# Australian Government Charging Framework

### Audience

This Factsheet is to assist **responsible Ministers** to understand the Australian Government Charging Framework.

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| * + The Australian Government Charging Framework (the Framework) applies to activities where the Australian Government charges the  non-government sector for regulation, goods, services, or access to resources and infrastructure.   + The Framework provides that where an individual or organisation creates the demand for a government activity they should generally be charged for that activity, unless the Government has decided to fund the activity.   + The Framework commenced on 1 July 2015. Government entities in the General Government Sector are required to apply the Framework to new charging activities from 1 July 2015. Existing activities will be reviewed against the new framework as part of the rolling five-year portfolio charging reviews. (available at www.finance.gov.au)   + The Framework consists of a charging policy statement, charging principles and charging considerations to guide the design, implementation and review of charging activities.   + The Framework:   + builds on the 2014 cost recovery framework   + provides a consistent approach to guide policy development   + helps government determine when it is appropriate to charge for a government activity. | | | | |
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| Ministers are responsible for:   * seeking policy approval from the Cabinet for:   + all new or amended regulatory charging activities   + material or sensitive resource and commercial charging activities * approving cost recovery implementation statements (CRIS) for regulatory charging activities * continuing to seek the Finance Minister’s agreement to publish CRISs with a high risk assessment rating * ensuring legislation is developed to provide authority for charging activities * facilitating ongoing stakeholder engagement * agreeing the outcomes of the portfolio charging reviews. | | | | |
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| [Australian Government Charging Framework](http://www.finance.gov.au/resource-management/cost-recover/)  Cost recovery implementation statement template  Charging risk assessment template  Portfolio charging review schedule | | | chargingpolicy@finance.gov.au | |