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New South Wales

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION NOTIFICATIONS

18 December 2014

Twenty-three councils across NSW have notified the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of their intention to apply for a Special Variation to increase their general income above the rate peg in 2015/16. The rate peg for 2015/16 is 2.4%.

Councils were asked to notify IPART of their intentions by 12 December, and those that have notified now have until 16 February to submit their applications.

The councils lodging notifications are:

Ashfield	Gwydir	City of Ryde
Ballina	Jerilderie	Shoalhaven
Blue Mountains	Kyogle	Wakool
Coffs Harbour	Marrickville	Weddin
Deniliquin	Mosman	Willoughby
Eurobodalla	Narromine	Wollondilly
Gloucester	Newcastle	Yass
Greater Hume	Oberon	

When received, the applications will be assessed against guidelines published by the Office of Local Government. The assessment criteria include demonstrating the need for and the purpose of the additional revenue, evidence of community consultation and an assessment of the impact on affected ratepayers.

Details about each council's proposals should be available on their websites, in local media or from councils directly.

Full details about the assessment criteria for Special Variations and the amounts sought by each council can be found at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au

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