



Reference: INT16/89841

Dr Peter Boxall
Chair, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Dr Boxall,

NSW Government submission on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's draft report *Review of multi-peril crop insurance incentive measures*

I am writing in relation to the draft report, *Review of multi-peril crop insurance incentive measures*.

I would like to thank IPART for the opportunity to comment on the draft report.

In the interests of ensuring the review report is comprehensive and to ensure a well-informed Government response, we request that IPART gives further consideration to the following matters:

- the feasibility of differential subsidies and/or employing a regional variation model to increase the uptake of multi-peril crop insurance so that regions at higher risk of drought receive a greater subsidy for insurance;
- incentivising long term multi-year insurance products, taking into consideration their application interstate and internationally; and
- with regard to the upfront premium subsidy, the probability of productivity gains not eventuating or the probability of average premiums being higher than \$30 per hectare.

If your officers wish to discuss these options further, please contact Michael Scotland, Director, Cabinet & Legislation Services, Department of Primary Industries on [REDACTED].

I look forward to reading your final report in October 2016.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Rachel Connell.

RACHEL CONNELL
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