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Ms Lucy Garnier
Executive Director Local Government
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35
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Our Reference: Your Reference:

Contact: Telephone: Mr Phil Brennan

10 December 2015

Dear Ms Garnier

Re: Notification of Intention to Apply for a Special Rate Variation for 2016/2017

Great Lakes Council wishes to advise the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of its intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation for 2016/2017. Having completed community consultation on a proposal, Council considered a report on the matter at its meeting of 8 December 2015 and resolved to proceed with the process by giving IPART the required notification.

Council will be seeking a special variation to its general income under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993. The proposal is for the following permanent increases:

Year	Percentage Increase (Incl. Rate Peg)
2016/2017	6.50%
2017/2018	4.25%
2018/2019	4.25%
2019/2020	4.25%

The purposes of the special variation are to facilitate infrastructure maintenance and renewal programs, meet existing and proposed loan borrowing commitments and to maintain existing service levels and provide ongoing financial sustainability.

Council's Manager Corporate Finance & Planning, Phil Brennan, will be principal contact for this application and he can be contacted on the number above or by email at

Yours faithfully

STEVE EMBRY

Director Corporate & Community Development