

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

**INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508A**

**SPECIAL VARIATION FOR DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL 2019-20**

This instrument is made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) as delegate for the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 1993* (the **Act**) (Delegation of 6 September 2010).

IPART determines under section 508A of the Act that:

1. The percentage by which Dungog Shire Council (**Council**) may increase its general income for the period from Year 2019-20 to Year 2023-24 (inclusive) is 76.0%, consisting of annual increases:

Year	Annual Increase in general income	Cumulative increase in general income
2019-20	15.0%	15.0%
2020-21	15.0%	32.3%
2021-22	10.0%	45.5%
2022-23	10.0%	60.0%
2023-24	10.0%	76.0%

“**Year**” means the period from 1 July to the following 30 June.

*[Note: The Council is required to reduce its income in accordance with the conditions of any previous special variation before increasing its general income for a particular year in accordance with clause 1 above.]*

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 above (**Special Variation**) is subject to the following conditions:
  - a) The Council uses the Additional Income for the purposes of funding the proposed program of expenditure (**Proposed Program**) set out in Appendix B of the Report.

“**Additional Income**” means:

- i) the additional general income raised in accordance with clause 1 above, less
- ii) the additional general income that would otherwise be available to the Council under section 506 of the Act.

“**Report**” means IPART’s report entitled “Special variation increase Dungog Shire Council 2019-20” dated May 2019 on IPART’s determination under section 508A of the Act.

- b) The Council report, in its annual report for each Year from Year 2019-20 to Year 2024-25, on the following for those years:
- i) the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Additional Income;
  - ii) any significant differences between the Proposed Program and the program of expenditure that was actually funded by the Additional Income and the reasons for those differences;
  - iii) the outcomes achieved as a result of the Additional Income;
  - iv) the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance against the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan;
  - v) any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan and the reasons for those differences; and
  - vi) the status and outcome of the Council's proposal to work with owners of farmland properties to ensure that multiple lot farmland properties receive only one rateable assessment where possible.

**"Long Term Financial Plan"** means the long term financial plan for the period from Year 2019-20 to Year 2028-29 summarised in Appendix C of the Report.

Dated 1 May 2019



**Dr Paul Paterson, Chair**  
**On behalf of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal**  
As delegate for the Minister Administering the *Local Government Act 1993*