



Broken Hill Residents Association Inc.

Working with the Community for the Community

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RE: IPART DRAFT REPORT ON WATER PRICING IN BROKEN HILL.

I am writing in support of the findings of IPART as outlined in its recently handed down draft report. BHRA inc was heavily involved with the consultation process with IPART in relation to Essential Waters request to increase water rates in Broken Hill by 38.9% over the next four years.

We are pleased to see that the draft submission addresses many of the issues we raised during consultation. A retreat from the two tiered water pricing system and the limiting of price increases to some 2% above CPI will generally benefit the local community enabling householders to maintain their garden and lawns at a reasonable cost. It will also enable our Council to maintain public spaces such as parks and sporting fields to a higher standard as they have already budgeted for the two tier system and savings made could be used to further upgrade these public facilities.

One of the most beneficial results of these recommendations if the added capacity householders will have or greening their environment and alleviating the impact of lead dust on our children. The health and welfare of the younger generation will be improved by endorsing this draft submission in its entirety.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Marvis Sofield.

Acting Secretary.