

Circular Details	Circular No 19-27 / 21 October 2019 / A662487
Previous Circular	19-14 - <i>Recent amendments to the Local Government Act 1993</i>
Who should read this	New Council Councillors / General Managers / Council Finance and IP&R staff
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Action required	Information

Extension of the rates path protection for new councils

What's new or changing

- New councils formed in 2016 that have opted out of the rates path protection extension will cease to be included under the Ministerial Determination issued for Section 218CB of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- New councils that have decided to extend the rates path protection will be included under provisions of the Ministerial Determination to 2021.
- New councils formed in 2016 will be eligible to apply for a Special Variation or Minimum Rate Variation, regardless of whether they have opted out of the rates path protection extension.

Key Points and What this will mean for your council

- New councils under the rates path protection extension will maintain rates paths until mid-2021.
- All new councils are eligible to apply for a special or minimum rate variation for the 2020-21 rating year.
- Any new council seeking to apply for a variation should contact IPART as soon as possible to discuss.

Where to go for further information

- The new Ministerial Determination issued for Section 218CB of the *Local Government Act 1993* is available at: https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2019_2_019-122.pdf
- The Office of Local Government issued Special Variation and Minimum Rate Variation Guidelines outline the process for councils seeking to apply for a special or minimum rate variation for 2020-21. They are available at: www.olg.nsw.gov.au/strengthening-local-government/supporting-and-advising-councils/directory-of-policy-advice/rating-and-special-variations.



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