



Special Variations in 2022-23

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This Fact Sheet provides information for councils and ratepayers about the special variation (SV) application process for 2022-23.

NSW local governments can apply for a special variation (SV) to increase their general income to deliver the services and infrastructure desired by their communities.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) issues guidelines for councils applying for an SV, which set out the criteria IPART uses to assess applications.



Ratepayers of councils proposing an SV for 2022-23 should:

- expect their councils to be consulting with them and seeking their feedback on proposed rate increases
- [sign-up to be notified](#) when IPART commences community consultation after councils have submitted their SV applications in February 2022
- see IPART's [Information Paper, Special Variations in 2022-23](#) for further details on the application process.

Councils intending to apply for an SV for 2022-23 should:

- review IPART's [Information Paper, Special Variations in 2022-23](#)
- refer to the SV Application Form and Application Guide and Information Paper Community engagement and awareness for SVs, which are available on [IPART's website](#)
- contact IPART as soon as possible to discuss their SV proposal
- notify IPART that they intend to apply for an SV by 26 November 2021 and [submit an application](#) by 7 February 2022.