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Dear Dr Boxall

**Review of prices for Land Valuation Services Provided by the Valuer  
General**

Shoalhaven City Council hereby proposes the following submission with regard to the review of prices for land valuation services provided by the Valuer-General to councils.

We make comment on the following:

With regard to the question of whether IPART set one 5-year determination or undertake multiple periodic determinations over the 5-year referral period – it would be preferable to make separate determinations on a yearly basis in line with but not above CPI, which would benefit both councils and the Valuer Generals' department in terms of aligning costs/recoveries to current economic conditions.

The basis of cost allocation could be modified to align to the current rating categories defined in the Local Government Act, ie Residential, business, farmland or mining. If this change were made and fees were set such that mining was highest rated, then business, residential and lastly farmland (lowest fee), then the outcome would be more equitable. Regional councils would effectively be charged less given that farmland would be more dominant in regional areas.

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Pamela Gokgur, Finance & Corporate Services Group on . Please quote Council's reference 16401E (D14/16389).

Yours faithfully

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