

FOR ACTION

COUNCIL

11/12/2013

TO: Manager Special Projects (Peter Wilson)

Subject: Application For Special Rate Variation 2014/15
Target Date: 25/12/2013
Notes:
Trim Reference SF1842 (31015/2013)

17/13 **RESOLVED:** (Finlayson/Ballangarry)

- 1 That the five (5) submissions be noted and that each be informed of Council's decision as well as being provided with a copy of the council report.
- 2 That Council approve of the Section 508A Special Rate Variation Scenario 3 (as amended), to increase the general income by successive annual percentage increases of 5.30% in 2014/15 and 6.00% in 2015/16, the yield for which remains permanently in the rate base. This application does not imply an increase above the rate peg in subsequent years.
- 3 That the extra general income, above the annual rate peg amount, be used to establish a Roads and Bridges Renewal Levy, to meet the challenges of maintaining and renewing the infrastructure.
- 4 That Council not adopt (an additional voluntary) pensioner concession, under Section 582 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, on the basis that the mandatory pensioner concessions already place a significant burden on council's financial position, the majority of pensioners are subject to a Minimum Rate and the announcement of a lower than expected Rate Peg for 2014/15.
- 5 That Council notify IPART of its intention to lodge a Section 508A application for a Special Rate Variation.
- 6 That an Extraordinary Council Meeting be held on Thursday 20 February 2014 to adopt the Draft Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan, as council's IP&R documents must be adopted prior to applying to IPART for a special variation to general income

Note: Cr MacDonald voted against the recommendation for the reasons that were set out in her Notice of Motion to the Council meeting on 28 November 2013.

18/13 **RESOLVED:** (Hoban/MacDonald)

That if Council and IPART support a rate increase above rate pegging, Council provide a quarterly report either through a media release or its rates newsletter to confirm to ratepayers that the additional funds are being spent on roads and bridges as indicated in our community consultation.

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