



Reference: D20/22839

Contact: Cian Middleton

27 November 2020

Liz Livingstone
Chief Executive Officer
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35
HAYMARKET POST SHOP NSW 1240

Lodged via portal

Dear Ms Livingstone,

Notice of Intent to Apply for Special Rate Variation

I am writing formally notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of Liverpool Plains Shire Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) in accordance with section 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as resolved by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 27 November 2020 (resolution **enclosed**).

In its application, Council intends to seek a multi-year increase comprising of 8.0 per cent in 2021/22 (including the rate peg of 2.0 per cent), 8.0 per cent in 2022/23 (including an estimated rate peg of 2.0 per cent) and 8.0 per cent in 2023/24 (including an estimated rate peg of 2.0 per cent), to be permanently retained within the rate base.

The purpose of the proposed SRV income is to maintain existing services, enhance financial sustainability and fund infrastructure maintenance and renewal, in line with our community's expectations as outlined in our Community Strategic Plan.

We look forward to working with IPART in relation to our anticipated SRV application.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Executive Manager Corporate Services, Mr Cian Middleton, on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
Joanne Sangster
General Manager

7.6 IPART NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

RESOLUTION 2020/251

Moved: Cr Paul Moules

Seconded: Cr Virginia Black

That Council:

1. Confirm, and request the General Manager notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of, its intent to apply under section 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for a Special Rate Variation of 8 per cent (including the rate peg) in 2021/22, 8 per cent in 2022/23 (including the rate peg) and 8 per cent in 2023/24 (including the rate peg), to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base, for the purposes of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
2. Request the General Manager undertake community consultation to ensure community awareness of the need for, and extent of, a rate rise.
3. Authorise the expenditure of \$97,000 from General Fund Reserves for the delivery of the community consultation process and completion of the Service Efficiency Plan and Organisation Structure Review.
4. Receive a report on the community consultation outcomes, along with the completed Service Efficiency Plan and Organisation Structure Review, prior to application for a Special Rate Variation being made.

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