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Dear

**Variation 1 to COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package Funding Agreement dated [DATE]**

I refer to the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package Funding Agreement (Funding Agreement) executed by Council on [DATE] and to Council’s application to vary the Funding Agreement to be eligible for the 2021 funding tranche.

The NSW Government has determined from [DATE] that it will continue funding the Council under the Job Retention Allowance Subsidy Scheme (JRA Subsidy) to assist local councils in responding to the continuing impact of COVID-19. The enclosed JRA Subsidy Guidelines (2021) sets out eligibility criteria that will apply to all JRA Subsidy payments made under this tranche of funding.

Please note that the Guidelines dated May 2020 continue to apply to all JRA Subsidy and other funding paid to councils under those May 2020 guidelines.

Pursuant to clause 10.10 of the funding agreement executed [DATE], the Office of Local Government seeks agreement to vary the funding agreement on the following terms, in order to implement the JRA subsidy.

**Variation of Funding Agreement dated [DATE]**

Pursuant to clause 10.10 of the funding agreement dated [DATE] the parties agree that the funding agreement is varied as follows:

1. For this tranche of funding the definitions in the Funding Agreement are varied as follows:

Insert new Definitions

“**Council Job Retention Allowance subsidy 2021 and JRA**” means the subsidy described in the Job Retention Allowance Subsidy Guidelines 2021, excepting that funding paid to council under the Job Retention Allowance Subsudy Guidelines May 2020 edition will remain applicable to that funding.

**Guidelines 2021** In relation to 2021 funding means the Job Retention Allowance Subsidy Guidelines 2021 issued by OLG as may be varied and any subsequent guidelines issued by OLG that it determines are applicable to the operation of the 2021 tranch of funding (or if replaced by a later version, that later version), excepting that funding paid to council under the Job Retention Allowance Subsudy Guidelines May 2020 edition will remain applicable to that funding.

1. The Parties confirm that for the purpose of this variation a reference in the Funding Agreement to Guidelines is taken to be a reference to Guidelines 2021 and a reference to the Stimulus Package is taken to be a reference to the JRA.
2. The Parties otherwise confirm that the terms of the Funding Agreement apply to this 2021 tranche of funding with such modification as may be necessary to give effect to the intent of this variation.

Council should note that no subsidy payments will be made under the 2021 funding tranche until the OLG receives this Variation Letter signed by or on behalf of the Council accepting the terms of the variation.

Should you have any questions please contact Steve Walker, Acting Manager Program Delivery, OLG 02 4428 4100.

Yours sincerely

**Kiersten Fishburn**

**Coordinator General**

**Planning Delivery and Local Government**

**Execution**

Variation Terms Accepted by Council.

**Signed** for and on behalf of Council by

[Signature]

[Name of authorised person]

**[Date]**