



DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL

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Mr Scott Chapman
Acting Director
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW
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Dear Mr Chapman

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART) that Dungog Shire Council will be seeking to apply for a Special Rate Variation. Council will submit the Special Variation Application Forms by the prescribed date of 11 February, 2018.

At the October 2017 Ordinary Meeting Dungog Shire Council resolved the following:-

1. That Council continue to investigate a special rate variation to address council's budget deficit and infrastructure backlog with the view to pursue a special rate variation for the 2019/2020 financial year.
2. That council conduct extensive and varied community engagement to determine the communities service level requirements and corresponding special variation increase.
3. Any proposed special variation is incorporated into Council's relevant IP&R documents for approval, exhibition and adoption prior to an application to IPART.

Dungog Shire Council will be applying for a 508A (permanent) Special Rate Variation option under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. In particular, Dungog Shire Council will be seeking a Special Variation in order to address financial sustainability and maintain essential community infrastructure including our road network, timber bridges and community buildings. The Council is proposing the tapered scenario in relation to the SRV as follows:

- Years 1 & 2 = 15% (2.5% rate cap plus 12.5% SRV)
- Years 3, 4 & 5 = 10% (2.5% rate cap plus 7.5% SRV)
- Years 6 & 7 = 6% (2.5% rate cap plus 3.5% SRV)

Should you have any queries pertaining to Council's intention to apply please do not hesitate to contact Council's Executive Manager Corporate Services, Mr Shaun Chandler on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Coralie Nichols
GENERAL MANAGER

 **Dungog** Shire
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COUNCIL'S VISION:

A vibrant, united community, with a sustainable economy. An area where rural character, community safety and lifestyle are preserved.