



**ONE VOICE
FOR COUNCILS**

Dear Mr Wilcox,

LGNSW is currently engaged in dialogue with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal about the councillor fee increases for the next financial year. As part of those discussions, we have raised a number of factors that we believe are both relevant to the amount of any future increase but also to the overall discussion on how councillors are remunerated - one such factor is superannuation.

As of 1 July 2022, section 254B of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) ("LG Act") provided that a council may make superannuation contribution payments to a superannuation account nominated by a councillor. The legislative provision is only enlivened if a council passes a resolution to make superannuation contributions to its councillors. In this regard there is no explicit or ongoing obligation for a council to make superannuation contributions to its councillors.

Any superannuation contribution paid is of course a deduction from the existing allowance and not an amount in addition to the existing allowance.

As part of our continuing discussions with the Tribunal on councillors' fees, the Tribunal has queried whether the option of superannuation payment to councillors is being exercised by councils in NSW. As such, LGNSW seeks advice on whether your council makes voluntary superannuation contributions to the councillors.

We would appreciate being advised of your council's position and ask that you respond by email to [REDACTED] by no later than close of business **Friday 23 February 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

David Reynolds

Chief Executive