

Domestic waste management charges - Discussion Paper

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Review	Review of domestic waste management service charges
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1. Are there concerns with the prices councils charge for domestic waste management services? Why/why not?	There are some concerns. Some owners don't want to pay for or use a service, but are charged under the Operational Plan of the particular Council. These charges, as many wouldn't understand, cover not only bins and bulk kerbside collections, but also remediation of old landfills and public place bins etc.
2. If there are concerns, how should IPART respond? For example, if IPART was to regulate or provide greater oversight of these charges, what approach would be the most appropriate? Why?	IPART would need to first speak to every Council to determine exactly what the charges are covering as services can vary greatly between Councils. There should be no assuming involved. They would need to understand everything about the waste services at every Council before taking any action.
3. Would an online centralised database of all NSW councils' domestic waste charges allowing councils and ratepayers to compare charges across comparable councils for equivalent services (eg, kerbside collection), and/or a set of principles to guide councils in pricing domestic waste charges, be helpful? Why/why not?	This would create much discussion and debate and am not convinced it would be beneficial. Ratepayers will be comparing what they pay to what they may pay at another Council, most likely without taking into account the "equivalent services". Waste services can differ dramatically between Councils with on-call vs scheduled bulk kerbside collection services of differing amounts as well as green bins vs no green bins, different sized bins and frequency of collections. You would need to spell out very clearly all the variations among the waste services at each Council - a complicated task.
4. Do you have any other comments on councils' domestic waste management charges?	

5. Which Council do your comments relate to?	
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