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Don Ramsland

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Dear Sir,

Re: Special Rate Variation application - 10.9 % plus General Rate Pegging Increase of 2.3%

I refer to our telephone conversations on 22 December, 2017 and 12 January, 2018 and formally confirm earlier advice that Council will be lodging an application for a Special Rate Variation in 2018/19.

Whilst Council originally canvassed a 5% increase in mid-2017 an application is being prepared with the preferred option being for a Special Rate Variation of 10.9% plus General Rate Pegging Increase of 2.3% in 2018/19.

Council's application is based on the need for additional funding for the upgrading of rural local roads and centres on using the additional funds raised to repay loan funds which are being used to leverage grant funding from the higher tiers of government.

Happy to discuss this concept further in due course.

Yours faithfully

Don Ramsland General Manager