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Local Government Team
The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Level 17, 1 Market Street
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application under Section 508(A) of the Local Government Act 1993, for IPART consideration of a Special Variation to General Income

Please find enclosed Kogarah City Council's application under Section 508(A) of the Local Government Act, 1993, for a Special Variation to General Income.

The attached application includes the following documents and annexures:

- Kogarah City Council IPART Application 2013 – Part A
- Kogarah City Council IPART Application 2013 – Part B
- Annexure 1: Integrated Planning Documents
- Annexure 2: TCorp Assessment
- Annexure 3: Engagement Strategy
- Annexure 4: Samples of Consultation Material
- Annexure 5: Community Engagement Outcomes
- Annexure 6: Formal submissions regarding SRV application
- Annexure 7: Rating structure Map
- Annexure 8: Hardship Policy
- Annexure 9: Debt Recovery Policy
- Annexure 10: Previous Instruments of Approval
- Annexure 11: Reporting Mechanisms
- Annexure 12: Council Reports and Resolutions

At its meeting on 25 February 2013 Council resolved to adopt the Community Strategic Plan – Bright Future, Better Lifestyle, the Resourcing Strategy (including the Long Term Financial Plan, the Asset Management Strategy and the Workforce Strategy) and the Delivery Program (2013-17) incorporating the 2013/14 Operational Plan and the Statement of Revenue Policy excluding the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges (2013/14).

In addition, at its meeting on 25 February 2013 Council considered the feedback received from the community regarding the proposed Special Rate Variation and resolved to make application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, under Section 508 (A) of the Local Government Act 1993, for a Special Rate Variation of 5.9% minus the 0.1% carbon tax advance repayment for 2013/14 and 4.8% per annum (inclusive of rate pegging and after the

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impact of any of the remaining carbon tax advance repayment for 2014/15) over the subsequent three years commencing 2014/15.

Please note, as previously discussed with IPART and in accordance with the Department of Local Government Guidelines for the preparation of an application for a special variation to general income, Council's application is not tied to a particular project or series of projects. Council's need for a special variation was identified during the preparation of the IP&R documents. If approved, the special variation will provide the resources required to fund Council's Delivery Program (2013 – 2017). This will ensure that service levels provided to the community continue to meet their ongoing expectations and growing needs. It will also allow Council to maintain the condition of infrastructure to a satisfactory level and not unduly burden future generations.

It should also be noted that Council's draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2013/14 is currently on public exhibition and is anticipated to be adopted at Council's meeting on 22 April 2013. As previously agreed with IPART, Council will forward the adopted Schedule of Fees and Charges 2013/14 along with the related Council resolution following this meeting.

Council appreciates the rigorous requirements of the application process and has made every endeavour to furnish all necessary information and documentation. However, if there is any aspect that requires further supporting evidence or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me on 9330 9501.

Your consideration of the application is appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,



Paul Woods
General Manager
Kogarah City Council