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Your submission for this review:
Dear Tribunal members, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on IPART's draft terms of reference. The NSW Revenue Professionals considers the Premiers list (below) of matters for consideration in the draft terms of reference to be largely appropriate and recommend one addition. We are pleased to see that the Premier has identified the allocation of costs between users of the services that are principally paid for by local councils as a matter for consideration. Local councils cover the costs in their pricing for information that is available without charge to the community, minor users including other government agencies, aligning user pay principles to the cost allocation would be welcomed by the sector. It is important that the IPART considers the potential impacts of the Emergency Services Levy and its planned transition to a property-based tax. This creates a significant potential for the need for Capital Improved Values and therefore it is prudent to include this consideration in the review. Premiers list (below) of matters for consideration in the draft terms of reference: consider and identify the Valuer-General's efficient costs of providing the Monopoly Services over the relevant determination period or periods; consider valuation service market-based factors over the determination period and identify where appropriate interim period adjustment parameters where unforeseen or unavoidable external costs may be incurred; and consider the efficient allocation of the costs of the Monopoly Services between the users of those services in accordance with relevant economic and pricing principles. Recommended addition: consider and identify the cost of the Valuer General providing Capital Improved Values, and the possible allocation of these costs. We look forward to commenting on the issues paper and draft report following their release. Regards, Andrew Butcher On behalf of the NSW Revenue Professionals