

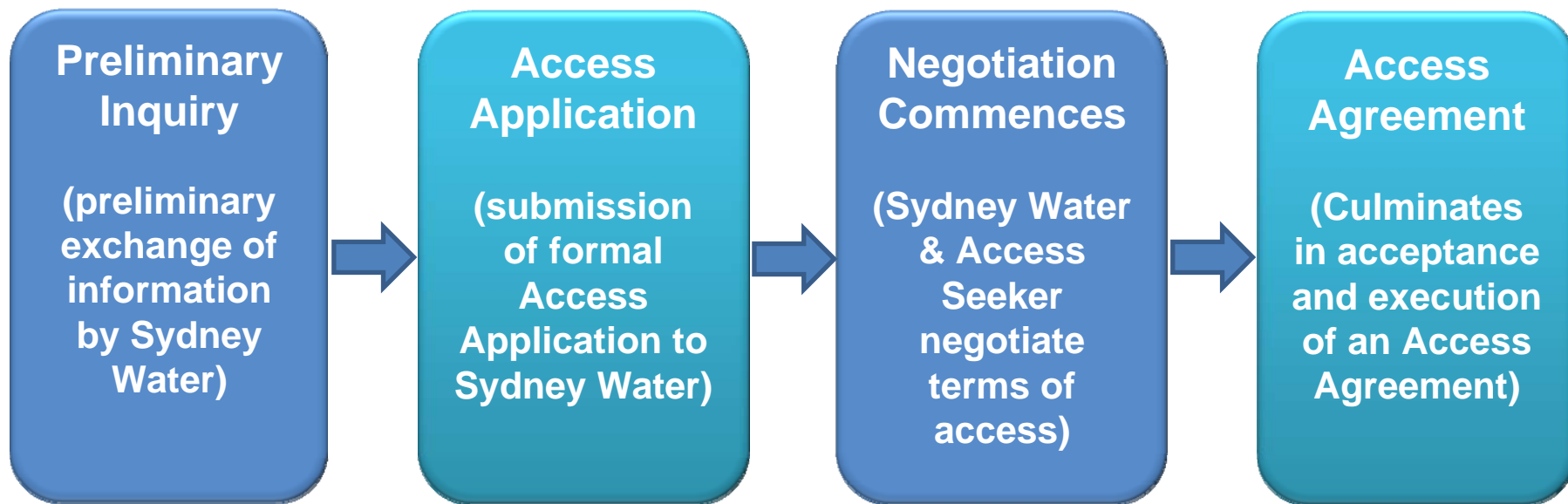
# Water network access undertaking

Negotiation and Arbitration

April 2012

# Proposed negotiation framework

The proposed negotiation framework involves 4 stages:



# Preliminary inquiry

- SWC will provide Consolidated Information Package
  - copy of undertaking
  - sample charges (in accordance with Charging Method)
  - statement that negotiations will occur in accordance with the undertaking
- Must provide the information within 10 Business Days

# Access Application

- Access Seeker submits Application
- SWC must acknowledge receipt of Application within 5 Business Days
- SWC can terminate process if prudential requirements not satisfied
- SWC must provide a Preliminary Assessment:
  - within 28 days for Standard Service
  - within 60 days for Non-Standard Service
- Applicant must decide whether to proceed within 5 Business Days of the Preliminary Assessment

