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I refer to the email from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, regarding the NSW Government's announcement to fund the first year's increase of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) for all local councils.

As foreshadowed by the Minister, I am writing to advise Council of the payment arrangements.

The increase in the levy, attributable to the new worker's compensation arrangements for firefighters, which is payable by Council for the 2019-20 financial year amounts to \$32,582.00. This amount was paid to Council by means of electronic funds transfer today. Council will receive a remittance advice with the reference *OLG Emergency Services Levy payment 2019-20*. This coincides with the 3rd quarterly instalment being due to Revenue NSW.

The Government has also announced that it is exploring options to better manage the impacts of the ESL on councils' budgeting cycles. Councils will be kept informed of progress.

Should you have any questions regarding the OLG Emergency Services Levy payment 2019-20, please contact Darren Sear, Manager Program Delivery on 02 4428 4134.

Yours sincerely

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