

10.8 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2022/23 AND 2023/24

M26/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Application for Special Rate Variation 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M32/22 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Receive the community engagement outcomes report on Council's proposed Special Rate Variation Application.
3. Acknowledge the feedback received from the community during the community engagement and public exhibition process in 2021 and provide this to IPART as part of the Special Rate Variation application.
4. Adopt the updated Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/32 after public exhibition in October/November 2021, noting that no public submissions were received.
5. Proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation application for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
6. Make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for increases to the ordinary rate income of 15.7% in 2022/23 (including the rate peg) and 17.5% in 2023/24 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase of 35.95% over the two-year period, to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.
7. Adopt the submission to IPART, consisting of IPART application form Part A Special Variation 2022/23 and IPART Application form Part B Special Variation 2022/23.
8. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.
9. Consider the implementation of the Special Rate Variation (if successful) during the deliberations of Council's Delivery Program, operational plan and budget 2022/23.
10. Not implement the introduction of any Special Rate Variation, if approved by IPART, until such time as Council has given adequate consideration to all other opportunities for productivity improvements and not endorse reductions in service levels or sale of assets without further community consultation.

Cr John Larter/Cr Trina Thomson

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