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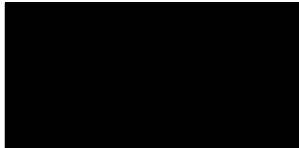
Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Special Variation to General Income for 2014/15

Further to Council's correspondence dated 30 October 2013 I wish to advise that Council considered the results of our community consultation process at the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 23 January 2014. As a result of that report Council resolved not to proceed with an application for a special rate variation for 2014/15 so please accept this notification as official Council correspondence for the withdrawal of our application.

If you require any additional information please call Steve Ansoul on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



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General Manager

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Special Variation to General Income for 2014/15

Further to my correspondence dated 3 October 2013 I wish to confirm that Council intends to apply for a special variation to our general income for 2014/15. An overview of the proposed application is as follows:

- Estimated Percentage above the rate pegging limit: 1.6% (this excludes the standard rate pegging increase)
- Time Frame: Fixed period of five years (Section 508(2) variation)
- Background: Council has been approached by the Alstonville, Ballina and Lenox Head Chambers of Commerce to seek an increase that will only be applied to properties categorised as business. Therefore the 1.6% special variation will equate to 8% for business properties and there will be no impact on residential and farmland properties (Council has no properties classified as mining). The additional income raised from this variation, estimated at approximately \$260,000, will be expended on promotional activities for the business community. In summary this will be a business promotion levy.

In respect to consultation we will be writing directly to every business property owner during November and December 2013 to seek their feedback on this proposal. A report will then be prepared for the elected Councillors and Council will then make a final decision on the application at our 23 January 2014 Ordinary meeting.

I hope this information provides adequate notification for you and if you wish to discuss any
[REDACTED] provide feedback to Council, please call me on 02) 6686 4444.

Paul Hickey
General Manager