

18 November 2020

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Ms Sheridan Rapmund  
Principal Analyst  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal New South Wales  
Sent by email: Sheridan\_Rapmund@ipart.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Rapmund

**Notification of Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation commencing in 2021/2022**

This letter is notification of Armidale Regional Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year, noting the final decision to lodge the application will be made by Council in January or February 2020.

Council resolved the following at its meeting held 28 October 2020:

That Council:

- a) Commence community engagement on the following Special Rate Variation (SRV) options:
  1. A permanent SRV of 18.5% plus 2.0% rate peg (total 20.5%) commencing in 2021-22;
  2. A permanent SRV of 8.5% plus 2.0% rate peg (total 10.5%) commencing in 2021-22; and
  3. Discontinuation of the temporary SRV of 10% (above the rate peg) applied by the former Armidale Dumaresq Council and ending on 30 June 2021;
- b) On or before 27 November 2020, formally notify IPART that Council intends to submit a Special Rate Variation application;
- c) Note that the community engagement will also cover rates harmonisation impacts effective 1 July 2021; and
- d) Note that the Special Rate Variation and Rates Harmonisation community engagement period runs from Monday, 2 November 2020 through to Thursday, 10 December 2020.

Council's principal contact for the SRV application is Kelly Stidworthy, Manager Financial Services contactable on

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Yours sincerely

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Acting General Manager