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Issues paper: bulk water charge rules—July 2008

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has released its issues paper seeking submissions on the development of bulk water charge rules.

Consistent with Part 4 of the *Water Act 2007*, the Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, has written to the ACCC requesting advice on the water charge rules.

Water charge rules applied consistently across the Murray-Darling Basin will facilitate the efficient functioning of water markets by removing distortions to trade and by sending signals to water users about efficient investment in water infrastructure assets. Water charges based on the full cost recovery for water services will contribute to achieving an economically efficient and sustainable use of water resources and water infrastructure assets. Submissions must be provided to the ACCC by 5pm on Monday, 18 August 2008.

Water market rules position paper, July 2008

The purpose of the water market rules is to free up the trade of water access rights within the Murray-Darling Basin. The rules will ensure that policies or administrative requirements of irrigation infrastructure operators holding a group water access entitlement on behalf of their member irrigators do not prevent or unreasonably delay trade. Submissions must be provided to the ACCC by 5pm on Friday, 15 August 2008.