



29 March 2013

Your reference: 12/595

Local Government Team
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
PO Box Q290
QVB Post Office NSW 1230

Dear Sir/Madam,

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

I enclose further media reports concerning Wyong Shire Council, demonstrating where Council does the wrong thing by ratepayers in relation to donations of land to ratepayers from past residents.

Also the planned regional airport which is being pushed by Council, and yet this area has numerous huge housing estates in the vicinity.

Please IPART, refuse Wyong Council's push for a 6.9% rate increase and force the Council to only increase rates by the 3.4% rate peg.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Josie Bamber (Mrs)

10 March 2013

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Dear Sir/Madam,

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

I hope I am not overdoing sending IPART further information concerning Wyong Council's proposed application to IPART for a 6.9% rate increase for the next 7 years. I would point out that in the article marked (A) 87% of ratepayers specified that they supported option one of a rate peg only rise, while only 13% stated that they supported option two, a 9.5% increase per year for seven years (before the Council changed this to a 6.9% increase). This proves that while asking ratepayers for their input, Council had already made up its mind to increase rates above the rate peg allowed.

Also concerning the draft Local Environment Plan which the local Total Environment Centre has labelled "an environmental disaster that gives free rein to developers to trash the Shire's environmental heritage and which should be scrapped".

I have also included two articles concerning IPART's recommendation for water rates to be increased less than the CPI and an article where Council is supporting constitutional recognition for local government, by contributing \$34,468.55 over three years to a \$10million advertising campaign by the NSW Local Government and Shires Association. No wonder Wyong Council wants to increase rates.

I also enclose an advertisement where Council has resolved to amend the Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors. I have requested information concerning the amount councillors presently receive towards communications and media information and electricity charges associated with use of private facilities to conduct Council business, so that I may make a submission. It seems that IPART is not involved with this Policy as it is not mentioned?

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Josie Bamber (Mrs)