

## FACT SHEET

# IPART's 2015 review of State Water's prices for the coastal valleys and some Fish River customers

### **Murray Darling Basin valleys will transfer to the ACCC for pricing regulation**

Pricing regulation of State Water's monopoly services in the Murray-Darling Basin valleys will transfer to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from 1 July 2014.

The ACCC's review of State Water's charges will commence when State Water lodges its pricing application with the ACCC in 2013. Information about the review will be available on the ACCC's website at [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au)

### **IPART will continue to regulate prices for some State Water customers**

IPART will continue to regulate prices for State Water's monopoly services in the 3 coastal valleys (North Coast, Hunter and South Coast) and for some customers of the Fish River Scheme (Lithgow and Oberon Councils and the Sydney Catchment Authority).

We will commence our review of the State Water prices that we regulate in mid 2014.

In the meantime, for coastal valley and relevant Fish River customers, prices will remain unchanged from 1 July 2013 until we make a new determination of prices, which we expect will be from 1 July 2015.

### **Have your say about State Water's prices that IPART regulates**

Stakeholders may make submissions regarding the valleys and services that IPART regulates on the IPART website, from the date that State Water lodges its pricing application with the ACCC in 2013. We will consider these submissions when we commence our price review in mid 2014.

You may provide comments via our online submission form:

[http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/For\\_Consumers/Having\\_your\\_say/Lodge\\_a\\_submission](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/For_Consumers/Having_your_say/Lodge_a_submission)

You can also send comments by mail to:

**Water Pricing – State Water**  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
PO Box Q290  
QVB Post Office NSW 1230

Our normal practice is to make submissions publicly available on our website <http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au>

If you would like further information on making a submission, IPART's submission policy is available on our website, as well as at the front of the Issues Paper for any price review.

### **What happens next?**

We will commence our review of the State Water prices that we regulate in mid 2014, with the release of an Issues Paper.

In addition to the Issues Paper, our review will include a Public Hearing, a Draft Report and a Final Report. We will publicise the timing of the review steps in our Issues Paper.

We intend to use information from the ACCC's review for input to our regulatory decisions, and thereby minimise regulatory costs for stakeholders and IPART. We will provide information on our approach in our Issues Paper.

After we have released our Issues Paper, we will call for submissions. Where stakeholders have previously made submissions, those stakeholders may choose to make a supplementary submission to our review.

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