

PATENTS CONSULTATION GROUP

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Discussion paper: 5	Title: IP Australia Cost Recovery and Fee Review
	<p>Purpose: To ensure customers are paying a fair and reasonable amount for services provided by IP Australia (IPA), a Cost Recovery and Fee Review was initiated on 01 July 2008. The first stage of the review has now been completed and IPA would like to invite feedback on the proposed fee changes to be considered as part of the final Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) in December 2008. More information can be found in the attached Consultation Paper.</p> <p>Background: In December 2002 the Australian Government adopted a formal cost recovery policy to improve the consistency, transparency and accountability of its cost recovery arrangements and promote the efficient allocation of resources. The Cost Recovery policy is administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DOFD) and is outlined in the Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines.</p> <p>Summary: The Fee Review identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overall over recovery position of 18% for the financial year 2007-08.• An over recovery position for Trade Marks of 36.6% due to an increase in planned volumes. <p>The main fee changes will be to Trade Mark on-line application fees with a reduction of \$40 and a \$50 reduction to registrations and renewal fees.</p> <p>Other changes include a reduction to Patents application fees for on-line services and some increases to Opposition, Hearings and Legislation fees across Patents and Trade Marks to achieve parity across similar services. A number of non material changes to streamline the fee structure have also been proposed. A new fee has been added to the S104, any additional claims after acceptance will be \$100/claim.</p> <p>Action: IP Australia invites feedback from our stakeholders on the proposed fee changes, please email feedback to fees@ipaaustralia.gov.au An opportunity to ask questions will also be invited at the meeting. A summary of feedback will be published in January 2009.</p>
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