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Ms Carmel Donnelly PSM
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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Donnelly,

Thank you for your letter providing me with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) Final Report on the review of the rate peg methodology.

The rate peg is an important mechanism to protect ratepayers from excessive increases in their rate bills, and an equally important mechanism to ensure councils receive the income they need to provide services and infrastructure for their communities. It is the NSW Government's hope that the new methodology will be a lasting improvement to the financial model for Council incomes.

Stakeholder feedback was critical to ensure the rate peg methodology considers the competing views of ratepayers and councils – particularly in our current cost-of-living crisis. I would like to acknowledge and thank IPART for the extensive consultation it undertook throughout the term of the review to balance and address these diverse stakeholder views.

The NSW Government has considered IPART's report and has approved its release to allow IPART, under its existing delegation from the Minister for Local Government, to use the new methodology to set the rate peg for 2024/25.

As you have indicated in your letter, please publish a copy of the report on IPART's website and provide a copy of the report to the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns, MP, as the Minister responsible for IPART.

Thank you once again for undertaking the review into the rate peg methodology. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary Local Government at the Office of Local Government on 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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