

7 December 2016

Ms Lucy Garnier
Executive Director Local Government
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Ms Garnier

**Re: NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL RATE VARIATION
FOR 2017/2018**

MidCoast Council wishes to advise the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of its intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation for 2017/18. Having completed community consultation, Council considered a report on the matter at its meeting of 23 November 2016 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. As a merged Council the rating structure applied to former Council areas must remain. As a result the proposed Special Rate Variation is shown in relation to each former Council area. The proposal is for the following permanent increases.

<i>Great Lakes Region</i>	
Year	Percentage Increase (incl rate peg)
2017/18	5%
2018/19	5%
2019/20	5%
2020/21	5%

Great Lakes has an environmental levy of 6% due to expire in 2019/20. It is intended to renew this as part of the application in 2017/18 on an ongoing basis.

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<i>Manning Region</i>	
Year	Percentage Increase (incl rate peg)
2017/18	5%
2018/19	5%
2019/20	5%
2020/21	5%

Manning has an environmental levy of 5% due to expire in 2018/19. It is intended to renew this as part of the application in 2017/18 and increase it to 6% on an ongoing basis.

<i>Gloucester Region</i>	
Year	Percentage Increase (incl rate peg)
2017/18	5%
2018/19	5%
2019/20	5%
2020/21	5%

Gloucester has an existing SRV approval for a 3 x 13% increase with the final year being 2017/18. It is proposed that the final year of the 3 x 13% be foregone and replaced by the 4 x 5% and the addition of a 6% environmental levy for consistency across the MidCoast Council area.

The purpose of the special variation is to facilitate infrastructure maintenance and renewal programs.

I will be the principle contact for this application and can be contacted on the number above or by email at [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

Steve Embry
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