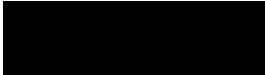


25 June 2019


Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Level 15, 2-24 Rawson Place,
Sydney NSW 2000

Comments on Draft Audit Guideline - Public Water Utilities (IPART)

Dear Ms Titus

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) *Draft Audit Guideline - Public Water Utilities*.

Sydney Water supports IPART's proposed changes to the Audit Guideline. We consider the changes provide useful guidance and greater clarity for both the auditors and Public Water Utilities (PWU) that will assist in the smooth conduct of the audit process, and ensure the audit findings are explicit, and an accurate reflection of the PWU's performance.

We suggest one minor change in the process for IPART's report to the Minister (discussed on pages 21-22 of the Draft Audit Guideline).

Where IPART makes an additional recommendation (not covered in the independent auditor's report), we request that the PWU be provided an opportunity to review the wording and timing of the recommendation prior to the report being finalised. This will assist in ensuring the recommended actions and intended outcomes are clearly articulated and understood by the PWU.

We do not propose any other changes to the Audit Guideline.

Yours sincerely


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