Effective from 1 July 2015
Australian Government Charging Framework
Fact Sheet

Audience
This Factsheet is designed to assist responsible Ministers to understand the new Australian Government Charging Framework (Charging Framework).

At a glance
- The Charging Framework applies to activities where the Australian Government charges the non-government sector for regulation, goods, services, or access to resources and infrastructure.
- The Charging 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 Charging Framework commenced 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 Charging Framework consists of a charging policy statement, charging principles and charging considerations to guide the design, implementation and review of charging activities.

What you need to do
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
- facilitating ongoing stakeholder engagement
- agreeing the outcomes of the Portfolio Charging Reviews

Useful resources
- Australian Government Charging Framework
- Cost Recovery Implementation Statement template
- Charging Risk Assessment template
- Portfolio Charging Review schedule

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