

Council Reference: Rates - General
Your Reference:

18 April 2012

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box Q290
QVB Post Office NSW 1230

Dear Sir/Madam

Variation to existing special rate variation

Tweed Shire Council is operating in compliance with an instrument issued under S508A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 authorised on 15 August 2007. The variations to general income are as follows:

2008/09	9.50%
2009/10	9.50%
2010/11	8.50%
2011/12	7.50%
2012/13	7.50%

The final year of the general income variation coincides with the introduction of the carbon price advance of 0.4%, added to the rate pegging amount, as announced by IPART for the 2012/2013 financial year.

As the carbon price advance will be withdrawn in 2014/2015 by 0.1% and 2015/2016 by 0.3% Tweed Shire will be disadvantaged if it is subject to the withdrawals and not the increase.

As a result, Tweed Shire Council requests a S508A(9) amendment to the 2012/2013 variation to general income, resulting in a new variation of 7.90%.

The Tweed Shire Council community consultation phase of the Delivery Program/Operational Plan/Revenue Policy, commencing late April 2012, will disclose Council's intention to amend the general income variation amount due to the carbon tax advance (refer attached).

If you have any questions in relation to this request please contact the Director Technology Corporate Services, Mr Troy Green on 02 6670 2414 or by email at tgreen@tweed.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Mike Rayner
GENERAL MANAGER

Attach