



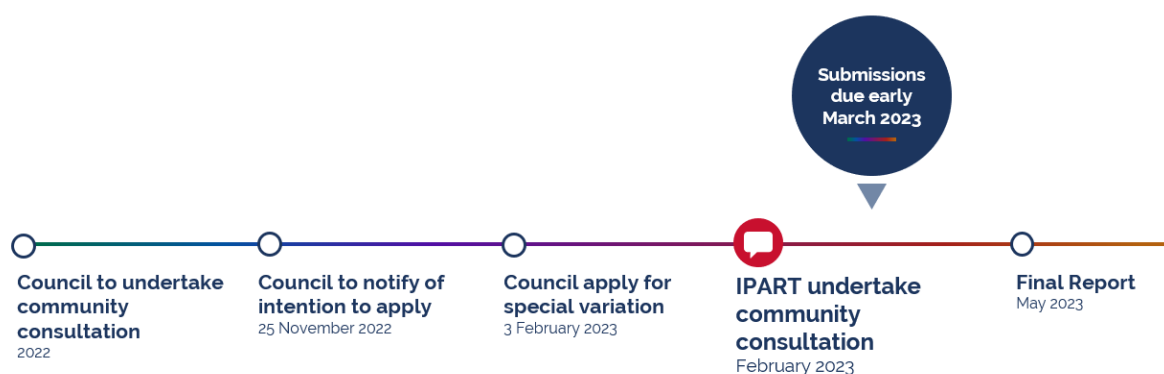
Special Variations in 2023-24

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This Fact Sheet provides information for councils and ratepayers about the special variation (SV) application process for 2023-24.

Councils can apply for a special variation (SV) to increase their general income to deliver the services and infrastructure desired by their communities.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) issues guidelines for councils applying for an SV, which set out the criteria IPART uses to assess applications.



Ratepayers of councils proposing an SV for 2023-24 should:

- expect their councils to be consulting with them and seeking their feedback on proposed rate increases
- [sign-up](#) to be notified when IPART commences community consultation after councils have submitted their SV applications in February 2023
- see IPART's [Information Paper, Special Variations in 2023-24](#) for further details on the application process.

Councils intending to apply for an SV for 2023-24 should:

- review IPART's [Information Paper, Special Variations in 2023-24](#)
- refer to the SV Application Form and Information Paper Community engagement and awareness for special variations and minimum rate increases, which are available on [IPART's website](#)
- contact IPART as soon as possible to discuss its SV proposal
- notify IPART of its intention to apply for an SV by 25 November 2022 and [submit an application](#) by 3 February 2023.