



On a related matter, could IPART consider the conduct of a routine "benchmarking" service for Local Government organisations. My previous experience in business has demonstrated to me the value of benchmarking key performance indicators (costs, charges, income ratios, productivity indicators, etc) from one's own business, against similar businesses elsewhere. I see similar value for Local Government business, and this will be a useful and relevant tool to assist councils set annual fees and charges and to analyse our financial performance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide preliminary feedback on the issues paper on this matter of critical importance to the financial sustainability of Narromine Shire Council. I look forward to hearing about an opportunity to participate in further consultation on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Rogan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the first part of the name.

Ian Rogan,  
**General Manager.**