# 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 templateCharging risk assessment template Portfolio charging review schedule  | chargingpolicy@finance.gov.au |