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The Chairman
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box 0290
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Dear Sir /Madam

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2014/15

Bellingen Shire Council formally nominates its intention to apply for a one off permanent special rate variation (SRV) of 6% for 2017/18, under section 508(2) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.

Revenue from the SRV, if approved, will be used to fund infrastructure works as part of Council's road resurfacing program. At its 14 December Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to nominate and undertake a series of community engagement to further inform the process in lieu of a formal application to IPART in February 2017.

[MOVED] [Cr Harrison/Cr Wright-Turner]

That Council:

1. Notify the NSW Independent Regulatory and Pricing Tribunal of its intention to lodge an application for a Special Rate Variation for the 2017/18 Financial Year.
2. Undertake the community engagement initiatives outlined within this report inclusive of amendments to Council's Integrated Planning & Reporting documentation (Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan) to support the Special Rate Variation application
3. Place on public exhibition the Integrated Planning & Reporting documents that articulate the special rate variation for a minimum period of six (6) weeks from 15 December

For: Cr King, Cr Klipin, Cr Harrison, Cr Jenkins, Cr Fenton and Cr Wright-Turner.

Against: Cr Carter

Council is currently undertaking a process of community consultation and engagement in accordance with the Division of Local Government's guidelines. This engagement will further inform Council's consideration regarding its application for a SRV. Community engagement is planned to continue until the end of January/early February 2017.

Council also notes advice from IPART in relation to the rate peg amount of 1.5% for 2017/18.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Maxine Compton on ([REDACTED]) Monday to Thurs between the hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

Yours sincerely

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GENERAL MANAGER

