

**REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES (Continued)**

**698. DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO 85/13 – COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN [Continued]**

Issues raised by Councillors included:

- Reducing costs internally rather than by increasing rates; and
- Residents not really understanding the rate increase.

**MOVED Cr Stewart SECONDED Cr Roberts THAT Council adopt Scenario 2 as its rating base for the 2014/15 – 2023/24 Long Term Financial Plan.**

**The motion was put and lost 4 votes to 3.**

**MOVED Cr Cudmore SECONDED Cr Webster THAT Council adopt a rate increase of 12.5%.**

Cr Laurie **MOVED** an amendment to the motion, that being a 14% rate increase. There was no seconder for the motion.

**The motion for a 12.5% rate increase was put and carried 4 votes to 3.**

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (a) *Director Corporate Services Report No 85/13 be received.*
- (b) *Council give notice in accordance with Sections 402, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 advising the abovementioned draft documents will be on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and the public may make submissions to Council during this time.*
- (c) *Council make application to IPART for a 12.5% Special Rate Variation under Section 508(2) inclusive of the expiring 6.5% special rate variation and rate peg increase of 2.3%. [Crs Cudmore/Webster]*

**DELEGATES REPORTS**

**699. DELEGATE'S REPORT – NAMOI COUNCILS MEETING**

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (a) *The delegate's report from the Mayor and General Manager on their attendance at the Namoi Councils AGM and the Energy Working Group Meeting be received and noted. [Crs Stewart/Webster]*

**700. DELEGATE'S REPORT – TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (a) *The delegate's report from the Director Works on the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 be received.*
- (b) *The recommendations from the Traffic Committee be adopted. [Crs Stewart/Webster]*