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Dr Peter Boxall AO Chairman Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal PO Box K35 HAYMARKET POST SHOP NSW 1240

By email: ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Boxall,

RE: Muswellbrook Shire Council Fit for the Future Submission

We refer to the above and are pleased to submit Council's submission in response to the State Government's *Fit for the Future* program for assessment by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

Council has resolved to submit a proposal to remain as a stand-alone Council and encloses a copy of its Plan for Further Improvement and a completed Template 2 document.

Council has been assisted in the preparation of the documentation by consultants Morrison Low.

Council looks forward to continuing on its path to greater financial sustainability to ensure the needs of the Shire's communities are able to be met into the future.

Yours faithfully,



Martin Rush Mayor



Steve McDonald

General Manager