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**Mr Andrew Nicholls PSM**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

By email: [localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mr Nicholls

### **2026 Council Reference Group – Rate Peg Methodology**

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on IPART's [draft](#) Council Reference Group (CRG) terms of reference for the rate peg methodology.

Since its establishment, the CRG has proven to be a valuable consultative body, providing a forum for experienced representatives to collectively identify opportunities to address current and emerging issues related to the rate peg methodology. LGNSW welcomes the continuation of the CRG and IPART's commitment to engagement and collaboration.

LGNSW is pleased to be a member of the CRG, representing the local government sector right across NSW. We welcome the opportunity for continued representation through LGNSW's representatives:

- LGNSW Chief Executive, and
- LGNSW Chief Economist.

LGNSW supports the draft terms of reference for the CRG proposed by IPART. LGNSW also supports IPART's periodic review of the CRG's operation to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

We note that IPART intends to seek nominations for other members from OLG and LGNSW. While the inclusion of additional members is a matter for IPART to determine, in broad terms LGNSW supports a CRG composed of diverse representatives from



councils across NSW, ensuring balanced representation across metropolitan, rural and regional areas.

LGNSW looks forward to continuing our participation on the CRG in 2026. For further information, the LGNSW staff contact for this matter is [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

