



Attachment W

**A Copy of Councils Resolution
To Apply to IPART**

After the above “Acknowledgement to Country” had been read, Reverend Lance Jackson opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved: Cr Quinn

Seconded: Cr Parsons

1.02/14 RESOLUTION

That Councillor D Newman be granted absence of leave from the Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS / PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No disclosure of conflict of interests/pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests were received.

4 REPORTS

4.1 Financial Management: Presentation of Scenarios for Long Term Financial Plan: Adoption of a Special Rate Variation

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
**Authors: Anna Watt – Director of Corporate and Community Services and
Eric Brown - Manager of Finance**

Moved Cr Parsons

Seconded Cr Quinn

2.02/14 RESOLUTION

That Council moves into “Committee of the Whole” for the purpose of discussing the item more freely.

CARRIED

As part of the discussion, the following motion was moved by Cr Parsons:

MOTION

That Council approves a 10% Special Rate Variation for 2014/15, and limits its borrowings to \$2 million.

Since the motion was not seconded, the motion

LAPSED

Also as part of the discussion, Cr Quinn suggested a five percent (5%) increase for 2014/15, followed by a ten percent (10%) increase in both 2015/16 and 2016/17 for the farmland rating category. He further foreshadowed that if a motion was not carried, he might move an amendment to the printed recommendation, as follows:

That the following be added to paragraph 11: "...further that the General Manager presents a report to Council about the pros and cons of an amalgamation of Council with another Council(s)."

That the following paragraph 12 be added: "That at the March 2014 Council Meeting, each Director presents a report to identify savings and efficiencies in their own departments; thereafter that a report be presented each quarter reporting on the savings realised/pursued."

Moved: Cr Graham Seconded: Cr Parsons

MOTION

That paragraph 7, and other associated paragraphs of the recommendation as printed, be changed to make provision for an increase of 10% in 2014/15 and a further 5% increase in 2015/16 for both the farmland and residential rating categories.

The voting was determined by show of hands:

FOR – 2
AGAINST – 4

LOST

The Mayor, Cr Scherf and Cr Schumacher spoke in favour of the need for a Special Rate Variation as communicated to the community, and as printed in the recommendation.

Moved Cr Scherf Seconded Cr Quinn

3.02/14 RESOLUTION

That Council moves out of "Committee of the Whole".

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Scherf Seconded: Cr Quinn

4.02/14 RESOLUTION

1. That Council notes the information in the body of this report, in conjunction with Annexures A to J, and in particular the extent and results of the community consultation involved with this process.
2. That Council notes the information received in the submissions attached as Annexure D and where sufficient information is available for a response that Council

responds with a posted letter of thanks to the submitters, advising that this report is available for their perusal on Council's website.

3. That Council notes the extent of the community consultation process and acknowledge that the consultation was sufficient for Council to make an informed decision regarding the community's knowledge of the extent and need for a Special Rate Variation.
4. That Council adopts the proposed Asset Management Plan (Transport) after the required time on public display, as the revised Asset Management Plan (Transport).
5. That Council adopts the proposed Delivery Program after the required time on public display, as the revised Delivery Program.
6. That Council adopts Scenario 5 of the Long Term Financial Plan, after the required time on public display, as the revised Long Term Financial Plan.
7. That Council adopts 'Option 2', as identified above, for the Special Rate Variation distribution above the rate pegging in the application to IPART, being:

Category	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Rate Peg	2.3%	3.4%	3.4%
Residential Rates	10%	5%	0%
Farmland Rates	10%	10%	5%

8. That Council adopts the increase identified in paragraph 7 above as a multiyear and permanent increase under section 508(A) of the Local Government Act for both the Farmland and Residential Rates. The increase identified in paragraph 7 above including the rate peg will result in a total increase in permissible general income of 11.21% in 2014/15, 10.02% in 2015/16 and 5.59% in 2016/17.
9. That Council requests the General Manager to prepare and submit an application to IPART by 24 February 2014 detailing the results in this report, and the associated information that has come to light during the Community Consultation period.
10. That Council requests the Director of Corporate and Community Services to review Council's existing Debt Recovery Policy to ensure that the impact of the SRV is mitigated as far as reasonably possible for those ratepayers who are experiencing genuine hardship.
11. That, in the event that the application to IPART referred to in paragraphs 7 to 9 above is unsuccessful, the Director of Corporate and Community Services be requested to prepare a further report to Council.

The voting was determined by show of hands:

FOR – 3

AGAINST – 3

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

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 6.13pm.