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## UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Oberon Council Extraordinary Meeting  
Tuesday 10 February 2015

Commencing at 5.00pm  
at the Oberon Council Chambers

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.27 pm.

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## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & PRAYER

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

Clr Doney opened the meeting with a prayer.

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## 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members      Mayor John McMahon (in the Chair)  
                 Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons  
                 Clr Ian Doney  
                 Clr Jill Evans  
                 Clr Neil Francis  
                 Clr Sam Lord  
                 Clr Clive McCarthy  
                 Clr John Morgan  
                 Clr Kathy Sajowitz

Staff            Alan Cairney, General Manager  
                 Gary Wallace, Planning and Development Director  
                 Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director  
                 Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director  
                 Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator

Apologies      Nil

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## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

File No: Governance/Councillors/Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary            -            Nil

Non-Pecuniary      -            Nil  
Significant

Non-Pecuniary      -            Nil  
Less than  
Significant

## 5. REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 05.01 IPART SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION

File No: Governance/IPART Submission

Author: Lynette Safranek, Finance & Community Services Director

#### Summary

Council has provided the Community, through public exhibition, a copy of the proposed Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Special Rate Variation Application of 7.5% increase per year (including rate pegging), approximately 43% cumulative. This report is to consider whether or not Council will submit the Application to IPART as it stands or with changes after considering submissions and feedback received from the Community during the public exhibition period.

Moved: McMahon  
Second: McCarthy

That Council submit an IPART Special Rate Variation Application for 5.5% (including rate pegging) per year (30.69% cumulative increase, made up of an assumed rate peg of 15.25% and additional rate increase of 15.44%) on General Rates, for the period 2015/16 to 2019/20.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved: Lord  
Second: Morgan

That Council submit an IPART Special Rate Variation Application for 7.5% (including rate pegging) per year (43.56% cumulative increase, made up of an assumed rate peg of 15.25% and additional rate increase of 28.31%) on General Rates, for the period 2015/16 to 2019/20.

Carried 01 100215

Clr McCarthy requested his vote be recorded against the motion.

### 05.02 HARSHIP POLICY

File No: Governance/Policies

Author: Lynette Safranek, Finance & Community Services Director

#### Summary

As part of the Application to the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation a draft Hardship Policy had been prepared to provide assistance to ratepayers.

Moved: Doney  
Second: Lord

That Council adopt the Hardship Policy.

Carried 02 100215

**05.03 PROPERTY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

File No: Council Properties/Land Development and Sales  
Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

Moved: Morgan  
Second: McCarthy

That:

1. Council resolve into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late confidential reports tabled at the meeting.
2. Pursuant to Section 10A(1)-(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A(2) as outlined above.
3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by Section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Carried 03 100215

*Council moved into a Closed Session at 6.06pm, members of the public present left at this point in time.*

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**Summary**

Details about land development opportunities is presented to Councillors at the meeting.

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Moved: Doney  
Second: Morgan

That Council agree in principle to the acquisition of Land for Residential Development as outlined in the Confidential Report, and delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate with the Agent.

A further Confidential Report be considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 February 2015.

Carried 04 100215

*Open Council resumed at 6.58pm.*

The Mayor advised that resolution 04 100215 was made by Council while the meeting was closed to the public. There were no members of the public present.

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## 6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6.58pm.