

Our Reference: S8.3.1

20 December 2013

Dr Peter J Boxall AO  
Chairman  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW  
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Dear Mr Boxall

**RE: LLS Board of Chairs Submission on Funding Framework for LLS NSW**

Thank you for providing Council with the opportunity to make a submission on the Local Land Services Board of Chairs' submission to the IPART Draft Report on its Review of Funding Framework for Local Land Services NSW.

I wish to advise that Council considered the Local Land Services Board of Chairs' submission at their Ordinary Meeting held on the 18 December, 2013. Following consideration of the matter, Council resolved to reject the call by the Board of Chairs for all landholders to pay contributions to the LLS organisation, due to the tenuous link between landholders of less than 2ha and the creation of risks required to be managed by LLS.

Council also rejected the use of Council's rating procedures to be used for the purpose of collecting LLS determined contributions. Council does not support the extension of its role as a revenue collection authority for third parties.

Additionally, Council opposed the charging of Public Lands for LLS Services due to the extensive risk minimisation activities undertaken on Public Lands by the Lands Manager.

Please note that due to the short time frame before closing of submissions (two (2) days after Council's meeting), Council has only been able to prepare a preliminary submission in respect of this matter. Council will however be making further representations to LG NSW and the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall MP requesting that they support Council's position in this matter and make appropriate representations to the Minister.

Yours faithfully



K J BEDDIE

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER