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Ms Fiona Plesman
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Dear Ms Plesman

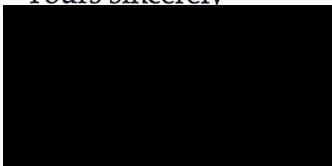
Instrument of approval for 2018-19 special variation application

I refer to IPART's determination on Muswellbrook Shire Council's application for a special variation in 2018-19, which was issued on 15 May 2018. The final reports on our special variation determinations are available on the IPART website.

I have attached a copy of the Instrument of Approval for Muswellbrook Shire Council for your records.

If you have any queries, please contact Lucy Garnier on 9290 8488.

Yours sincerely



Hugo Harmstorf
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Office of Local Government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508(2)
MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), as delegate of the Minister for Local Government pursuant to the delegation dated 6 September 2010, determines under section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) that:

1. The percentage by which Muswellbrook Shire Council (Council) may increase its general income for Year 2018-19 is 14.73%.

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

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 above (Special Variation) is subject to the following conditions:

- I. The Council uses the Additional Income for the purposes of funding the proposed program of expenditure (Proposed Program) set out in Appendix B of the Report.

“Additional Income” means:

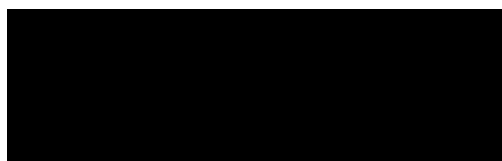
- a) the additional general income raised in accordance with clause 1 above, less
- b) the additional general income that would otherwise be available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.

“Report” means IPART’s report entitled “Special variation increase – Muswellbrook Shire Council 2018-19” dated May 2018 on IPART’s determination under section 508(2) of the Act.

- II. The Council reports, in its annual report for Year 2018-19 on the following for that Year:
 - a) the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Special Variation;
 - b) any significant differences between the Proposed Program and the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Special Variation and the reasons for those differences; and
 - c) the outcomes achieved as a result of the Special Variation.

- III. The Council reduces its general income for Year 2019-20 by \$1,597,028.

Dated 16 May 2018



Dr Peter J. Boxall, AO
Chair, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal