



## WHAT

The Sydney Desalination Plant (SDP) is a key element in greater Sydney's water security plan. IPART has published its [Draft Report](#) and [Draft Determination](#) on the prices SDP could charge from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022 (2017 determination period).

Our draft prices mean the annual cost of SDP would decrease for a typical Sydney Water customer. For 2017-18, when the plant is expected to be shutdown, customers would pay \$86.87, down from \$96.78 in 2016-17. If the plant is called into operation, customers would pay \$124.76 in 2017-18, down from \$134.75 in 2016-17.



## WHY

Our draft prices reflect efficiencies in operating expenditure over the draft determination period. Our draft prices ensure customers pay no more than is necessary for the services they need.



## HOW

In making our draft pricing decisions, we have complied with our [Terms of Reference](#). We have also followed IPART's established price review process.

As part of our review process, we have undertaken an extensive investigation and public consultation.

We released an Issues Paper in August 2016 for public consultation. We also held a Public Hearing in December 2016.

We engaged [consultants](#) to review SDP's capital and operating expenditure. We then set prices to raise the revenue SDP requires to recover its prudent and efficient costs, when it is operating or shutdown.



## WHEN

The key dates for this review are:

- ▼ 18 April 2017 - Submissions due on Draft Report and Draft Determination.
- ▼ June 2017 – IPART releases Final Report and Determination.
- ▼ 1 July 2017 – New prices take effect.



## WHAT NEXT

We are seeking your views on our draft decisions by 18 April 2017. We prefer submissions via our online form. You can also send comments by fax to (02) 9290 2061 or by mail to:

### Review of prices for SDP

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Unless they are identified as confidential, we plan to put all submissions on our website soon after the closing date.