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WHAT

IPART has undertaken 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 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**). Charges for 2018-19 will only increase by inflation.



WHY

The WCIR require WaterNSW to submit an annual pricing application for IPART's approval or determination of prices for 2018-19. The Annual Review provided an opportunity to vary charges for 2018-19, which were originally set in the 2017 Determination - if such a variation was 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 dams and weirs and infrastructure to deliver water to around 6,300 customers.



WHEN

The Final Determination and Final Report on the Annual Review include regulated charges to apply from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.



WHERE

This review applies to nine 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

IPART will commence the next Annual Review for 2019-20 in April 2019. This will provide an opportunity to update charges to apply from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.