KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

21 November 2012

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Level 8
1 Market Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

Intention to Apply for a Special Variation to General Income Under Section 508(2)

Nature of the Request

Council has two expiring section 508(2) special variations in 2013/14 rating year of $412,419 and 2014/2015 rating year of $279,757.

In 2009 Council applied for a special variation under section 508(2) after undertaking extensive community consultation. The community consultation involved gaining support to increase its general income by 6.5% each year for four years. The community workshops supported Councils special rate variation application for each of the four years with the increases remaining in the rating base ongoing.

Council received approval in July 2009 by the NSW Government to increase its general income for the 2009/2010 year by 6.5% under section 508(2).

Council in 2010 then applied for the following three years under section 508A to increase its general income by 6.5% each year commencing 2010/2011.

Approval was given in late June 2010 by the NSW Government under section 508(2) for the 2010/2011 year of 6.5% only as Council was a Group 2 council and had not started Integrated Planning and Reporting.

Council has now resolved at the 20 November 2012 Council meeting to apply to IPART to retain the previously approved rate increases.

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It is now Council's intention to apply to IPART under section 508(2) to retain this general income in its rating base on an ongoing basis. With ongoing efficiencies it is hoped that Council will be able to maintain financial sustainability without the additional special rate variations.

Yours faithfully

M Forsyth
General Manager

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