

Date	18 July 2023
Time	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location	Zoom online (Meeting ID: 869 2264 7751 and Passcode: 248576)
Subject	Public hearing for the review of the rate peg methodology

Welcome and overview (2.00 pm to 2.30 pm)

This session is the opening session. We will hear from the Chair of IPART, Ms Carmel Donnelly PSM, about the importance of this public hearing and an overview of the review process.

1. Zoom meeting housekeeping – IPART CEO (Mr Andrew Nicholls PSM) (5 min)
2. Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country – Tribunal Chair Ms Carmel Donnelly (2 min)
3. Summary of our process so far – Tribunal Chair Ms Carmel Donnelly (8 min)
4. Q&A discussion (15 min) – Discussion and questions from participants and attendees

Session 1: Measuring changes in councils' base costs (2.30 pm to 3.10 pm)

In this session, we will discuss our proposed changes in how we measure changes in councils' base costs. Our proposed method is simpler than the current method and would result in rate pegs that more accurately reflect changes in the costs NSW councils incur in providing their current services.

5. IPART presentation (10 min)
6. Q&A discussion (30 min) – Discussions and questions from participants and attendees

Session 2: Other adjustments (Emergency Services Levy, external costs, population and productivity factors) (3.10 pm to 3.50 pm)

In this session, we will discuss our proposed changes in how we adjust for changes in councils' Emergency Services Levy contributions so councils can fund their required contributions without needing to reduce other council services. We will also cover our proposed changes in how we adjust for external costs, population growth and productivity.

7. IPART presentation (10 min)
8. Q&A discussion (30 min) – Discussions and questions from participants and attendees

Short Break (3.50 pm to 4.10 pm)

Session 3: Transition arrangements and matters for further consideration (4.10 pm to 4.50 pm)

In this session, we will discuss our proposed approach to implementing the changes in the rate peg methodology. We will also outline broader issues raised by stakeholders that could be considered as part of a separate independent review of the financial model for councils in NSW.

9. IPART presentation (10 min)

10. Q&A discussion (30 min) – Discussions and questions from participants and attendees

Closing remarks (4.50 pm to 5.00 pm)

11. Closing remarks – Tribunal Chair Ms Carmel Donnelly

End of Public Hearing