

# 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, years ago you could dump a ute load of domestic rubbish for \$10 in Maitland. Now you have to pay an exorbitant amount per tonne which no one can afford, this is why we constantly see on the news about illegal dumping. It does not cost a lot for a council to run a facility so why are we paying so much? We need to do the right thing for the environment and lower the prices to encourage people to do the right thing.
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?	Work with all councils to find a realistic price structure.
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?	No, just get the state government to enforce the pricing structure.
4. Do you have any other comments on councils' domestic waste management charges?	Yes, it's way overpriced, in Maitland we are already copping a 7% rate rise over 7 years, surely our waste charges don't need to be so high.
5. Which Council do your comments relate to?	Maitland
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