



Blayney Shire Council

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Our ref: NMCU/17757

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Application for Additional Special Variation to General Income - Blayney Shire Council

Reference is made to correspondence received by Council regarding the above matter.

Council at its meeting held 21 March 2022 resolved the following:

Additional Special Variation (Resolution 2203/012)

RESOLVED:

1. *That Council make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act (1993) for a permanent Additional Special Variation of 2.5% including the population factor; for the 22/23 Operational Plan.*
2. *In making this application for the Additional Special Variation, Council has undertaken an assessment against the current Long Term Financial Plan, which assumed a 2.5% Rate Peg for 22/23 and noted;*
 - a) *the additional income that Council will receive if approved compared to that Rate Peg of 0.7% as determined by IPART in December 2021 totals \$167K*
 - b) *is required to maintain Councils current levels of services and operations to the Blayney Shire*
 - c) *that Council has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community in 2022/23 Operational Plan and future years and that the impact is reasonable.*


The following is provided as an overview of Council's application and attachments as uploaded through the Council Portal on your website.

The following documents have been included and are shown below with links to Council's website to reflect community exhibition and access.

No	Document	Website link:
1.	Council Long Term Financial Plan as adopted 25 June 2018	https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/993/Long%20Term%20Financial%20Plan%202018-19%20-%202027-28%20v2.pdf.aspx
2.	Council Resolution dated 21 May 2018 endorsing Resourcing Strategy including Long Term Financial Plan	https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/736/4.%2021%20May%202018%20-%20Signed.pdf.aspx
3.	Council's 2021/22 – 2024/25 Delivery Program and 2021/22 Operational Plan adopted 28 June 2021.	https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/965/Updated%20DPOP%20with%20Fees%20and%20Charges%2013012022.pdf.aspx
4.	Council Resolution dated 17 May 2021 endorsing exhibition of 2021/22 – 2024/25 Delivery Program and 2021/22 Operational Plan	https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/1003/17%20May%202021%20Signed%20Minutes.pdf.aspx
5.	Adjusted Long Term Financial Plan used to inform 2021/22 – 2024/25 Delivery Program and 2021/22 Operational Plan	N/A. However, years 2021/22 to 2024/25 from this plan have been included in the 2021/22 – 2024/25 Delivery Program and 2021/22 Operational Plan.
6.	Council Resolution dated 21 March 2022 endorsing application for Additional Special Variation	https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/653/21%20March%202022%20Signed%20Minutes.pdf.aspx
7.	March Council meeting Agenda including report on Additional Special Variation	Refer Item 14 p.52: https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/653/21%20March%202022%20-%20Ordinary%20Council%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf.aspx

The most recent LTFP adopted by Council was at commencement of the last Council term in 2018. Council has scheduled the endorsement of the Resourcing Strategy including the LTFP 2022/23 – 2031/32, following election of the new Council in December 2021, at the May 2022 Council meeting. Adoption is scheduled for the June 2022 Council meeting.

The adjusted LTFP while not exhibited has years 2021/22 to 2024/25 included in the Council's 2021/22 – 2024/25 Delivery Program and 2021/22 Operational Plan, adopted 28 June 2021. (Refer p.59 of document.) The 2021/22 – 2024/25 Delivery Program and 2021/22 Operational Plan was exhibited to the community following endorsement in May 2021 prior to adoption in June 2021.

Should you have any queries or require further clarification of Council's application please contact the undersigned on telephone 

Yours faithfully,


Anton Franze
Director Corporate Services