

Our reference: 17/417

16 May 2018

Ms Elizabeth Jeremy  
General Manager

Dear Ms Jeremy

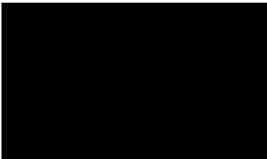
**Instrument of approval for 2018-19 special variation application**

I refer to IPART's determination on Bellingen 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 Bellingen Shire Council for your records.

If you have any queries, please contact

Yours sincerely

  
**Hugo Harmstorf**  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Office of Local Government

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**  
**INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508A**  
**BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL**

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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 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) that:

1. The percentage by which Bellingen Shire Council (Council) may increase its general income for the period from Year 2018-19 to Year 2020-21 (inclusive) is 19.1%, consisting of the following annual increases:

	Year	Annual increase in general income (%)	Cumulative increase in general income (%)
Y1	2018-19	6.0	6.0
Y2	2019-20	6.0	12.4
Y3	2020-21	6.0	19.1

“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.

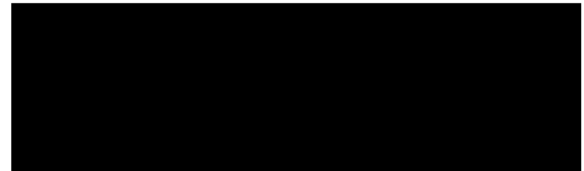
“Report” means IPART’s report entitled “Special variation increase – Bellingen Shire Council 2018-19” dated May 2018 on IPART’s determination under section 508A of the Act.

- II. The Council reports, in its annual report for each Year from Year 2018-19 to Year 2027-28, 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;
  - c) the outcomes achieved as a result of the Special Variation;

- d) 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
- e) 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 2018-19 to Year 2027-28 summarised in Appendix C of the Report.

Dated 16 May 2018



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

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

**INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508(2)**

**ADDITIONAL SPECIAL VARIATION FOR BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL 2022-23**

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 Bellingen Shire Council (**Council**) may increase its general income for Year 2022-23 is 2.5%.

*[Note: The Council is required to reduce its income for Year 2022-23 to reflect any expiring special variation amount before increasing its general income for that year in accordance with clause 1.]*

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 is subject to the following condition:
  - a. The Council report, in its annual report for the Year 2022-23, on the following for that Year:
    - i the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating results against the projected revenues, expenses and operating results specified in its Application;
    - ii any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating results and the projected revenues, expenses and operating results specified in its Application and the reasons for those differences; and
    - iii the Additional Income raised by this additional special variation.

3. In this instrument:

**"Additional Income"** means:

- a. the additional income raised in accordance with clause 1 above, less
- b. any additional general income for Year 2022-23 that would otherwise be available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.

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**"Application"** means Worksheet 8 of the document entitled "Bellingen Shire Council – Application Part A" for the Council published on IPART's website.

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

Dated 17 June 2022

16/06/2022

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Ms Deborah Cope  
Acting Chair  
Signed by: Deborah Cope

**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*