

Instrument under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993

Special Variation for Tweed Shire Council for 2023-24

13 June 2023

This instrument is made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (**IPART**) as delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993 (Act)* (delegation of 6 September 2010).

IPART determines under section 508(2) of the Act that:

1. The percentage by which Tweed Shire Council (**Council**) may increase its general income for Year 2023-24 is 6.35%.

[Note: The Council is required to reduce its income in accordance with the conditions of any previous special variation instrument before it increases its general income in accordance with clause 1.]

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The Council use the Additional Income for the purpose of funding the Proposed Program.
 - b. The Council report in its annual report for each Year from Year 2023-24 to Year 2027-28 (inclusive):
 - i the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Additional Income, and any differences between this program and the Proposed Program;
 - ii any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in its Long-Term Financial Plan, and the reasons for those differences;
 - iii the outcomes achieved as a result of the Additional Income;
 - iv the productivity savings and cost containment measures the Council has in place, the annual savings achieved through these measures, and what these savings equate to as a proportion of the Council's total annual expenditure; and
 - v whether or not the Council has implemented the productivity improvements identified in its application, and if not, the rationale for not implementing them.
3. In this instrument:
 - a. **Additional Income** means:
 - i the additional general income raised in accordance with clause 1, less
 - ii the additional general income that would otherwise have been available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.
 - b. **Long Term Financial Plan** means the long term financial plan of the Council summarised in Appendix B of the Report.
 - c. **Proposed Program** means the proposed program of expenditure set out in Appendix B of the Report.
 - d. **Report** means IPART's report entitled 'Tweed Shire Council – Special Variation Application for 2023-24 – Final Report'.

IPART acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders both past and present. We recognise the unique cultural and spiritual relationship and celebrate the contributions of First Nations peoples.

e. **Year** means the period from 1 July to the following 30 June.

13/06/2023

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Signed by: Carmel Donnelly

Carmel Donnelly PSM
Chair

On behalf of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
As delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993*