

## **LATE ADDENDUM REPORT**

### **REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER - OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

#### **a12 [OGM] Rating Task Force - Local Government and Shires Association**

#### **ORIGIN:**

**General Manager**

#### **SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That this report be received and noted.

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As the Task Force is still in operation I have provided some attachments under separate confidential cover which provides detail of the two tier concept.

### **LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **UNDER SEPARATE COVER:**

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Initial General Manager's Concept.
  2. CONFIDENTIAL - NSW Local Government Rate Determination Model (Tier 1)
  3. CONFIDENTIAL - NSW Rate Pegging (Tier 2)
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