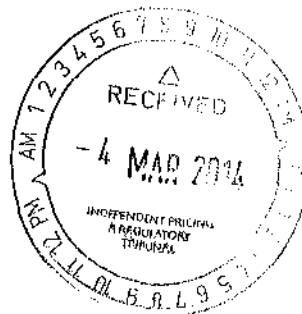


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25th February 2014

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RE: Glen Innes Severn Council's Application for a Special Rates Variation (SRV)

Please find attached 325 signatures which are against the SRV Application by Glen Innes Severn Council for the following reasons:-

- The application is inequitable across ratepayers (i.e. all rate payers are not being levied equally).
- Cost savings and efficiencies within Council budget should have been addressed in previous years (i.e. depreciation schedule). Council needs to find more cost savings and make more efficiency gains now and into the future.
- Decaying infrastructure, including roads and bridges, has been in progress for many years, yet there haven't been any measurable outcomes to address this fundamental business area of Council.
- For many rate payers, tangible benefits for rates paid, have not occurred. This is especially being experienced by rural ratepayers who have seen roads and bridges deteriorate year by year, to the extent that some are impassable and other roads being deleted from Council's list of roads to be maintained.

Rate payers are aware that both State and Federal Governments have been withdrawing funding from Local Government, and at the same time asking Council's to implement Legislation, which in some cases, are a cost to rate payers. This needs to be addressed by Local, State and Federal Governments collectively.

In summary, Rate payers would need to see Council address the above points in a far more equitable and businesslike manner before they would consider any Special Rate Variation. The general feeling is that rate payers are not satisfied that Council and Management are delivering real value for rates paid at this time.

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Scott Pietsch (on behalf of signatures attached).

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Glen Innes Severn Council's Application for a Special Rates Variation (SRV)

The proposed Application would see an increase of 10% (plus 2.3% rate pegging) for Residential rates in 2014-15 and 10% (plus 2.3% rate pegging) for the next 3 financial years for Farmland rates.

The Glen Innes Examiner (30/01/2014) states that council's finance Manager has prepared an alternative proposal regarding the distribution of the SRV.

"This would involve Residential ratepayers paying 10% above the rate peg next financial year, and 5% above the rate peg in the 2015/16 financial year. Farmland rates would increase by 10% per annum for each of the two financial years on top the rate cap increase, and 5% above the rate peg in the third year"

Both these proposals will be presented at the FINAL community consultation session on MONDAY 3rd February at 7.30pm.

If you disagree with either of these proposals for an Application for a Special Rates Variation (SRV) by the Glen Innes Severn Council, please put your signature to this **petition**, as an indication to the Glen Innes Severn Council, that residents within the Shire DO NOT agree with these proposed Applications.

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