

Carmel Donnelly PSM - Chair  
The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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7 February 2024

Dear Ms Donnelly PSM,

**Application for a Special Rate Variation s508(2)**

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you that Randwick City Council has submitted its application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to establish a permanent environmental levy.

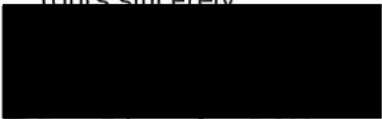
For the past 20 years, a temporary environmental levy has been an integral part of the Council's rating structure. This initiative has successfully delivered numerous programs and initiatives, positioning Randwick as a leader in driving creative and innovative solutions to a variety of environmental issues.

The Council is now seeking approval for a s508(2) Special Rate Variation to General Income, proposing a 11.67% increase. This measure is crucial to ensuring the Council can sustain ongoing programs and services while adequately maintaining assets in line with our community's expectations.

The criteria against which the application will be assessed have been thoroughly reviewed, aligning our approach with the IPART guidelines. This process involved incorporating the adopted Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Long Term Financial Plan, and Asset Management Plan into the application, with active community engagement. Community consultation applied a variety of engagement methods to ensure community awareness and input. The results of the community consultation for the continuation of the environmental levy and the application for the Special Rate Variation were presented to Council at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 6 February 2024. A copy of the Council resolution is attached.

Council looks forward to continuing to contribute to the enhancement of environmental sustainability within our community. If you have any questions about the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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**General Manager**  
**Randwick City Council**