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Sent: Wednesday, 22 December 2021 12:47 PM
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Subject: 2022-23 Special Variation Application Process
Attachments: Information-Paper-Special-Variations-in-2022-23.PDF

Sheridan,

I have been trying to contact you and Albert by using the phone numbers on the attached Information Paper, and have left messages too, but thought it best to e-mail as I am mindful that the Information Paper asks for me to contact IPART as soon as possible if we are preparing to submit an application for a Special rate Variation but we did not notify IPART in November 2021. I am writing to provide belated notice that Council will be considering submitting a Special rate Variation at its Extraordinary Meeting of January 5, 2022. I am sure that you can understand the extraordinarily difficult position that we have been placed in with the unexpected and abnormally low rate peg figure that was recently announced by IPART. Because of this, there was no previous notification of Councils intention to submit a SRV for the 2022-23 financial year, as we had no reason to suspect such a devastating financial blow that threatens the very foundations of Councils Long term Financial Plan was on the horizon.

Please accept this e-mail as written notification of Councils intention to submit a Special Rate Variation for the 2022/23 financial year. Acknowledgement of receipt of this e-mail at your earliest convenience would be very much appreciated, along with any particular requirements that IPART may have for the pending application from Kyogle Council. I understand that the current publications have the final application date as February 7, 2022, and am also keen to hear if there is any chance of an extension being granted to this date given the extraordinary circumstances with the lowest rate peg amount in over 20 years being announced, while election results were still pending, and immediately before the Christmas holidays. Any advice on what actions are being taken to address the difficult position that we have been placed in by this IPART determination would be very much appreciated.

Cheers
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Season's Greetings from the Mayor, Councillors and Council Staff
Please note that Council's Administration Centre will be closed from 12:00pm
Thursday, 23rd December 2021 and will not reopen until Tuesday, 4th January 2022