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via email

Dear Joanne

**Formal opportunity to comment - Liverpool Plains Shire Council's Special Variation Application 2021-22**

IPART is currently assessing Liverpool Plains Shire Council's (the council) application for a special variation (SV). We would like to invite the council to formally respond to an issue we have identified regarding the council's proposed SV. The Tribunal will consider any comment received from the council before making its final decision in mid-May 2021.

We ask that the council provide its response to the following issue in writing by close of business Thursday, 22 April 2021.

**Comment sought on the timeframe of the SV**

We note that the council has applied for a permanent special variation under section 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Has the council considered the option of a temporary SV while it implements planned initiatives to achieve cost savings? If IPART considers the option of a temporary special variation, does the council have a preferred duration for a temporary SV, for example would 1 year be preferred over 2 years?

What are the reasons for the council's preferred duration / timeframe?

The council would have the option of applying to IPART for a permanent SV or a temporary SV in the future.

IPART's contact officer for this matter is Sheridan Rapmund, Director, contactable on 9290 8430.

Yours sincerely

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