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Attention: Executive Director Local Government Team

Hugo Harmstorf  
Director Local Government  
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Dear Hugo,

Following the announcement of the 2016/17 rate peg limit, Singleton Council wishes to notify IPART of its intention to make an application for a multi year Special Rate Variation (SRV).

Singleton Council, at its meeting held on 21 September 2015, resolved to notify IPART of Council's intention to apply for a 9.75% increase to total rates revenue each year for four years commencing in the 2016/17 financial year, as permitted under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993. This increase is to principally address Council's asset maintenance shortfall and to meet the required benchmark indicators for Fit for the Future reforms, taking into account a rate peg increase factor annually and the expiration of an existing SRV of approximately 3.0% at the end of 2016/17. It is proposed that the SRV will be retained permanently in Council's general rate income.

A copy of the Council resolution is attached.

Please contact Anthony Egan, Director Corporate Services Group on [REDACTED]  
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Yours faithfully,

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*Planning and Sustainable Environment Report (DP&SE39/15)*

**DP&SE39/15 DA26/2015 - Demolition, Service Station with Convenience Store, Shop (future user) and Signage - 205-209 John Street, Singleton** **FILE:DA26/2015**

*This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting during Public Access.*

*Community & Infrastructure Services Report (DC&IS40/15)*

**DC&IS40/15 Funding of upgrade to Double Crossing - Goorangoola Road** **FILE:14/0250**

The purpose of this report was to advise Council that a report has been prepared for Council's consideration in Closed Council which contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (the Tenderers).

- 192/15 **RESOLVED** that the report for the funding of upgrade to Double Crossing – Goorangoola Road be considered in Closed Council with the press and public excluded in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, on the grounds that the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

(McNamara/Diemar-Jenkins)

*Corporate Services Report (DCS99/15)*

**DCS99/15 Application for Special Rate Variation 2016/17** **FILE:15/0472**

The purpose of this report was to consider the 2016/17 rating mix structure and to seek Council's endorsement to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of Council's intention to apply for a special rate variation for the 2016/17 financial year to ensure Council's long term financial sustainability prior to undertaking a community awareness and engagement program on Council's plans.

- 193/15 **RESOLVED** that :

1. The General Ordinary Rate mix for the 2016/17 financial year be set at:

- Residential rate 44.81% representing a reduction of 1.85% on the current mix for 81.69% of ratepayers.
- Business 10.50% an increase of 0.87% on the current rate mix for 8.24% of ratepayers.
- Farmland ratepayers. 9.19% no change on current rate mix for 8.84% of
- Mining 35.50% an increase of 0.98% on the current rate mix for 1.23% of ratepayers.

2. Council notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of

Council's intention to apply for a 9.75% increase to the total rates revenue each year for four years commencing in the 2016/17 financial year, as permitted under section 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993* to principally address Council's asset maintenance shortfall and to meet the required benchmark indicators for Fit for the Future reforms, taking into account a rate peg increase factor annually and the expiration of an existing SRV of approximately 3.0% at the end of 2016/17.

3. The draft Community Engagement Strategy be adopted.
4. A further report be presented to Council following the community engagement as outlined in the draft Community Engagement Strategy.

(Thompson/Capsanis)

*Having declared an interest in this matter Cr Keown retired from the meeting at 6.54pm.*

*Planning and Sustainable Environment Report (DP&SE40/15)*

**Urban Design Option for a New Park on John Street Singleton FILE: 13/0516**

Council purchased the former Sutton Ford dealership property late in 2013, comprising two parcels either side of John Street. This report concerns the parcel on John Street's western side, identified as 184,184A and 186 John Street Singleton.

This report outlined a concept design option for the land's redevelopment as a park and recommended Council seek community feedback.

194/15 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Exhibit the detail design concept and seek public comment for a period of 28 days.
2. Include in the exhibition a plan that shows the site in a broader spatial context to demonstrate how the site can assist in improving pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, with its potential to be a link in Singleton's cycleway network and the Green Web of the Open Space and Recreation Needs Study (Ross Planning, May 2013).

(Adamthwaite/Scott)

*Cr Keown returned to the meeting at 6.59pm.*