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Dear Mr Boxall

LLS Board of Chairs Submission on Funding Framework
For LLS NSW

I write to strongly support the submission made by Local Government NSW which raises serious concern with the Local Land Services Board of Chairs' submission to the IPART draft report on its review of Funding Framework for Local Land Services NSW.

The concerns raised by Local Government NSW and concurred with, are summarised as follows:-

- The apparent reversal of the basic principle suggested by IPART that Local Land (LLS) should recover their costs in the first place by targeting actual risk creators and/or beneficiaries with a fee for service arrangement.

- The recommended abolition of the land area threshold of 2 hectares for land that could be subject to a LLS rate for the proposed base rate and the rate for natural resource management.

- The proposal that councils should collect the base rate and the rate for natural resource management for land with an area below 2 hectares. Kiama Municipal Council strongly opposes using councils to collect LLS rate for the reasons given by Local Government NSW.

- The recommendation that all exemptions for public land holders be removed.

Local Government already applies significant resources to public land management and natural resource management. There is no justification for Local Government's landholdings to be subject to LLS rates.

Council respectfully requests that the concerns of local government including this Council are upheld and that the Local Land Services Board of Chairs response be dismissed.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Brian Petschler
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