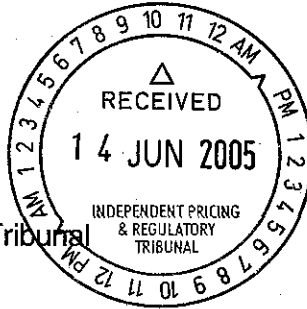




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Dear Mr Cox

Investigation into Water and Wastewater Service Providers in the Sydney Region

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Independent Pricing and Review Tribunal's investigation into Water and Wastewater Service Providers in the Sydney Region.

As outlined in the Issues Paper, the primary role of the Department of Environment and Conservation in relation to water and wastewater service providers in Sydney is to be the principal environmental regulatory agency.

The Department of Environment and Conservation carries out its regulatory role under a suite of legislation, including the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. This suite of legislation applies to a wide range of activities and industry groups and would apply to any new service providers. The Department's role would continue to be to apply the environmental regulations, as appropriate to the activities carried out by any new service providers under any new structure.

If you wish to discuss any matters regarding this letter please contact me on 9995 5762.

Yours sincerely


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