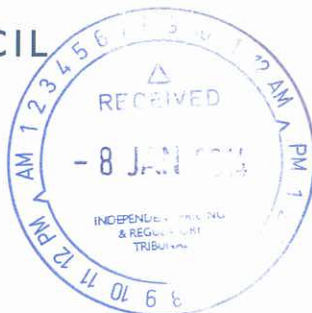




20 December 2013



The Chairman  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW  
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Dear Sir

**Review of Funding Framework for Local Land Services NSW (LLS)**

Council notes that IPART is currently undertaking a review of the funding framework for Local Land Services. Council has now had the opportunity to read the submission by the Board of Chairs in response to the IPART draft report and advises the following:

1. Council objects to any proposal that Councils be required to collect or pay LLS rates in respect of land below two hectares in area.
2. Council objects to any proposal to make Council holdings subject to LLS rates.

These proposals are potentially another method of cost shifting onto Councils. Further, it is not Council's role to be collecting revenues for agencies such as LLS.

Councils already undertake extensive conservation/natural resource management on the public lands that they hold. The LLS process should not impact, duplicate or impose charges on Councils where programmes are already in place.

Yours faithfully

D J Sherley  
GENERAL MANAGER