



MR:EF17/486

Mr Ryder

15 January 2018

NSW Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35
HAYMARKET POST SHOP NSW 1240

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Lismore City Council
Intention to lodge a Special Rate Variation application in 2018/19**

Council informed IPART, in December 2017, of its intention to lodge a SRV application relating to 2018/19. Unfortunately an error, regarding the proposed percentage, was made in that letter.

After contacting IPART, last week, I was advised by an officer to issue a corrected letter to replace the original advice. Please find enclosed the revised version.

Should you have any further enquires please do not hesitate to contact Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah on telephone: 1300 87 83 87.

Yours faithfully


Matthew Ryder
Rating Officer



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Dear Sir/Madam

Lismore City Council: intention to lodge a Special Rate Variation application in 2018/19

This letter serves to advise that Council intends lodging an application with IPART for a proposed 508 (2) 5 Year Business Special Rate Variation at a rate pegged level of \$120,000 per annum, based on a 2.71% increase in the first year. The SRV will be used to fund the Lismore Business Promotion Program and commence on 1 July 2018 if successful.

This application will meet IPART's criteria and be lodged on or before 12 February, 2018. I can advise that Council has carried out a comprehensive consultation process with the Lismore business community in regard to the proposed SRV, the results of which will be included in our application.

Details of the proposed Business SRV application are contained in the relevant IP&R documents which were adopted by Council in June 2017, as per the following:

- Within the Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 (LCSP) 10-year objectives, item B1.2 is 'Promote the Lismore city centre through the Lismore Business Promotion Program.'
- The Imagine Lismore Combined Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2017-2018 contains the following statement 'Council is proposing to apply to the NSW Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a continuation of the Special Rate Variation (SRV) for business promotion to be applicable from 1 July 2018.'
- The relevant Operational Plan 2017-2018 Action B.1.2.7 is 'Lodge application with NSW Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for the continuation of the Special Business Rate Variation Levy'.

It should be noted that the intention to proceed with an application to IPART was embodied in a resolution to that effect at Council's 12 December 2017 meeting. That resolution is currently subject to a rescission motion. An extraordinary meeting has been requested for Monday 18 December to consider this rescission motion. If the issue is not resolved it may be revisited at the 12 February 2018 Council meeting.

I am aware that this is also the deadline for IPART SRV applications and therefore seek an extension of two working days beyond the 12th in order to report to IPART on the outcome of Council's deliberations on that date.

I make myself available to discuss any aspects of this advance notice of Council's intention to apply.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lismore City Council's Finance Manager Mr. Rino Santin. Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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Gary Murphy
General Manager

