



Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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23 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Review of prices for land valuation services provided by the Valuer General to councils

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Draft Report by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in relation to the above mentioned review. Further to AlburyCity's previous submission to IPART regarding the revised pricing model suggested by the Valuer General, it appears that there is limited objective information available to inform the consideration of alternative models. As a result, it is difficult to assess whether the outcome is fair and equitable for regional city councils such as AlburyCity.

AlburyCity suggests that additional contract pricing information is obtained in future by the Valuer General to inform future reviews by IPART, such as valuation costs by property types and regional/rural council valuation costs.

As also detailed within our previous submission, AlburyCity proposes that for future reviews IPART take into consideration benchmarking of the approaches by other States. Although it is understood that IPART's research suggests that the provision of valuation services to councils is subsidised by other States, AlburyCity suggests that an assessment of the services provided and costs on charged to councils would provide a more informed assessment of service levels and what represents value for money.

Whilst we appreciate the complexity involved in developing a fair and equitable pricing model, AlburyCity believes there is need for further improvement and validation of costs being shared (cost shifted) by the State Government to councils.

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Should you like to discuss this further please contact Brigitte McFarlane, Supervisor Revenue on [REDACTED] or via info@alburycity.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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