



INDEPENDENT CONSUMER & COMPETITION COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER AND SEWERAGE PRICING REVIEW RELEASE OF ISSUES PAPER

The Independent Consumer & Competition Commission (Commission) formally announces the release of the **Issues Paper** on the review into the Water and Sewerage services in PNG. This Review is undertaken to re-examine the current pricing structure of the water and sewerage services provided by PNG Waterboard and Eda Ranu and to determine the form of price regulation to apply from 1 January 2010 should continued regulation be considered necessary for the industry.

The release of this Issues Paper formally starts the review process and is intended to highlighted all issues of pertinence to the industry that should be considered as part of the review. It is intended that the Commission will from this public process decide on the appropriate pricing and regulatory arrangements that should apply for water and sewerage services for the next regulatory period. Key among other issues covered in the Issues Paper are discussions on the **current structure of the water and sewerage industry, the appropriate length of regulatory period from 1 January 2010, the form of economic regulation to apply for the next regulatory period, pricing issues and minimum service standards requirements.**

In order for the Commission to make an informed decision which seeks to balance the interests of all stakeholders, submissions and comments are invited on all aspects of the Issues Paper. Submissions received on the Issues Paper will assist the Commission in releasing a Draft Report and Draft Determination seeking further comments and submissions. The general public will be given further opportunities to comment on the Draft Determination before the Commission decides on its Final Determination. To this end, the Commission is seeking to provide every opportunity for the general public to be informed of all aspects of the Review and encourages the general public, stakeholders and the water entities to participate throughout the Review process.

The timetable for the current Review is as follows:

Event	Date
Release of Issues Paper	March 25, 2009
Close of submissions to the Issues Paper	April 27, 2009
Release of Draft Report & Draft Order	May 27, 2009
Close of submissions to the Draft Report & Draft Order	June 26, 2009
Release of Final Report & Final Order	July 29, 2009

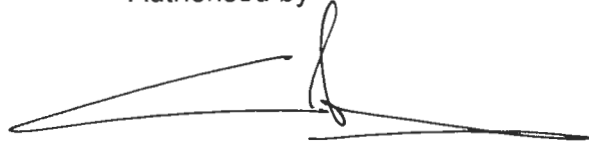
Submissions to this Issues Paper should be received by the Commission no latter than 27th April 2009 and be directed to the Commission at the addresses below:

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For further information about making a submission or to obtain a copy of the Issues Paper, please contact **Fego Ota Kinafa** or **Paulus Ain** on telephone 325 2144 or by fax on 325 3980 and/or on email to fota@iccc.gov.pg or pain@iccc.gov.pg . Copies of the Issues Paper can also be downloaded from the ICCC Website on www.iccc.gov.pg.

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Thomas Abe
Commissioner

25 March 2009