



10 December 2013

Ms Alison Milne
Director Local Government
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Ms Milne

Notification of Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation 2014-2015

Campbelltown City Council is presently in the process of considering an application to increase its rating revenue under Section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

At the Council meeting on 15 October 2013 it was resolved to:

conduct a series of community consultations in relation to a Special Rate Variation requesting public submissions regarding the proposed 11% rate increase.

Through the community consultation process, Council has assured the community that funding of 8% raised through the 11% rate increase will be directed to the maintenance and renewal of Council assets with the remaining 3% required for operational purposes.

An extensive community engagement strategy has been developed and implemented. Council currently employs various methods of engagement in its day to day operations and has utilised these methods when consulting the community about the Special Rate Variation. These methods include:

- education programs
- advertising
- community exhibitions, event stalls
- face to face
- telephone survey
- social media
- dedicated website (www.yourcityyourfuture.com.au)
- mail outs to all ratepayers and households
- community forums.

Council will formally consider the outcomes of the consultation and the option of lodging an application for the Special Rate Variation to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal on Tuesday 11 February 2014.

If you require any further information please contact Mr Michael Sewell, Director Business Services [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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