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Dear Letitia

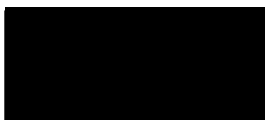
**RE: NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL VARIATION**

Council has recently received notification from the Office of Local Government that we have not been assessed as Fit for the Future. Discussions indicate that to be Fit for the Future Kempsey Shire Council needs to demonstrate that it can gain approval for the future rate increase identified in the Fit for Future Proposal.

At this stage, we need to review our position and have further conversations with the Office of Local Government as to what options are available to us. The timing of the approval for a rate increase will have to be determined officially, but at this stage we need to have the option for a special variation available.

As soon as we have been able to determine the best approach for our community we will be in contact with IPART to advise the direction to be taken.

Yours faithfully



David Rawlings  
GENERAL MANAGER