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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT Notification of Intent of Blue Mountains City Council to Apply for a S508A Special Variation Application

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify IPART of the intent of Blue Mountains City Council to apply for a S508A special variation in February 2015. This was resolved by the Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 9 December 2014.

The Council is seeking a 6.6% increase in 2015/16 (including rate peg), followed by three annual increases of 9.6% (including rate peg) from 2016/17 to 2018/19, with all increases retained permanently in the rate base.

The **purpose** of the special variation application is to:

- Fund required renewal and maintenance of built infrastructure and assets
- Improve capacity to prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies including bushfires
- Continue to look after, protect and restore the natural environment
- Improve services to the community
- Enhance overall financial sustainability

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Yours faithfully

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