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The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) today released its draft determination on the prices charged by the Department of Primary Industries Water (DPI Water), for the monopoly water management services it delivers on behalf of the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC).

The following tables summarises IPART's draft prices. All figures are presented in 2015-16 dollars (ie, they do not include the effects of inflation) between 2016-17 and 2019-20.

For more information, please see our Draft Report on our website:  
[www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water)

## 1 Prices for regulated rivers

### Minimum annual charge

**Table 1 IPART's draft minimum annual charge (\$2015-16)**

	Current	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Minimum annual charge	105.34	150	167	184	200

### Entitlement prices

**Table 2 Regulated river prices – fixed component of 2-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	2.32	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	-8%	5%
Gwydir	1.37	1.39	1.44	1.48	1.52	11%	10%
Namoi	2.75	2.57	2.57	2.57	2.57	-7%	5%
Peel	2.33	2.26	2.34	2.42	2.50	7%	4%
Lachlan	1.86	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	-28%	-16%
Macquarie	1.98	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	-19%	-12%
Murray	1.50	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	-4%	5%
Murrumbidgee	1.23	1.22	1.26	1.29	1.32	8%	7%
North Coast	5.58	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.71	-33%	-28%
Hunter	2.73	2.69	2.77	2.85	2.92	7%	6%
South Coast	5.00	3.14	3.14	3.14	3.14	-37%	-31%

## Water take prices

**Table 3 Regulated rivers prices - water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licences (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of water take)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	1.79	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	-7%	6%
Gwydir	1.26	1.20	1.24	1.27	1.31	4%	2%
Namoi	1.88	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	-8%	3%
Peel	3.71	4.01	4.16	4.31	4.45	20%	17%
Lachlan	2.14	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	-16%	-2%
Macquarie	1.90	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	-9%	-1%
Murray	0.97	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	7%	15%
Murrumbidgee	0.79	0.81	0.83	0.85	0.88	11%	10%
North Coast	5.54	5.73	5.73	5.73	5.73	3%	7%
Hunter	1.75	1.84	1.89	1.94	2.00	14%	13%
South Coast	5.61	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	-11%	-3%

## Entitlement prices (with floodplain harvesting)

**Table 4 Regulated river prices with FPH – fixed component of 2-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	2.32	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	-8%	5%
Gwydir	1.37	1.39	1.44	1.48	1.52	11%	10%
Namoi	2.75	2.57	2.57	2.57	2.57	-7%	5%
Macquarie	1.98	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	-19%	-12%

## Water take prices (with floodplain harvesting)

**Table 5 Regulated river prices with FPH - water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licences (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of water take)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	1.79	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	-27%	-3%
Gwydir	1.26	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-21%	-2%
Namoi	1.88	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	-29%	-5%
Macquarie	1.90	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	-18%	-4%

## 2 Prices for Unregulated Rivers

### Minimum annual charge

**Table 6 IPART's draft minimum annual charge (\$2015-16)**

	Current	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Minimum annual charge	105.34	150	167	184	200

### Entitlement prices – fixed component of 2-part tariff

**Table 7 Unregulated river prices - fixed component of 2-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	3.73	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	-42%	-39%
Gwydir	3.73	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	-42%	-39%
Namoi	3.73	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	-42%	-39%
Peel	3.73	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	-42%	-39%
Lachlan	5.87	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52	-57%	-55%
Macquarie	5.87	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52	-57%	-55%
Far West	4.67	3.87	3.87	3.87	3.87	-17%	-10%
Murray	6.77	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	-63%	-61%
Murrumbidgee	8.30	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.06	-63%	-61%
North Coast	7.00	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.29	-39%	-34%
Hunter	2.30	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	-47%	-41%
South Coast	2.26	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	-27%	0%

### Water take prices - water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licenses

**Table 8 Unregulated river prices - water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licences (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of water take)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	1.60	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	44%	52%
Gwydir	1.60	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	44%	52%
Namoi	1.60	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	44%	52%
Peel	1.60	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	44%	52%
Lachlan	2.52	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	8%	13%
Macquarie	2.52	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	8%	13%
Far West	2.00	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	19%	29%
Murray	2.91	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	36%	44%
Murrumbidgee	3.55	5.44	5.44	5.44	5.44	53%	61%
North Coast	3.00	4.61	4.61	4.61	4.61	54%	65%
Hunter	2.17	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	-9%	1%
South Coast	1.48	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	-6%	27%

**Entitlement prices – fixed prices for 1-part tariff****Table 9 Unregulated river prices – fixed charges for 1-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Border	5.34	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	-16%	-12%
Gwydir	5.34	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	-16%	-12%
Namoi	5.34	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	-16%	-12%
Peel	5.34	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	-16%	-12%
Lachlan	8.39	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	-37%	-35%
Macquarie	8.39	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	-37%	-35%
Far West	6.67	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	-6%	2%
Murray	9.67	6.42	6.42	6.42	6.42	-34%	-30%
Murrumbidgee	11.85	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	-28%	-24%
North Coast	10.01	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	-11%	-4%
Hunter	4.48	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	-29%	-21%
South Coast	3.74	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	-19%	11%

**Special price for WaterNSW****Table 10 Special price for WaterNSW on entitlement (\$2015-16)**

	Price (\$/ML of entitlement)				Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
South Coast	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	na	na

**Note:** WaterNSW unregulated licences are subject to a special price that reflects MWP costs. The charge is payable in addition to the standard entitlement charges for South Coast unregulated rivers.

