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IPART is undertaking an Annual Review of the regulated charges that WaterNSW can charge for its rural bulk water services in the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) and the Fish River Water Supply Scheme (FRWS) set under the *Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 (WCIR)*, for the 2018-19 financial year.

IPART's draft decision is to leave regulated charges for 2018-19 unchanged from those specified in its determination of WaterNSW's prices for rural bulk water services from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021 (**2017 Determination**).



WHY

The WCIR requires WaterNSW to submit an annual pricing application for IPART's approval or determination of prices for 2018-19. The Annual Review provides an opportunity to vary charges for 2018-19, which were originally set in the 2017 Determination - if such a variation is reasonably necessary, having regard to changes in demand and consumption forecasts and price stability.



WHO

WaterNSW delivers bulk water to irrigators and other licence holders on regulated rivers across NSW. It operates 42 large dams and weirs, and infrastructure to deliver water to around 6,300 customers.



WHEN

Key dates for this review

14 May 2018	Receive all submissions to the Draft Report
5 June 2018	Release Final Report and Final Determination

We will publish a Final Determination and Final Report on the Annual Review, which will include regulated charges to apply from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.



WHERE

This review applies to nine of the MDB valleys, and rural customers for both filtered and raw water in the FRWS. It does not affect WaterNSW's North Coast, South Coast and Hunter Valley customers, for which prices are set under the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992 (NSW)*.



WHAT NEXT

Submissions on the Draft Report are due by **14 May 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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