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Subject: Review of Estimate of Special Rate Variation Expiry

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Dear Vivienne

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2022 and attached spreadsheet regarding your application for a Special Rate Variation. I have re-attached your spreadsheet to this reply.

A Special Variation (SV) was awarded to Central Coast Council for 2021-22 and you have asked the Office of Local Government (OLG) to confirm the methodology Council has used in their estimate at this time of the amount to be removed upon expiration of the SV in 2024-25.

OLG confirms that having reviewed the spreadsheet provided the methodology applied follows the approach outlined in the Special Variation Guidelines.

The assumptions you have used in your calculation are:

- No additional special variation given in the 2022-23 or 2023-24 years
- A 2.5% increase in the 2023-24 rates where this has yet to be determined by IPART

Please note that OLG makes no comment on these assumptions used in calculating the estimated amount. Furthermore, OLG is providing no comment on any of the other figures contained within the spreadsheet outside of the calculation of the estimated amount.

OLG also advises the calculation of the amount to be removed from general income in 2024-25 upon the expiry of the SV will need to be done closer to that time and reviewed by OLG.

Yours sincerely,

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