

Blayney Shire Council



4 December 2013

The Chair / Chief Executive Officer
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box Q290,
QVB Post Office NSW 1230

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Notification of Intention to Lodge S.508(2) Application for Special Variation to General Income - Blayney Shire Council

Pursuant to the Guidelines for the preparation of an application for Special Variation to General Income Council advises its intention to lodge a S.508(2) Application for Special Variation to General Income. The amount sought will be a permanent 6%p.a. increase for two (2) years, excluding existing special rate variations in place, commencing 2014/15. The purpose will be for "maintaining assets and service levels".

At its Ordinary meeting held 11 November 2013 Council resolved the following:

- 1. That Council apply to IPART for a Special Rate Variation of 6% across all rating categories for 2 years starting 2014/2015 financial year excluding existing Special Rate Variations in place;**
- 2. That Council modifies its Long Term Financial Plan to project rate increases of 6% for Farmland rate category and 10% for all other categories, excluding existing Special Rate Variations in place, for 4 years starting financial year 2016/2017;*
- 3. That Council undertake a review of the rating structure to combine rate groups and review the base rate for the new rate descriptions;*
- 4. That Council provide advice through the local media and councils newsletters as to the decision of Council on the special rate variation; and*
- 5. That Council work with Village committees and NSW Farmers to consider, review and develop the future special rate variation from 2016/2017.*

Should you have any queries please contact the undersigned on telephone [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

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Glenn Wilcox
GENERAL MANAGER