

Media Release

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Review of developer charges and backlog sewerage charges

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is reviewing the methodology for setting developer charges for metropolitan water agencies.

Developer charges are upfront charges which water utilities levy on developers to recover the costs of providing water, wastewater and/or stormwater infrastructure to new developments.

The review will update the methodology used to determine these charges, but will not impact the existing NSW Government decision to set these charges at zero for Sydney Water and Hunter Water.

IPART is reviewing the methodologies relating to the following determinations in one review to ensure they remain appropriate, consistent and up to date:

- ▼ IPART, Developer Charges – Determination No. 9, 2000
- ▼ IPART, Developer Charges – Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council – Determination No. 1, 2013
- ▼ IPART, Pricing of Backlog Sewerage Services – Determinations No. 4.1 and 4.2, 1997
- ▼ IPART, Pricing of Backlog Sewerage Services – Gosford City Council – Determination No. 1, 2006

Feedback from developers, industry representatives and members of the community is being sought on the existing methodologies, parameters and procedural provisions.

IPART has released an Issues Paper highlighting key issues for comment by 22 January 2018.

The water utilities will submit their submissions by 11 December 2017, which will be placed on IPART's website for stakeholder and public comment.