

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**  
**INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508(2)**  
**BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL**

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The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), as delegate of the Minister for Local Government pursuant to the delegation dated 6 September 2010, determines under section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) that:

1. The percentage by which Bellingen Shire Council (Council) may increase its general income for Year 2017-18 is 6.0%.

“Year” means the period from 1 July to the following 30 June.

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 above (Special Variation) is subject to the following conditions:

- I. The Council uses the Additional Income for the purposes of funding the proposed program of expenditure (Proposed Program) set out in Appendix A of the Report.

“Additional Income” means:

- a) the additional general income raised in accordance with clause 1 above, less
- b) the additional general income that would otherwise be available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.

“Report” means IPART’s report entitled “Bellingen Shire Council’s application for a special variation for 2017-18” dated May 2017 on IPART’s determination under section 508(2) of the Act.

- II. The Council reports, in its annual report for each Year from Year 2017-18 to Year 2026-27, on the following for that Year:
  - a) the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Special Variation;
  - b) any significant differences between the Proposed Program and the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Special Variation and the reasons for those differences;
  - c) the outcomes achieved as a result of the Special Variation;
  - d) the Council’s actual revenues, expenses and operating balance against the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan;
  - e) any significant differences between the Council’s actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan and the reasons for those differences; and
  - f) any corrective action taken, or to be taken, to address any differences reported under clause 2.II.e above.

“Long Term Financial Plan” means the long term financial plan for the period from Year 2017-18 to Year 2026-27 summarised in Appendix B of the Report.

Dated 23 May 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter J. Boxall', written in a cursive style.

**Dr Peter J. Boxall, AO**  
**Chair, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal**