

4 February 2014

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

Re: Special Rate Variation

I refer to Council's letter of 9 December 2013, advising of its intention in submitting a Special Rate Variation application for the 2014/2015 financial year.

Despite having undertaken detailed community consultation since December 2013, which was due to be completed next week, Council resolved the following at its meeting on 3 February 2014:

That:

Due to the work being undertaken by the General Manager and the Senior Management Team in undertaking a service review across the entire Council to ascertain what organisational changes could be made to improve service delivery and where appropriate reduce costs to allocate back to asset improvements, Council resolve not to make application for an increase to IPART for an increase in Council's rate revenue commencing in 2014/15.

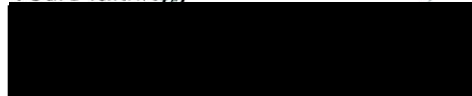
Further the General Manager bring back a report by July 2014 outlining the preliminary results of the service review together with a list of cost saving and revenue raising opportunities across Council.

And, that in addition, an updated long term financial plan together with a community consultation plan and draft timetable for a new application to IPART for a rate increase commencing in 2015/16 if required, also be brought back to Council at the appropriate time to enable Council to resolve this matter prior to December 2014.

In moving this Minute, I note that if this resolution is adopted, the public meeting to be held on 4 February is to be cancelled and those who have contacted Council indicating they will be attending will be advised tomorrow that the meeting has been cancelled and staff attend the Dougherty Centre to advise that the meeting is cancelled and no application to IPART will be made at this time.

Council's Financial Services Director, Tony Pizzuto, will make contact with you in the near future to arrange a meeting with you and your staff.

Yours faithfully



Nick Tobin
GENERAL MANAGER

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Dear Alison

RE: Special Rate Variation

I refer to our meeting on 18th November and advise that Council will be applying for a Special Rate Variation for 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 under Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993.

At the Council meeting of 25th November 2013, Council resolved to notify IPART of an intention to submit a Special Rate Variation application for the 2014/2015 financial year.

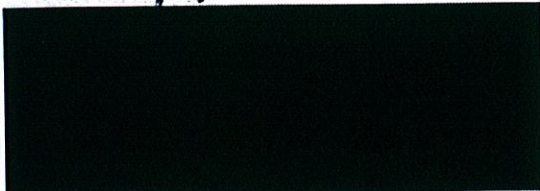
Under the proposal, the estimated percentage increase for 2014/2015 inclusive of the rate pegging limit is 8.3%. The proposal includes an estimated percentage increase inclusive of the rate pegging limit of 5.5% for 2015/2016 and 5% for 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. Council is also seeking to have the increase remain permanently in our rate base after the final year of the proposed SRV.

Council has commenced further community engagement on the proposal which will continue until early February 2014.

Willoughby's application will be lodged by the due date of 24 February 2014.

Please let me know if you require any further information at this stage

Yours sincerely



Nick Tobin
GENERAL MANAGER