

LG Submission Form 2021-2022 - Applications

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IPART Special Variation Submission Form - Applications

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Review	(LG) Special Variations & Minimum Rates 2021-2022
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Council	Central Coast Council, Special Variation Application
If you have any general feedback regarding your council's proposed SV, please leave your comments in the comment box below.	<p>References A - Earlier Submission to IPART by M & E Fish re Central Coast Council's SRV application</p> <p>B - Special Variation Application Form Part B by Central Coast Council dated December 2020</p> <p>C - Administrators 3 month Progress Report</p> <p>D - Council's Financial Situation advice paper dated 16 February 2021</p> <p>E - Central Coast Council Annual Report 2019-2020 - Pages 96 to 106 Contracts Awarded</p> <p>Further to our submission to IPART (Ref A) relating to Central Coast Council's application for an SRV to raise local rates by 15%. we wish to add the following From the information provided by References B,C and D one might believe that every effort is being made to minimise the effect on ratepayers in the current financial situation of Central Coast Council and particular attention is brought to the plan to reduce materials and contracts by \$22 Million dollars. This looks like a good effort until a review of Reference E is undertaken.</p>

An examination of Reference E reveals the following:-

Total number contracts listed 286 costing
\$543,185,439.00

Total number contracts ongoing 127 costing
\$355,945,294.86

Although the Report does not categorise or identify the type or area to which a contract has been awarded (the list is simply a disorganised mulchheap) it does identify if the contract is "multi year" i.e. ongoing but without length of time associated.

It is possible to identify category by type of supplier though and the "big hitters" in the "multi year" contracts list are:-

IT - 17 contracts costing \$24,649,583.06

Plant/vehicles - 6 contracts costing \$62,755,451.32

Water/Sewage - 17 contracts costing \$124,944,710.63

Australian Native Landscapes - 1 contract costing
\$14,650,806.50

Accurate Asphalt - 1 contract costing \$31,623,828.50.

TOTAL \$257,644,380.00

(details provided in the workbook attached)

So - the Council is asking that we believe that the relatively minor amount of \$22Mill is the best achievable cost saving from the total of the ongoing/multi year contracts. We submit that this and in fact, the whole of the savings targets advised thus far, look like application of "Business Improvement 101" which just goes for a 10% cost save in a few easy areas but ignoring those with bigger potential but greater complexity and where more effort is needed - i.e. the lip service level of effort. We also submit that this is just not good enough to justify the massive rate rise applied for and significant efforts could and should be made to realise very significant savings from the ongoing/multi year contract list. Once this has been done and real and notable savings made, together with items brought to attention in Reference A, it might then be time to examine the matter of a rates rise..

We therefore submit again that the application for the SRV should be denied.

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Attachment 1 - Xcell workbook showing contracts listed in Reference E

Your comments on Criterion 1:

Your comments on Criterion 2:

Your comments on Criterion 3:

Your comments on Criterion 4:

Your comments on Criterion 5:

If you have attachments you would like to include with your feedback, please attach them below. [CCC CONTRACTS 2019 2020.xlsx](#)

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