

# Queensland Competition Authority

## Notice of Investigation: Irrigation Price Review 2020–24

As directed by the Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) will conduct an investigation into pricing practices relating to the monopoly business activities of SunWater (bulk water storage and water distribution) and Seqwater (bulk water supply) undertaken for irrigation services. The key objective of the investigation is to recommend irrigation prices for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2024.

Submissions from SunWater and Seqwater on proposed costs (and supporting information) are due by 30 November 2018. A draft report will be submitted to the Queensland Government by the QCA by 31 August 2019, with a final report submitted by 31 January 2020.

### Consultation

Public involvement is a key part of the QCA's decision-making process and we invite customers and other stakeholders to register to receive ongoing information about the investigation ([www.qca.org.au/Subscribe](http://www.qca.org.au/Subscribe)). We will also conduct regional workshops in areas where stakeholders have expressed an interest in attending. Please submit your details at [www.qca.org.au/IrrigationWorkshops](http://www.qca.org.au/IrrigationWorkshops) if applicable.

There will be consultation periods after the release of key documents, including targeted consultation papers on key issues, SunWater and Seqwater's cost submissions and our draft report. We have published a guidance note on our website to assist stakeholders with their submissions. We have also published a targeted consultation paper on apportioning dam safety upgrade costs.

At this stage, we invite stakeholders to make initial submissions by 30 November 2018 to identify issues they think should be considered as part of this investigation. Submissions can be made online ([www.qca.org.au/Submissions](http://www.qca.org.au/Submissions)) or by post.

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