

Attachment 8 – Resolution to apply for the special variation

10.11 Special Rate Variation - Swimming Pool Upgrades - Consultation

271114/1 RESOLVED

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council acknowledges the feedback from the community consultation process undertaken for the special rate variation application for upgrades to the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools.
2. In acknowledging this consultation Council remains of the opinion that additional funds are needed to upgrade these pools for the following reasons:
 - a) the ever growing need for refurbishment of the pools due to the condition of the existing infrastructure
 - b) the increasing operating costs
 - c) the potential operating efficiencies to be gained through pool upgrades and the use of modern technologies
 - d) the push by the Office of Local Government for councils to concentrate on asset renewal
 - e) the Council's comparatively low rate base and
 - f) the additional funds help to improve Council's overall financial position in respect to our operating result.
3. That based on points one and two Council authorises the General Manager to submit an application to IPART for a special rate variation, however the application is to be varied from that proposed in the community consultation, with the amended percentages being 5.41% for 2015/16 and 5.34% for 2016/17, based on the latest available rating information as per Table Six.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ken Johnston

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson