

# COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL



Our ref: IR 3622200

9 December 2013

Local Government Team  
The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
Level 17, 1 Market Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir or Madam

## **Intention to Apply for a Special Rating Variation under Section 508(A)**

Coffs Harbour City Council at its meeting of 28 November 2013 resolved to notify IPART of its intention to make an application for a Special Rate Variation under Section 508(A) of the Local Government Act.

The proposed Special Variation is a key element of Council's funding strategy to ensure the sustainable management of Council's infrastructure assets. All revenue generated by the Special Variation will be allocated to funding asset maintenance and renewal works. More specifically Council has an approximate \$6.2 million per annum shortfall in asset maintenance and renewal to adequately support the services desired by our community.

Council has resolved to apply for a permanent multiple year increase over a three year period commencing from 2014/2015. Details provided below include the rate peg increase of 2.3% for 2014/2015, and an estimated rate peg increase of 3% for the following two years (2015/2016 and 2016/2017).

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>	<b>Additional Rate Yield (Approx.)</b>
2014/2015	7.90%	\$2.83 million
2015/2016	8.14%	\$3.17 million
2016/2017	7.75%	\$3.27 million

The Special Variation on which Council is engaging the community will yield an additional \$6.2 million (approximately) above the projected rate peg in the third year.

Coffs Harbour City Council will finalise its community engagement and review the results of that engagement before submitting an application by the due date of 24 February 2014.

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For further information regarding this matter please contact Council's Revenue Accountant, Mr Jay Kirkman on ( [REDACTED] ) or by email:

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Yours faithfully

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Steve McGrath  
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