

INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

MEDIA RELEASE

IPART to review the pricing of infrastructure services at Perisher Range Resorts

The NSW Government has requested the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) to review infrastructure pricing at Perisher Range Resorts.

IPART's review has three main components:

- review the proposed capital works program at Perisher Range Resorts;
- develop pricing principles for infrastructure services; and
- recommend future prices and charges for those services

The major services to be reviewed are:

- water supply and distribution
- sewerage
- stormwater
- solid waste (rubbish)
- internal road systems

In New South Wales, ski resorts are located within Kosciuszko National Park and are leased from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). The Perisher Range Resort has a major lessee (Perisher Blue Pty Ltd) for ski slope operations and critical village (base) facilities, but all users lease directly from NPWS. NPWS also provides infrastructure services to lessees.

The Perisher Range Resorts encompass the village and ski slope areas at Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Guthega and Mt Blue Cow.

As part of the review, IPART will publish an issues paper and seek stakeholder comment. IPART will also engage expert consultants to review specific aspects of capital costs and operating costs. Details of the consultancy tender are available on IPART's website, www.ipart.nsw.gov.au

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