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Our Ref: Letter of Intent to apply to IPART

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The Chairman
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box 0290
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Dear Sir /Madam

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2018/19

Bellingen Shire Council formally nominates its intention to apply for a permanent special variation (SV) of 6% for three years commencing 2018/19 to 2020/21 (19.1% cumulative), under section 508(A) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993. Revenue from the SV, if approved, will be used to fund transport infrastructure works as part of Council's road resurfacing and bridge renewals program. At its 22 November Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to nominate and undertake a series of community engagement to further inform the process in lieu of a formal application to IPART in February 2018.

MOVED (Cr Fenton/Cr Harrison)

That Council:


1. Notify the NSW Independent Regulatory and Pricing Tribunal of its intention to lodge an application for a Special Variation for the 2018-19 to 2020-21 financial years.
2. Present to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council the engagement and exhibition materials for endorsement including amendments to Council's Integrated Planning & Reporting documentation (Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan) to support the Special Variation application.

For: Cr King, Cr Klipin, Cr Harrison, Cr Fenton and Cr Wright-Turner.

Against: Cr Carter and Cr Jenkins.

Council is currently undertaking a process of community consultation and engagement in accordance with the Division of Local Government's guidelines. This engagement will further inform Council's consideration regarding its application for a SV. Community engagement is planned to continue until the end of January 2018.

Council also notes advice from IPART advising the rate peg amount of 2.3% for 2018/19.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Maxine Compton on () Monday to Thursday between the hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

Yours sincerely



Liz Jeremy
GENERAL MANAGER

