

Ms Alison Milne
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Our Reference:
Your Reference:

Contact: Mr Phil Brennan
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14 December 2012

Dear Ms Milne

Re: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Special Variation for 2013/2014

I refer to previous correspondence and discussions in relation to Great Lakes Council's desire to obtain some certainty around the continuation of its existing Environmental and Dredging Special Variation funded programs.

As you would recall Council has been considering applying and seeking approval for a special variation for the above purposes. It wishes to make application and seek approval in the financial year prior to the expiry of its existing variation in 2014/2015.

It is noted that the Division of Local Government's Guidelines allow for this scenario.

Council at its Ordinary meeting held on 11 December 2012 resolved to give the IPART formal notification of its intention to apply for such a variation.

Following on from our telephone conversation of 13 December 2012, Council will be seeking an increase of approximately 14% in 2013/2014. The application will seek an approval consisting of two parts:

1. a 7.9% permanent increase to general income (this would replace the previously approved third year of Council's section 508A variation); and
2. a 6% temporary increase to general income which would remain in the rate base for 7 years and would fund environmental and dredging programs ie an approval to allow the continuation of Council's existing Environmental & Dredging special levy funded programs.

Council understands that if successful with its application that it will be required to forego the final year increases from both of its existing special variations.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions in relation to the proposed application.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Brennan', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

PHIL BRENNAN
Manager Corporate Planning & Governance
Corporate & Community Services