

Glen Innes Severn Ordinary Council Meeting

19 JUNE 2025

Minutes



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From the meeting held at the Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre,
William Gardner Conference Room, Grey Street, Glen Innes on:

Thursday, 19 June 2025 at 9:00 AM

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7.4 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-2035

REPORT FROM: Corporate and Community Services

Moved Cr M Davis Seconded Cr M Elphick

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035.
2. Adopts the Sustainability Revised scenario as Council's scenario and makes a Special Rate Variation application to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in 2026 for a permanent 48.3% (cumulative, including the rate peg) SRV over three years as follows; 21.5% in 2026/27, 12.0% in 27/28 and 9.0% in 28/29.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035.
2. Adopts the Sustainability Revised scenario as Council's scenario and makes a Special Rate Variation application to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in 2026 for a permanent 30% (cumulative, including the rate peg) SRV over three years as follows; 15% in 2026/27, 10% in 27/28 and 5.0% in 28/29.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, used her casting vote to vote against the motion.

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 3.

Amendment Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr A Parsons

That Council postpones the decision of adopting the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035 until Councillors receive information required to make a decision.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

Against

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr M Elphick

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, used her casting vote to vote against the motion.

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Moved Cr M Davis

Seconded Cr M Elphick

5.06/25 RESOLUTION

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For

Cr M Davis
Cr C Sparks
Cr M Elphick

Against

Cr T Arandale
Cr A Parsons
Cr D Scott

The division was declared EQUAL.

The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 370(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, used her casting vote to vote in favour of the motion.

The division was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED