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Dr Paul Paterson
Chair
Independent Pricing and Remuneration Tribunal
Via Email: ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au

Friday 19 March 2021

Dear Dr Paterson,

Central Coast Council – Application for a Special Rate Variation

I am writing to you to share the concerns of residents in my electorate of Robertson about Central Coast Council's proposed special rate variation.

As the Federal Member for Robertson, an electorate which takes in the southern part of the Central Coast Local Government Area, I have heard from many residents who have voiced their opposition to this proposal.

Like many across our region, I do not support Central Coast Council's application to IPART for a rate increase and respectfully ask that their special rate variation request be rejected.

I was concerned to learn of Central Coast Council's financial situation in the Administrator's 30-Day Interim Report.

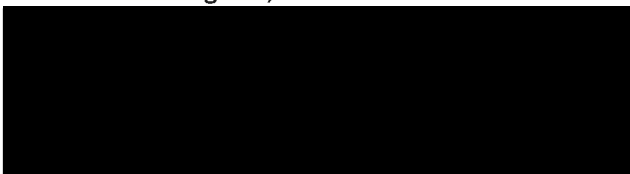
I am advised of the Administrator's finding that Central Coast Council is currently operating at a significant loss this financial year, this has raised serious concerns in the community.

Central Coast residents have raised with me for many years the poor state of their local roads and the reduction in services by Council, long before these recent findings were made public.

Other avenues ought to be considered to address Central Coast Council's financial situation including property and asset sales and better management of resources.

I ask that the Independent Pricing and Remuneration Tribunal considers the impact of a rate rise on Central Coast residents and reject Central Coast Council's application for a special rate variation.

Kind regards,



Federal Member for Robertson