

Independent Pricing and Regulatory  
Tribunal

9 January, 2026

Re: Declaration of adherence to approved Special Variation instruments

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Derek Finnigan, have been the General Manager of Muswellbrook Shire Council from 23 March 2023 to present.

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, Muswellbrook Shire Council has adhered to the requirements of the four (4) Special Variations and one (1) Additional Special Variation that have previously been approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) as follows:

- In 2011, IPART approved a temporary 6.8% SV for one year, commencing from 1 July 2011 and expiring on 1 July 2012.
- In 2012, IPART approved a permanent 7.60% SV implemented over one year, commencing from 1 July 2012.
- In 2018, IPART approved a temporary 14.73% SV for one year, from 1 July 2018 and expiring on 1 July 2019.
- In 2019, IPART approved a permanent 15.13% SV implemented over one year, commencing from 1 July 2019.
- In 2022, IPART approved a 2.50% ASV, which was 1.8% over the announced rate peg of 0.7% for the 2022-23 financial year.

Sincerely,



Derek Finnigan  
General Manager  
Muswellbrook Shire Council