

LG Submission Form 2021-2022 - Applications

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IPART Special Variation Submission Form - Applications

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Council	Georges River Council, Special Variation Application
If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.	<p>I strongly object to the proposal to seek a special variation to rates on the basis that Council has made little effort to pursue significant reductions in either maintenance or capital expenditures, or to pursue a sale of assets to offset expenditures. An excessive capital works program cannot be justified compared to the more moderate (and less expensive) maintenance program for roads, drainage and open space which are falling behind, and which benefit all of the community rather than a very select few. The development of an indoor cricket academy at Penshurst, which lies idle for the majority of the year and serves a tiny proportion of the community is a typical example.</p> <p>Further HCC and now GRC has continued the trend of relying upon special rates . variations rather than restricting expenditures to available funds. GRC claims of public support for the special variation are not factually based. They rely on a very select and narrow sample of respondents</p>

Your comments on Criterion 1:

There is no conclusive evidence that the community seeks any increases in rates to fund a narrow range of capital works.

Your comments on Criterion 2:

Since the decline of local newspaper (Leader) the level of awareness of the community is negligible. This has been relied upon by Council to point to the lack of opposition, rather than having to prove any level of support.

Your comments on Criterion 3:

The purpose of the variation is facilitate an excessively expensive and unjustified capital works program which serves a narrow portion of the community.

Your comments on Criterion 4:

Your comments on Criterion 5:

GRC has been operating for a number of years on a special rates variation basis, and has made little to no effort to reduce expenditures to align to available baseline rates. They seem oblivious to the general principle of working within financial constraints, but rather seem to have great confidence in their ability to achieve approval of special variations. They are not "special" they have just become the norm.

If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below.

Your Details

Are you an individual or organisation?

Individual

If you would like your submission or your name to remain confidential please indicate below.

Anonymous - my submission can be published but my name should remain anonymous

First Name

Last Name

Organisation Name

Position

Email



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