

# ACCC Draft Infrastructure Charge Rules

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# Water Charge Rules

- State Water is generally supportive of the Water Charge Rules
- Tier 3 operator but with some publishing obligations under Tier 1 rules
- Expect the NSW Government to exercise option under the Water Act to extend ACCC jurisdiction to valleys outside the MDB
- Determination process largely consistent with IPART process

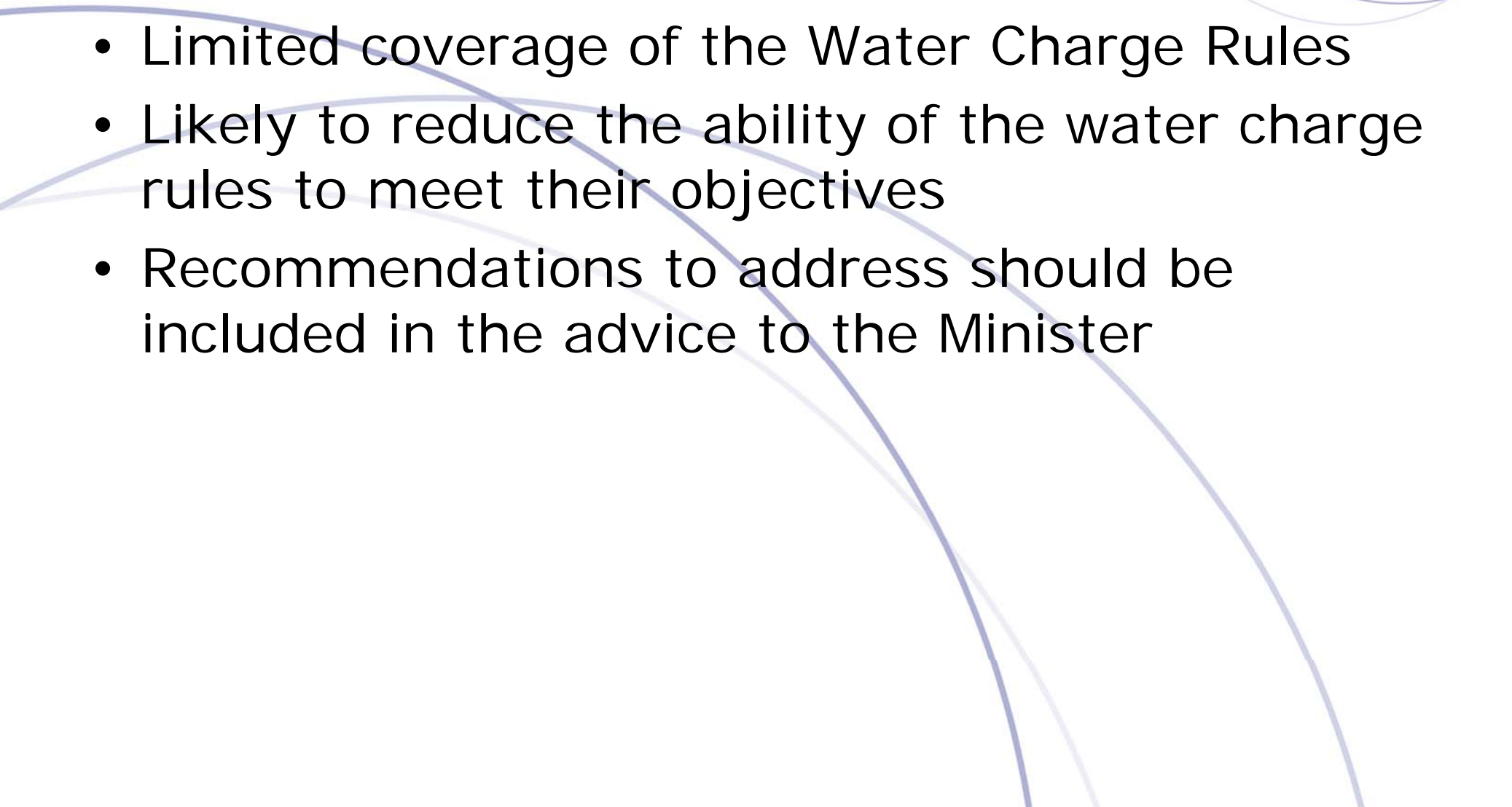
# Rules Supported by State Water

- Annual determination of prices based on the latest consumption forecast
- Use of templates and guidelines
- Ability to vary a determination under extenuating circumstances
- Ancillary charges

# Concerns

- No mechanism for the accreditation of State-based regulators
- Treatment of the RAB and changes to the WACC methodology
- Extensions in the event of a delay.

# Major Shortcoming

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- Limited coverage of the Water Charge Rules
  - Likely to reduce the ability of the water charge rules to meet their objectives
  - Recommendations to address should be included in the advice to the Minister