



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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THE GENERAL MANAGER

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NOTIFICATON LETTER

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the Guidelines for preparation of an Application for Special Variation to General Income please be advised that Council intends to lodge an application under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993.

The amount sought will be Special Rate Variation of 10% for seven years (including rate capping) commencing 1st July 2018.

The purpose of the increase is to maintain assets and revenue levels to a satisfactory standard, address infrastructure backlog, ensure financial sustainability and address the requirements of the Minister of Local Government Performance Improvement Order, issued April 2017.

Councils principal contact is Mr Bob Stewart, Acting General Manager, telephone 03 5020 1300, email [REDACTED]

As you may be aware, Balranald Shire Council, a rural and remote Local Government area, has a very low rate base to anchor the various services required of a modern local Council.

Council has adopted a Long Term Financial Plan at its August 2017, Ordinary Meeting, with scenarios and has undertaken a community engagement program. There was overwhelming support to have a financially sustainable Council whilst there is strong objection to a Special Rate Variation. Council will continue with its community engagement process and the final application may include variations to the proposal above.

A formal Special Rate Variation Application will be made.

Should you have any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Robert K Stewart.

Robert K Stewart
Acting GENERAL MANAGER