

# Information Sheet



Council Resolutions – Central Coast Council – Special Rate Variation

## Summary:

This information sheet contains Council Resolutions in relation to the making of or submission of a Special Rate Variation for Central Coast Council.

### 2021

Council resolved at its Extraordinary Meeting of 28 September 2021 the following:

Moved: Rik Hart

#### *241/21 Resolved*

- 1. That Council endorse the making of an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to maintain the Special Variation (SV) increase that was implemented in the 2021/2022 year for another 7 years.*
- 2. That the funds raised from this Special Variation are to continue to fund the financial commitments that enabled Council's financial sustainability.*
- 3. That Council notify IPART accordingly.*
- 4. That Council staff update the integrated planning and reporting documents with information relevant to the proposed SV application.*
- 5. That Council staff undertake community consultation in relation to service levels to inform the proposed SV.*
- 6. That Council undertake recruitment of a representative sample, of randomly selected rate payers, to participate in a Community Reference Group in relation to the proposed SV application to commence by late October 2021.*
- 7. That a budget of \$150,000 be set aside from general ledger 10.11202.870030.000.00000 to fund the community engagement program.*

Council resolved at its Extraordinary Meeting of 20 December 2021 the following:

Moved: Rik Hart

#### *320/21 Resolved*

- 1. That Council endorse the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition from Wednesday 22 December 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022 and invite public submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:*
  - Draft Revised Community Strategic Plan (Attachments 1 and 2).*
  - Draft Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23) (Attachment 3).*
  - Draft Resourcing Strategy, which includes the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy, and Revised Asset Management Strategy (Attachment 4).*
  - Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23 – Attachment 5.*

2. *That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make appropriate amendments to the draft documents, to correct numerical or typographical errors.*
3. *That Council consider submissions and adoption of the following documents at a meeting of the Council on 3 February 2022 for the purpose of meeting IPART's requirements:*
  - *Draft Revised Community Strategic Plan.*
  - *Draft Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23).*
  - *Draft Resourcing Strategy, which includes the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy, and Revised Asset Management Strategy.*
  - *Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23.*
4. *That Council note the Draft Micromex Research Report contained in Attachment 6, and that a final report is to be provided at a meeting of Council on 3 February 2022.*

## 2022

Council resolved at its Extraordinary Meeting of 3 February 2022 the following:

Moved: Rik Hart

12/22 Resolved

1. *That Council note that the following documents were publicly exhibited from Wednesday 22 December 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022:*
  - *Draft Revised Community Strategic Plan*
  - *Draft Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23)*
  - *Draft Resourcing Strategy, which includes the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy, and Revised Asset Management Strategy*
  - *Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23*
2. *That Council consider the submissions received during the public exhibition, as per Appendix 5 in Attachment 9.*
3. *That Council note the amendments to the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2025, Draft Resourcing Strategy and Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23, as per Attachments 6, 7 and 10.*
4. *That Council adopt the following documents, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:*
  - *Revised Community Strategic Plan – Attachments 1 and 2*
  - *Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23) – Attachment 3*
  - *Resourcing Strategy, which includes the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy, and Revised Asset Management Strategy – Attachment 4*
  - *Fees and Charges 2022-23 – Attachment 5*
5. *That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, subject to resolution 4, to make final editorial amendments to the Revised Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program 2022-2025, Resourcing Strategy and Fees and Charges 2022-23 to ensure correctness and clarity.*
6. *That Council note the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges 2022-23, as set out in Attachment 8, will be exhibited in April 2022*

7. *That Council note the outcomes of the community awareness and engagement program for the Maintaining Services and Rates, as set out in Attachment 9.*
8. *That Council note the community's lack of support for a reduction in the level or standard of services provided by Council.*
9. *That Council resolve to apply to IPART to maintain the temporary Special Variation of 15% (including the rate peg) for a further 7 years after 30 June 2024 to enable Council:*
  - i. *To generate the necessary annual surplus required to meet the annual principal repayments of the \$150 million in emergency loans obtained to resolve the financial crisis.*
  - ii. *To secure Council's financial sustainability by maintaining the current level of services and to fund the ongoing maintenance of assets by addressing any deterioration of Council's existing asset base.*
  - iii. *To continue to embed productivity improvements across the organisation, which are necessary in order to continue meeting increased internal and external expectations within a heavily restructured organisation.*
  - iv. *To deliver key priorities as they get adopted in the future Community Strategic Plans and Delivery Programs.*
10. *That Council note, subject to resolution 9, that the completed IPART application forms will be submitted to IPART by 7 February 2022.*
11. *That Council note that the website will be updated with a link for community members to continue to provide feedback on the proposed SV application, while it is being assessed by IPART.*
12. *That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to immediately proceed with the reduction in services, as listed in Table 2 of this report, should Council resolve not to apply to IPART to maintain the SV for a further 7 years after 30 June 2024*
13. *That Council note a further exhibition of the following documents will occur in April 2022:*
  - *Revised Community Strategic Plan*
  - *Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23)*
  - *Resourcing Strategy*
  - *Fees and Charges 2022-23*
14. *That Council note a Community Reference Group will be established for input into the Revised Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program 2022-2025, and the feedback provided will inform the public exhibition in April 2022*