# Negotiation process

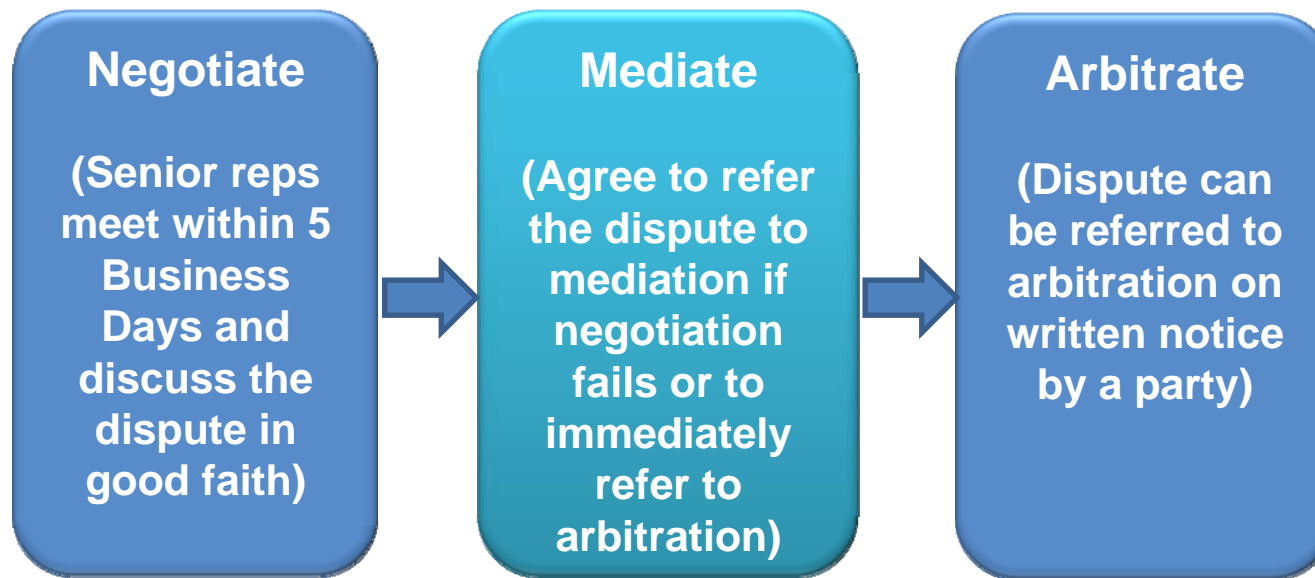
- Negotiation Period begins within 5 Business Days
- Negotiation Period is a maximum of 3 months, unless extended
- Negotiation Period terminates on:
  - execution of an Access Application
  - withdrawal of the Access Application
  - referral to arbitration
  - Prudential Requirements no longer satisfied
  - expiry of 3 months

# Access Agreement

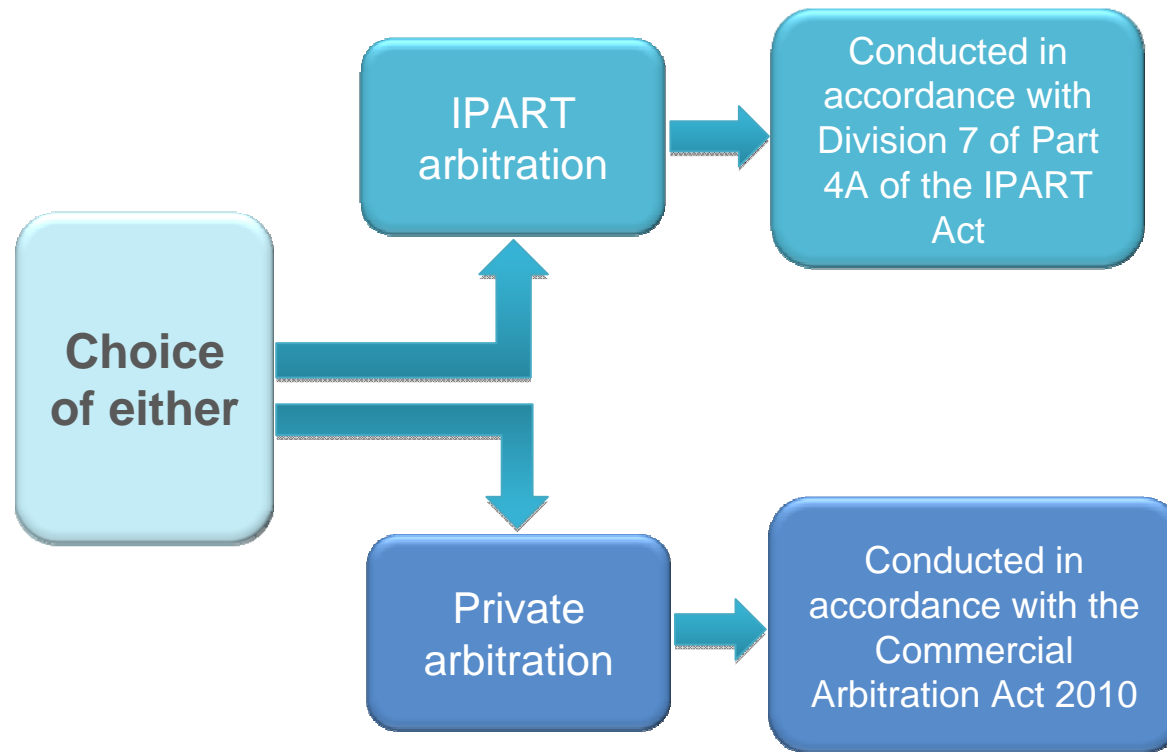
- If Access Seeker is satisfied with terms, will notify Sydney Water
- Sydney Water will provide final Access Agreement within 2 Business Days
- Agreement will be executed within 5 Business Days

# Dispute Resolution Process

- Dispute resolution process commences with a dispute notice
- Process involves:



# Arbitration process







Questions?