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Local Government Election Cost Review
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Dear Ms Blackwell

Review of local government election costs

Thank you for the opportunity to provide final feedback on your review of the cost of local government election services.

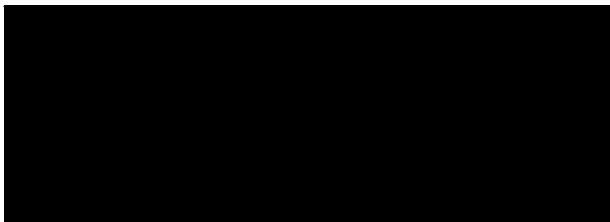
We are obviously disappointed to see that IPART is recommending a formula that increases council costs. We note that NSWEC in its submission sought to reduce costs to councils. We reiterate that election costs have increased significantly over the past 15 years.

On average, the increase in council bills would be around 62% compared to 2016-17 and around 24% compared to what the NSWEC proposed.

It is with regret that we note, despite these substantial increases, the report indicates IPART expects any impact on ratepayers to be modest, "as election costs account for a small proportion of councils' total costs".

This demonstrates a lack of appreciation for the position of rural councils which one and all need to make best use of every single cent. Increased costs for elections means less money available for sorely needed community services.

Yours sincerely



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