

# 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?	Yes. I have lived on a rural road for 42 years. When the road was bitumened about 15 years ago, a few neighbours petitioned council for garbage service previously unavailable on a gravel road. I refused the service as I have <120 kg per annum. Yet I am now charged many dozens of dollars for a service I do not get. I am subsidising the neighbours who chose to use the service. This is not the same as an unused town water service that both requires meter reading and has attendant water infrastructure depreciating. Further around 1998 it was uncovered all councils in NSW were double dipping or charging incorrectly. All councils bar two acted morally. However Lismore City Council operating on a loophole managed to double dip by both keeping the original fee and then duplicating bin waste management charge. I regret after all these years the exact detail resides in a fog
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?	Enforce user pay

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?	Yes = transparency & in theory accountability
4. Do you have any other comments on councils' domestic waste management charges?	
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