**Entitlement prices – fixed component of 2-part tariff (with floodplain harvesting)****Table 11 Unregulated river prices with FPH - fixed component of 2-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Far West	4.67	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	-14%	-10%

## Water take prices - water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licenses (with floodplain harvesting)

**Table 12 Unregulated river prices with FPH - water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licences (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of water take)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Far West	2.00	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	-5%	9%

## Entitlement prices - fixed prices for 1-part tariff (with floodplain harvesting)

**Table 13 Unregulated river prices with FPH – fixed charges for 1-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Far West	6.67	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	-12%	-4%

## 3 Prices for Groundwater Sources

### Minimum annual charge

**Table 14 IPART's draft minimum annual charge (\$2015-16)**

	Current	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Minimum annual charge	105.34	150	167	184	200

### Entitlement prices – fixed component of 2-part tariff

**Table 15 Groundwater prices – fixed component of 2-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Inland <sup>a</sup>	4.86	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61	-26%	-18%
Murrumbidgee	2.47	2.13	2.22	2.31	2.40	-3%	-7%
Coastal	4.07	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	-59%	-55%

<sup>a</sup> Excluding Murrumbidgee.

**Water take prices – water take component of 2-part tariff****Table 16 Groundwater prices – water take component of 2-part tariff and water take only licences (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of water take)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Inland <sup>a</sup>	2.09	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	40%	55%
Murrumbidgee	1.07	1.72	1.79	1.87	1.94	81%	73%
Coastal	1.85	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	66%	84%

<sup>a</sup> Excluding Murrumbidgee.**Entitlement prices - fixed charges for 1-part tariff****Table 17 Groundwater prices – fixed charges for 1-part tariff (\$2015-16)**

	Draft Price (\$/ML of entitlement)					Change 2015-16 to 2019-20	
	2015-16 (Current)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	IPART	DPI Water proposed
Inland <sup>a</sup>	6.95	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54	-6%	4%
Murrumbidgee	3.53	3.85	4.01	4.18	4.34	23%	17%
Coastal	5.92	4.73	4.73	4.73	4.73	-20%	-11%

<sup>a</sup> Excluding Murrumbidgee.**4 Meter service and reading charges****Meter service charges****Table 18 Draft decision on meter service charges (\$2015-16)**

Meter size (mm)	Telemetered or agency read sites (annual charge per site)	Non-telemetered sites with customer reading and reporting (annual charge per site)
50-300	481	378
350-700	500	392
750-1000	544	426

**Water take reading/assessment charges and ancillary service charges****Table 19 Draft decision on water take reading/assessment charges and ancillary service charges (\$2015-16)**

Ancillary Service	Charge
Water take reading/assessment charge	\$193.76
Meter laboratory verification at request of customer (refundable if meter is tested to be outside the accuracy standard)	\$1,751.40
Meter in-situ validation charge – where a meter is moved or disturbed	\$240.00
Meter reset fee after suspension of maintenance for a year or more, at customer request	\$240.00 plus cost of parts

## 5 Consent transactions charges

**Table 20 Draft decision on consent transactions charges (\$2015-16)**

Consent transaction activity	Charge per transaction	
	No online lodgement	Online lodgement
<b>Any new water access licence</b>		
Zero share	322.47	288.71
Controlled allocation	322.47	288.71
Other	322.47	288.71
<b>Water access licence dealings</b>		
Dealings – regulated rivers	347.93	315.66
Dealings – unregulated rivers and groundwater	1,044.87	1,011.11
Dealings – unregulated rivers and groundwater with low risk	492.20	459.94
Dealings – administrative	237.61	203.85
<b>Water allocation assignments</b>		
Unregulated rivers and groundwater	347.93	315.66
<b>Approvals</b>		
New or amended works and/or use approval	1,924.63	1,890.87
New or amended works and/or use approval – low risk	1,040.36	1,006.60
New basic rights bore approval	398.06	364.30
Amended approval – administrative	237.61	203.85
Extension of approval – lodged before expiry date	240.55	206.79
Extension of approval – lodged after expiry date	400.92	na