



13. CORPORATE STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

13.1 Investing in Our Future - Proposed Special Rate Variation Application to Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)

Reference: 200/11
Report Author: Integrated Planning & Reporting Coordinator
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Link to Corporate Plan: Ensure the implementation and review of Wingecarribee 2031+, and plan by continuing engagement with the community

PURPOSE

This report provides Council with an overview of the community engagement outcomes from the public exhibition of the draft Delivery Program 2013-17 (revised December 2015), draft Long Term Financial Plan 2016-2026 and draft Strategic Asset Management Plan 2016-2026. At its meeting on 9 December 2015 Council endorsed public exhibition of these documents from 11 December 2015 to 1 February 2016, as a part of its *Investing in our Future* project.

Council endorsed the commencement of a three phase community engagement program for a proposed Special Rate Variation at its meeting on 24 August 2015. All three phases of community engagement have now been completed and this report presents the findings and recommends Council submits an application for a Special Rate Variation to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal by the deadline of 15 February 2016.

The General Manager addressed Council on this matter.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday 10 February 2016



MN 14/16

MOTION moved by Cllr T D Gair and seconded by Cllr G McLaughlin

1. **THAT** Council receives and acknowledges the extensive community feedback received during the community engagement and public exhibition for the Investing in our Future project, as detailed in Attachment 1 to the report.
2. **THAT** Council notes that an application for a Special Rate Variation is a key strategy from its Fit for the Future Improvement Action Plan endorsed on 24 June 2015.
3. **THAT** the draft Delivery Program, 2013-17 (revised December 2015), draft Long Term Financial Plan 2016-2026 and Strategic Asset Management Plan 2016-2026 be adopted with the amendments outlined in the report and Attachment 2 to the report.
4. **THAT** Council adopts Scenario 3 as its preferred scenario and lodge a Section 508A permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) application by 15 February 2016 to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an increase in 'General Revenue' and minimum rate amounts of three annual increases of 8.55% (including rate peg) in 2016/17, 9.25% (including rate peg) in 2017/18 and 2018/19 and an increase of 12.15% (including rate peg) in 2019/20 which includes continuation of the Environment Levy on a permanent basis.
5. **THAT** Council pass on its thanks to the General Manager and staff involved with the Investing in our Future project.

AMENDMENT moved by Cllr G M Turland and seconded by Cllr H R Campbell

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4. **THAT** Council adopts Scenario 2 as its preferred scenario and lodge a Section 508A permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) application by 15 February 2016 to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an increase in 'General Revenue' and minimum rate amounts of three annual increases of 7.05% (including rate peg) in 2016/17, 7.75% (including rate peg) in 2017/18 and 2018/19 and an increase of 10.65% (including rate peg) in 2019/20 which includes continuation of the Environment Levy on a permanent basis.
5. **THAT** Council pass on its thanks to the General Manager and staff involved with the Investing in our Future project.

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ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST

VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

For the Amendment: Cllr G M Turland, Cllr J Uliana and Mayor L A C Whipper

Against the Amendment: Cllr J G Arkwright, Cllr J R Clark, Cllr T D Gair, Cllr G McLaughlin and Deputy Mayor I M Scandrett

Cllr H R Campbell abstained from voting on the Amendment and therefore is recorded as voting against the Amendment

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS PASSED

VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion: Cllr J G Arkwright, Cllr J R Clark, Cllr T D Gair, Cllr G McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor I M Scandrett, Cllr G M Turland, Cllr J Uliana and Mayor L A C Whipper

Against the Motion: Cllr H R Campbell abstained from voting on the Motion and therefore is recorded as voting against the Motion

Mayor L A C Whipper left the chambers, the time being 5:22 pm and returned to the meeting at 5.23 pm.