

GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL AND WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL WATER AND SEWERAGE PRICE REVIEWS DEFERRED

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The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has agreed to requests from both councils to defer scheduled price reviews for 12 months due to the uncertainty surrounding a decision on, and the timing of, a proposed merger between Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council.

IPART Chairman Dr Peter Boxall said the reviews of prices for the water and sewerage services provided by both councils were scheduled to begin this year.

Instead of commencing from July this year, review of Gosford's and Wyong's water and sewerage prices would now start in July 2017, with any price changes to be effective from 1 July 2018.

"Deferring the timing of Gosford City and Wyong Shire councils' price reviews will allow us to take into account any changes in service delivery and ensure any potential savings are identified and passed on to consumers," Dr Boxall said.

"It means that the councils' 2016-17 water and sewerage prices would not change until we make a new determination."

IPART's price reviews include consultation with stakeholders and the community through public hearings and written submissions on issues papers and draft reports.

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