



**Department of  
Primary Industries**  
Office of Water



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Dear Mr Cox

I am writing to seek a 12 month extension of the current pricing determination for the water management charges and transaction fees for the NSW Office of Water.

Under the current schedule, the Office of Water's pricing submission for the next determination is due to IPART in September 2013. However, for several reasons, the Office is not expected to be in a position to provide the submission by that time.

Among the reasons, the Office is undergoing a restructuring in line with its incorporation into the broader Trade and Investment cluster, and a new Department wide financial system has been introduced, which will need modification to generate the costing information required by the Office to prepare its pricing submission.

Further, the NSW Government, through the Office of Water, is continuing to negotiate the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, including the quantum and distribution of Commonwealth funding to the NSW Government. It is expected that the outcomes of the negotiations will be a consideration in the determination of the next pricing determination.

I look forward to your favourable consideration of this request and await your further advice.

Yours sincerely

**David Harriss**  
Commissioner, NSW Office of Water