



Memo to: Mayor Watton and all Councillors

Copy to: General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Robert Maginnity, Director Corporate and Community Services

Subject: Special Variation Application

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Dear Mayor Watton and all Councillors

Council has submitted its completed application to IPART for a 39.9% one year permanent special variation for 2026/27 as per Council resolution for Report CC3/2026.

IPART will undertake a preliminary review of Council's application for completeness over the next few weeks, and if needed contact Council for clarification on any items they deem necessary. Following that and as per the IPART website, they will publish all Special Variation and Minimum Rates applications on their website on 17 February. Members of the community will then be able to view the application and all supporting documentation and make comment to IPART on the special variation application.

A fact sheet on how the community can engage with IPART on the special variation application is available at [IPART NSW](#). A copy of the fact sheet has been placed on Council's dedicated Financial Sustainability webpage, along with a featured link to subscribe for updates from IPART.

Council will continue to communicate with the community through regular updates on Council's Financial Sustainability [webpage](#) and via communication and social media channels once the submission is published on IPART's website.

Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.