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Review of Funding Framework for Local Land
Services NSW
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission

Council supports the review into funding LLS and recognises the significant community benefits to be derived from the proposed functions of this new regional service delivery body and appreciates this opportunity to make comments with regard to the Review.

The hierarchical principles behind the funding model are endorsed but need to give due regard to existing planning already developed such as Community Strategic Plans (LGA derived) and the consultation and work carried out on Catchment Action Plans; both of these have been through a lengthy and wide engagement process.

This Council, along with many others, faces revenue challenges with one major option for resolution being rates – their quantum and impact on our community. There is concern of a potential double up between rating on properties to fund LLS and to fund local government and hence on a community's ability to pay. This is particularly pertinent at present due to our commencement of SRV discussions. A further query here is how non-farming users might be impacted.

Council notes that local government has been suggested as one option for fee collection and whilst we agree in principle, we would need to understand the fuller particulars before considering further.

Thank you for allowing this late submission.

Yours faithfully

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GENERAL MANAGER