



File Ref: 2018/323748  
28 November 2018

Mr Peter Boxall  
Chair  
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal  
PO Box K35  
Haymarket NSW 1240

Dear Mr Boxall

**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT – SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION**

I write to notify of Sutherland Shire Council's intention to apply for a special variation to its general income for the 2019-2020 financial year for the purposes of improving Council's financial sustainability over the long term:

Type: 508(2)  
Commencing: 1 July 2019  
Increase: A permanent one-off special rate variation of 8.8% (inclusive of the approved rate peg of 2.7%) fully funded by an increase in the minimum rate above the statutory minimum.

At the extraordinary Council meeting held on Monday, 26 November, it was resolved that Council:

1. Advise IPART of a possible intention to request a Special Rate Variation as detailed in Option 2 of the staff report, being to increase the minimum rate to \$900.
2. Receives a report on the most appropriate method to address hardship cases, with specific consideration for War Widows, arising from a Special Rate Variation.

Council undertook extensive community engagement in 2017 in regards to its long term financial plan and its financial sustainability. These findings were reported to Council and informed our adopted Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.

We will continue our community engagement in December 2018 and January 2019, using a range of mediums to create widespread community awareness of the proposed special variation to increase the minimum rate to \$900, its benefits and impacts and providing the opportunity for feedback, which will inform our submission.

Council's principal contact for the special variation application is:

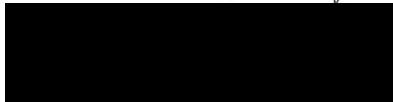
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We look forward to working with IPART on this special rate variation application.

Yours sincerely



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