

NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR MAJOR HAZARD FACILITIES IN NSW

In 2008, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal reviewed the fees for major hazard facilities (MHF). The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's report [Review of WorkCover's proposed fee schedule for regulating major hazard facilities](#) was released on 25 May 2009. The NSW Government accepts all recommendations in the report, including that fees will be charged to MHFs. The Minister for Finance has issued a [press release on 25 May 2009](#) announcing the Government's response and support of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's recommended maximum fee schedule.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) was engaged to recommend an equitable fee schedule for sites to meet the costs of complying with [the new regulation](#). The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal recommended a fixed annual fee to cover all non-registration based costs and an annual variable fee to cover all registration based costs.

Non-registration-stage costs will be recovered from the base fee to be charged in each of the five years and registration stage costs will be recovered through variable charges that will be levied from year 2 to year 5. The base fee for 2008/09 has been discounted on the grounds that the regulatory regime was not fully operational before 13 October 2008.

The recommended maximum fees for the regulation of major hazard facilities in New South Wales will comprise a uniform base fee per major hazard facility and a variable fee for registration activities. The fees, which are rounded to the nearest \$100 in the case of the base fee and to the nearest dollar in the case of the variable fee, are in dollars of the day. They also take into account expected cost increases, the efficiency dividend and the first year transitional base fee. The recommended maximum fees are set out in the table below.

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Base fee per annum	\$28,500	\$39,100	\$40,200	\$40,800	\$41,400
Rate per hour for registration activities	\$94	\$97	\$99	\$101	\$102