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Dr Peter Boxall
Chair
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Dr Boxall

Wyong Shire Council Fit for the Future Proposal

Wyong Shire Council (WSC) welcomes the opportunity to submit our Fit for the Future Proposal to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for assessment. WSC supports reform in the Local Government sector where the focus and outcomes lead to positive impacts in the community and have complied with the OLG and IPART set requirements for the development of its proposal.

WSC sought to explore the Independent Local Government Review Panels recommendation of investigating a merger with Gosford City Council however; Gosford chose not to conduct a joint exploration of a potential merger. As a result WSC had no alternative but to complete and self-fund its proposal utilising the OLG prescribed Business Improvement Template.

WSC Council approached the FFTF program with neutrality, setting out to investigate various reform options in order to identify which option best met the State's objectives and served the interests of the community. As part of its Proposal, Council also notes its willingness to discuss potential joint services opportunities with Gosford City Council; to further improve the region's fitness.

The proposal for WSC is themed 'Fit for the Future: A Journey;' providing a comprehensive story of Council's past, current and future performance, and Council's demonstrated capability of improving its financial position, sustainability and capacity to build the community.

WSC look forward to continuing to work with the State government on local government reform and if you have any questions during the assessment please contact our General Manager, Michael Whittaker on 430 5200.

Yours sincerely

Cr Doug Eaton OAM
MAYOR