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Ms Alison Milne
Director, Local Government
The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)
Level 17, 1 Market Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Alison

Notification for Special Rate Variation Section 508A

This letter serves to formally notify IPART of Kempsey Shire Council's intention to submit an application for a multiple year rate variation commencing 2014-2015 financial year.

Nature of Request

The purpose of Council's application is to adequately finance infrastructure maintenance programs and retain existing services to the community. More specifically Council has an approximate \$14.79 million per annum shortfall in infrastructure maintenance (roads and bridges) to adequately support the current road network. Community consultation has commenced to inform and explain the funding shortfall following on from the previous year's consultations that led to the need being identified.

Proposed increase

Council has resolved to apply for a permanent multiple year rate increase over a four year period commencing from the 2014-2015 financial year. Details provided below include the rate peg determined by IPART, the assumption is the rate peg is 3%.

Year	Percentage increase	Yield Increase attributed to Special Rate Variation
2014 - 2015	10%	\$955,781
2015 - 2016	10%	\$1,111,009
2016 - 2017	10%	\$1,252,481
2017 - 2018	4%	\$287,412

It is intended that the overall rate increase achieved over this four year period becomes permanent.

Information on the proposed rate increase will continue to be promoted to members of our community over the coming months.

Contact details

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Please do not hesitate to contact Kathy if you have any enquiries or require additional information.

Yours sincerely



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