (WaterNSW's rural services) and water management services (WAMC's services) between water customers and the NSW Government.

WHY

During the 2016-17 review of WaterNSW's rural prices, we committed to reviewing the current cost share framework.

WHO

During this review we will engage with a range of stakeholders, including:

- ▼ customers of WaterNSW and WAMC, and their representative bodies
- ▼ the NSW Department of Industry and the Natural Resources Access Regulator
- ▼ WaterNSW, and
- ▼ other interested stakeholders.

HOW

The Issues Paper sets out the following:

- ▼ our cost sharing principles and objectives
- ▼ an overview of our plan to review the current activity-based approach, and

- ▼ an outline of our proposal to move to a service-based approach, if the benefits are likely to exceed the costs.

WHEN

Key dates for this review

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| 24 Apr 2018 | Release Issues Paper |
| 5 Jun 2018 | Submissions to Issues Paper due |
| May-Sep 2018 | Consultation |
| 16 Oct 2018 | Release Draft Report |
| Oct-Nov 2018 | Stakeholder workshops |
| 27 Nov 2018 | Submissions to Draft Report due |
| Early Feb 2019 | Release Final Report |

We will publish a Final Report on the cost share framework in February 2019, which will inform our 2020 WAMC and 2021 WaterNSW - Rural price reviews.

WHAT NEXT

Submissions on the Issues Paper are due by **5 June 2018**.

We prefer submissions via our online form, which is available on our webpage www.ipart.nsw.gov.au. 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.