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### COMMISSION RELEASES ISSUES PAPER FOR REVIEW OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES TARIFF STRUCTURE

The ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (the Commission) today released an issues paper as the first step in its review of Icon Water's water and sewerage services tariffs. "The current structure of Icon Water's water and sewerage services tariffs has served the ACT community well over the last 15 or so years. Nonetheless, in recent years a number of questions have been raised about whether improvements could be made to the way tariffs are structured", Senior Commissioner Malcolm Gray, said.

"The issues paper sets out a proposed framework to guide the Commission's evaluation of the existing tariff structure and potential alternatives. This framework includes an overarching objective and a set of pricing principles", Senior Commissioner Gray advised. "The issues paper also canvasses a range of contextual and specific pricing issues that are relevant to this review."

The issues paper invites stakeholders to make a submission to the review. Subsequent to the issues paper, the Commission is planning to publish three technical papers on specific pricing matters: water demand elasticity, marginal cost pricing and trade waste pricing. The closing date for submissions on all of these papers is **1 July 2016**.

"Stakeholders are free to make submissions on any of the papers at any time before the closing date and may make multiple submissions if so desired. Written submissions received by the closing date will be considered in the development of the draft report, which is expected to be released in the second half of 2016. There will also be an opportunity for further comment following the release of the draft report", said Mr Gray.

The issues paper is available on the Commission's website at [www.icrc.act.gov.au](http://www.icrc.act.gov.au) or can be obtained by either contacting the Commission on (02) 6205 0799 or via email at [icrc@act.gov.au](mailto:icrc@act.gov.au).

Submissions can be sent to the Commission by post at GPO Box 161, Civic Square ACT 2608; via e-mail at [icrc@act.gov.au](mailto:icrc@act.gov.au), or lodged at the Commission's offices at Level 8, 221 London Circuit, Canberra City.

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