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**Re: Notification of Intention to Apply - Special Rate Variation 2016/17**

Dear Mr Harmstorf,

This letter serves as formal notification from Wagga Wagga City Council of its intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for 2016-2017.

The major elements of Council's SRV application are detailed below:

**1) Type of Special Variation – S508 (2)**

Council will be submitting a SRV of 5.63% for 2016/17 maintained for a temporary period of 5 years i.e. last year of retention would be 2020/21.

At the end of the 2020/21 rating year Council plans to return to the applicable rating level for 2021/22 that would have applied had a Special Rate Variation not been approved and Council had taken up only the permitted rate cap each year for the period of Special Rate Variation.

In summary Council will be submitting a SRV that applies the following rate increases:

Rating Year	Rate Increase	Comment
2016/2017	5.63%	5.63% Overall Increase Noting the Farmland Rating Category proposed to be increased by 3.7% (1.8% rate peg plus 1.9%) and all other rate categories increased by 5.9% (1.8 % rate peg plus 4.1%).
2017/2018	Rate Peg	Council may seek to defer the 16/17 SRV to 17/18 if State & Federal Grant funding is not confirmed by 30 June 2016.
2018/2019	Rate Peg	
2019/2020	Rate Peg	
2020/2021	Rate Peg	SRV ceases at the end of the year and rates are returned to the same level

		as would apply if council had applied a rate pegging increase for the years 2016/17 to 2020/2021
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## 2) Purpose of Special Rate Variation

As noted in Council's 2015/16 Delivery Program & Operational Plan Council will be applying for a Special Rate Variation of 3.83% plus the announced rate peg for 16/17 i.e 1.8% maintained for 5 years to fund its 1/3 share of the costs associated with upgrading the Main City Levee to a 1 in 100 year level of protection and upgrade the North Wagga Levee to a 1 in 20 year level of protection.

The latest Cost Estimates for the Levee Upgrade works as prepared by the NSW Public Works is \$23.3M.

## 3) Council's Principal Contact

Mr Craig Katsoolis - Senior Revenue Accountant will be Council's principal contact for the proposed SRV application.

Should you need to discuss any aspect of this notification please call Craig Directly on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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Craig Richardson  
Director of Corporate Services

