

Media Release

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NSW council rates to rise

IPART has set the 2023-24 base rate peg for NSW councils at 3.7%. There is also an allowance for the level of population growth, meaning some councils will have rate pegs of up to 6.8%.

The rate peg varies from the base level of 3.7% for most councils, to 6.8% for Camden Council. Please see the [Information Paper](#) on IPART's website for the rate peg for every council across NSW.

The rate peg protects ratepayers from excessive increases in council rates by limiting the total amount by which councils can increase income from rates each year.

"Higher inflation means that councils are facing increased costs in delivering services to the communities they serve.

"We have taken these increased costs into consideration while also trying to limit the level of rate increases that ratepayers are facing," said IPART Chair Carmel Donnelly.

IPART does not set the actual rates that households and businesses pay, which is a decision for councils and their communities. However, councils must set those rates to ensure that the change in total rates income stays below the rate peg limit.

IPART is currently reviewing the methodology it will use to set the rate peg from 2024-25. We are now calling for public submissions to the [Issues Paper](#) which is available on IPART's website. Submissions will be open until 4 November 2022.

"We will be looking at new approaches to setting the rate peg that reflect, as far as possible, changes in inflation and local government costs, while continuing to protect ratepayers from excessive rate increases," said Ms Donnelly.

IPART will also be consulting with stakeholders during workshops to be held in November. A Draft Report will be released in February 2023 setting out our draft findings and recommendations. We will take further submissions on the Draft Report and hold a public hearing early next year, most likely in March 2023.

The Terms of Reference for this review are available [here](#).

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