



Working Together for our Communities

Methodology for Assessment of Council Fit for the Future Proposals
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Chairman

On behalf of the member Councils of the WBC Strategic Alliance – Wellington, Blayney, Cabonne and Central Tablelands Water- I would like to make comment on the current IPART methodology and process for assessing Councils fitness against the State Government Fit for the Future criteria.

It is our understanding from information provided at the IPART workshop held in Dubbo on 15 May 2015 that the assessment findings made by IPART will not be provided to the individual councils or be made publicly available. It is also our understanding that there is no appeals process in place to challenge or question the decision of IPART.

Our councils request that IPART and State Government reconsider this decision and make the assessment process outcomes transparent. Councils are investing significant time and resources to prepare robust responses in the timeframe imposed by State Government. It is more than reasonable that Councils are provided feedback on their submissions and the determination of IPART as to whether they are “fit” or “not fit”.

Additionally we request that there is an appeals process introduced.

We look forward to the reviewed methodology and process being released in early June.

Yours sincerely



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