

Instrument under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993

Special Variation for Strathfield Municipal Council for 2023-24 to 2026-27

3 June 2024

This instrument is made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (**IPART**) as delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993* (**Act**) (delegation of 6 September 2010).

IPART determines to vary its determination made under section 508A of the Act on 13 June 2023 in relation to Strathfield Municipal Council in the manner set out below:

1. Replace the percentage in clause 1 with "94.73%"
2. Replace the table in clause 1 with the following table:

Year	Annual increase in general income	Cumulative increase in general income
Year 2023-24	35.1%	35.10%
Year 2024-25	14.11%	54.16%
Year 2025-26	17.5%	81.14%
Year 2026-27	7.5%	94.73%

A consolidated determination incorporating the above amendments is attached to this instrument.

Explanatory Note: The purpose of this variation to the Special Variation for Strathfield Municipal Council for 2023-24 to 2026-27 is to adjust for parcels of Crown land that have become permanently rateable from Year 2024-25.

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Carmel Donnelly PSM
Chair

On behalf of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
As delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993*

Consolidated instrument under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993

Special Variation for Strathfield Municipal Council for 2023-24 to 2026-27 (as varied by instrument dated 3 June 2024)

3 June 2024

This instrument is made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (**IPART**) as delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993 (Act)* (delegation of 6 September 2010).

IPART determines under section 508A of the Act that:

1. The percentage by which Strathfield Municipal Council (**Council**) may increase its general income for the period from Year 2023-24 to Year 2026-27 (inclusive) is 94.73%, consisting of annual increases as set out in the table below:

Year	Annual increase in general income	Cumulative increase in general income
Year 2023-24	35.1%	35.10%
Year 2024-25	14.11%	54.16%
Year 2025-26	17.5%	81.14%
Year 2026-27	7.5%	94.73%

[Note: The Council is required to reduce its income in accordance with the conditions of any previous special variation instrument before it increases its general income in accordance with clause 1.]

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The Council use the Additional Income for the purpose of funding the Proposed Program.
 - b. The Council report in its annual report for each Year from Year 2023-24 to Year 2027-28 (inclusive):
 - i. the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Additional Income, and any differences between this program and the Proposed Program;
 - ii. any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in its Long-Term Financial Plan, and the reasons for those differences;
 - iii. the outcomes achieved as a result of the Additional Income;
 - iv. the productivity savings and cost containment measures the Council has in place, the annual savings achieved through these measures, and what these savings equate to as a proportion of the Council's total annual expenditure; and
 - v. whether or not the Council has implemented the productivity improvements identified in its application, and if not, the rationale for not implementing them.

3. In this instrument:
- a. **Additional Income** means:
 - i the additional general income raised in accordance with clause 1, less
 - ii the additional general income that would otherwise have been available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.
 - b. **Long Term Financial Plan** means the long term financial plan of the Council summarised in Appendix B of the Report.
 - c. **Proposed Program** means the proposed program of expenditure set out in Appendix B of the Report.
 - d. **Report** means IPART's report entitled 'Strathfield Municipal Council – Special Variation Application for 2023-24 – Final Report'.
 - e. **Year** means the period from 1 July to the following 30 June.