

INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Review of maximum prices charged by NSW Metropolitan Water Agencies from 1 July 2005 (ref: 04/134)

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is conducting a review under Section 11(1) of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992 to determine maximum prices that can be charged by Sydney Water Corporation, Sydney Catchment Authority, Hunter Water Corporation, Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council for water supply, sewerage and drainage services from 1 July 2005.

The Tribunal has released an Issues Paper to provide relevant background information and key issues to assist the water businesses and other interested parties in making submissions Submissions by the water businesses are due by 30 September 2004 and will be made public on IPART's website (www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).

Interested members of the public and stakeholder organisations will have the opportunity to review water agency submissions and make submissions by 30 November 2004. Unless a specific request is made for confidentiality, submissions will be made available to the public. Any claim for confidentiality should be clearly displayed on the front of the submission.

The Issues Paper may be downloaded from IPART's website at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au Alternatively, please contact Ms Anna Burela on (02) 9290 8472 to obtain a copy. Questions concerning the review can be directed to Mr Chris Spangaro by telephone on (02) 9290 8419.

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