

Media Release

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REVIEW OF BROKEN HILL WATER AND SEWERAGE PRICES UNDERWAY

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) today met with the Mayor of Broken Hill City Council as part of its price review of Essential Energy's water and sewerage business in Broken Hill.

IPART will determine the prices that WaterNSW can charge Essential Energy for water delivered by the proposed Murray River to Broken Hill pipeline. IPART will then examine what customers in Broken Hill should pay for Essential Energy's water and sewerage services, including for the pipeline, from 1 July 2019.

"IPART's 2019 review of Essential Energy's water prices in Broken Hill will consider a range of matters, including the efficient costs of delivering services, affordability and bill impacts," Dr Boxall said.

Both reviews will formally commence with pricing proposals provided by Essential Energy and WaterNSW in June 2018. These will be available on IPART's website.

IPART's price reviews will include consultation with stakeholders and the community through public hearings and written submissions in response to its Issues Papers and Draft Reports. IPART will release its Issues Papers in September 2018, with public hearings to be held in Broken Hill in November 2018.

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