



*The Heart of NSW*

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19 November 2015

Mr Hugo Harmstorf  
Chief Executive Officer  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
Local Government Team  
PO Box K35  
Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Notification of Intention to Lodge an Application for Special Variation to General Income – Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993**

In accordance with the Guidelines for the preparation of an Application for Special Variation to General Income, please be advised that Council intends to lodge an Application under Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993.

The amount sought will be a permanent 5% per annum above the rate pegging limit in each year for the four years 2016-2017 to 2019-2020.

The purpose of the increase is to maintain assets and service levels to a satisfactory standard, address the infrastructure backlog and ensure future financial sustainability.

Council's principal contact is John Chapman, Chief Financial Officer, telephone [REDACTED] email [REDACTED]

As you may be aware Council has undertaken two independent community surveys in recent months seeking and receiving support for the rate increase. Council will continue with its community consultation process into late January 2016 when the results of the community engagement process will be reviewed and this may result in minor variations to the proposal as outlined above. A formal SRV application will be made at that time.

Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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**Robert Hunt**  
General Manager

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