

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508(2)

SPECIAL VARIATION FOR ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL 2021-22

This instrument is made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (**IPART**) as delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993* (the **Act**) (Delegation of 6 September 2010).

IPART determines under section 508(2) of the Act that:

1. The percentage by which Armidale Regional Council (**Council**) may increase its general income for Year 2021-22 is 10.5%.

“**Year**” means the period from 1 July to the following 30 June.

[Note: The Council is required to reduce its income for Year 2021-22 to reflect any expiring special variation amount before increasing its general income for that Year in accordance with clause 1 above.]

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 above (**Special Variation**) is subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The Council uses the Additional Income for the purposes of improving its financial sustainability, reducing its infrastructure backlog, and maintaining service levels (**Proposed Program**), generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Report.

“**Additional Income**” means:

- i) the additional general income raised in accordance with clause 1 above, less
- ii) the additional general income that would otherwise be available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.

“**Report**” means IPART’s report entitled “Special Variation Application Armidale Regional Council from 2021-22” dated May 2021 on IPART’s determination under section 508(2) of the Act.

- b) The Council report, in its annual report for the Year 2021-22 on the following:
 - i) the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Additional Income;
 - ii) any significant differences between the Proposed Program and the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Additional Income and the reasons for those differences;
 - iii) the outcomes achieved as a result of the Additional Income;

- iv) the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance against the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan; and
- v) any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan and the reasons for those differences.

“Long Term Financial Plan” means the long term financial plan for the period from Year 2021-2022 to Year 2030-2031 summarised in Appendix C of the Report.

Dated 14 May 2021



Ms Deborah Cope, Acting Chair
On behalf of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
As delegate for the Minister Administering the *Local Government Act 1993*