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Mr Andrew George  
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Dear Andrew

**Determination period for our 2021 Determination of Water NSW's rural bulk water prices**

We are currently reviewing the maximum prices Water NSW can charge for its rural bulk water services from 1 July 2021. I am writing to inform you that the Tribunal has decided to set those prices for a period of four years, from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2025. This decision applies to both:


- ▼ the regulatory period under the *Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010* (Cth), and
- ▼ the determination period under the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992*.

The Tribunal carefully considered your proposal to set prices for one year from 1 July 2021. However, weighing all circumstances and stakeholder submissions, it decided on balance that a determination period of four years was likely to deliver the best outcome for stakeholders.

We have made this decision as early as possible to remove the uncertainty that this issue caused for Water NSW. We hope this advanced notice allows you and your team to plan for 2021 and beyond with more confidence.

IPART's contact officer for this matter is Matthew Mansell, Director Water, contactable on (02) 9113 7770.

Yours sincerely



Liz Livingstone  
Chief Executive Officer  
Signed by: Liz Livingstone