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Revised timelines for the provision of advice to the Minister for climate change and water under the Water Act 2007

The Water Act 2007 created new institutional and governance arrangements to address the sustainability and management of water resources in the MDB. In accordance with the Act, the Minister for Climate Change and Water wrote to the ACCC formally requesting advice on the proposed water market rules and water charge rules by August 2008 and January 2009 respectively.

The ACCC has been conducting formal consultation since April 2008 on the development of its advice on water market rules and water charge rules.

During this consultation stakeholders have indicated they want more time to consider the draft rules. Accordingly, the ACCC requested, and the Minister has granted an extension to the deadline for the provision of advice.

As a result of the extension, an additional ‘position paper’ stage has been included to provide more time for stakeholders to consider the draft rules.

The revised timelines are presented below

Water Market Rules

- Issues Paper April 2008
- Position Paper July 2008
- Draft report and rules October 2008
- Final advice December 2008

Water Charge Rules – Termination Fees

- Issues Paper May 2008
- Position Paper August 2008
- Draft report and rules October 2008
- Final advice December 2008

Water Charge Rules – Irrigation Operators (excl termination fees)

- Issues Paper May 2008
- Position Paper September 2008
- Draft report and rules February 2009
- Final advice June 2009

Water Charge Rules – Bulk Water

- Issues Paper June 2008
- Position Paper September 2008
- Draft report and rules February 2009
- Final advice June 2009

Water Charge Rules – Water Planning and Management

- Issues Paper October 2008
- Position Paper December 2008
- Draft report and rules February 2009
- Final advice June 2009

The ACCC welcomes

submissions and input on issues raised throughout this process, as well as any other relevant information which could assist the ACCC in forming its advice to the Minister.

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