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## WHAT

This Fact Sheet provides information for councils and ratepayers about the special variation (SV) application process for 2021-22.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) issues guidelines for councils applying for an SV, which set out the criteria IPART uses to assess applications.

Please see IPART’s Information Paper, *Special Variations in 2021-22* for further details on the application process.



## WHY

This Fact Sheet and the associated Information Paper ensure councils and ratepayers are aware of:

- ▼ changes to the SV Guidelines for 2021-22
- ▼ our approach to assessing applications, including lessons learnt from assessments in previous years
- ▼ the timetable and process for 2021-22 applications.



## WHO

This information is relevant for:

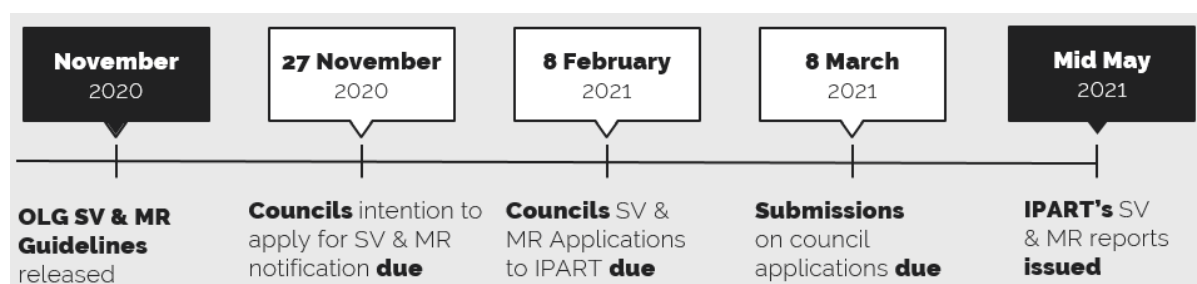
- ▼ councils planning to apply for an SV in 2021-22 or in future years
- ▼ ratepayers in these councils.



## WHAT NEXT

Councils intending to apply for an SV for 2021-22 should:

- ▼ review IPART’s Information Paper, *Special Variations in 2021-22*
- ▼ contact IPART as soon as possible to discuss their SV proposal
- ▼ refer to the SV Application Form and Application Guide and Information Paper *Community engagement and awareness for SVs*, which are available on IPART’s website
- ▼ notify IPART that they intend to apply for an SV by 27 November 2020
- ▼ submit an application by 8 February 2021.



Ratepayers of councils proposing an SV for 2021-22 should:

- ▼ expect their councils to be consulting with them and seeking their feedback on proposed rate increases
- ▼ note IPART will conduct a submission process after councils submit their applications in February 2021.