

**Contact** Felicity Hall  
**T** (02) 9290 8432  
**E** Felicity\_Hall@ipart.nsw.gov.au

31 March 2022

Mitchell Murphy, General Manager  
Hunter's Hill Council  
22 Alexandra Street  
Hunters Hill NSW 2110

via email

Dear Mitchell,

### **Request for clarification on your special variation application for 2022-23**

We received your application for a special variation (SV) to general income under section 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act).

Your application requests to expire early council's 2013-14 SV. Section 508(2) SVs may only be varied in very limited circumstances. Based on the available information, there are no apparent grounds for variation.

To move forward on this application, we are requesting that council clarify whether it would like to apply for the proposed increase to be applied over a 2-year period so that the 2013-14 SV can expire at the end of 2022-23. The impact this would have on council's application is set out in the table below.

	Year 1	Year 2
Council's application	22.25% plus 0.7% rate peg	Rate peg
Proposed modified application	16.2% plus 0.7% rate peg	5.3% plus rate peg

We acknowledge that council has undertaken consultation with your community on the proposed rate increases in your application. A special variation over a two-year period would mean that the overall impact on general income and ratepayers would be the same as in council's application and would align to what council has already consulted on.

Can you please confirm in writing by 6 April 2022 whether council would like to modify its application as outlined above. We will publish this letter and your response on our website. If council confirms it is modifying its application, we will notify the stakeholder that made a submission on your application of this modification and consider any feedback.

IPART's contact officer for this review is Felicity Hall, Principal Analyst, contactable on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

31/03/2022

X

[REDACTED]

Liz Livingstone  
CEO  
Signed by: Liz Livingstone