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## **MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023**

MINUTES OF THE **Extraordinary Council Meeting** OF TENTERFIELD SHIRE held in the "Koreelah Room", Councils Administration Building, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield NSW on Wednesday 15 November 2023 commencing at 10.30am

### **ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Bronwyn Petrie (Mayor)  
Councillor John Macnish (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Peter Petty  
Councillor Tim Bonner  
Councillor Tom Peters  
Councillor Kim Rhodes  
Councillor Greg Sauer  
Councillor Geoff Nye  
Councillor Peter Murphy

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager (Glenn Wilcox)  
Acting Executive Assistant & Media (Hayley Ritchie)  
Acting Chief Corporate Officer (Roy Jones)

*Clause 254(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment are recorded and shown in the Minutes of the meeting.*

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (PUBLIC ACCESS)**

Nil.

**WEBCASTING OF MEETING**

*I advise all present that this meeting is being recorded for placement on Council’s website for the purposes of broadening knowledge and participation in Council issues, and demonstrating Council’s commitment to openness and accountability.*

*All speakers must ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms or mentioning any private information.*

*No other persons are permitted to record the meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so.*

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

**CIVIC PRAYER**

*We give thanks for the contribution by our pioneers, early settlers and those who fought in the various wars for the fabric of the Tenterfield Community we have today.*

*May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*"Tenterfield Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Ngarabal people, the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on today, and also pay our respect to the Jukemba, Bundjalung, Kamilaroi, Githabul and Wahlubul people of our Shire, and extend our respect to all people."*

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**DISCLOSURE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

That councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

Name	Type	Item
Nil.		

**TABLING OF DOCUMENTS**

Nil.

**MAYOR MINUTE**

Nil.

## OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

Nil.

## OUR GOVERNANCE

### **(ITEM GOV70/23) NOTIFICATION TO IPART OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL RATE VARIATION AND COMMENCE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION.**

#### **SUMMARY**

This report recommends that Council notify IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) of Council's intention to apply for a Section 508 A (Permanent) Special Rate Variation (SRV) and commence community consultation process for a Special Rate Variation.

The actual per cent rate increase and duration of the special rate will be based on three scenarios presented through the community consultation process which will commence from 24 November 2023.

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#### **Resolved that Council**

- 1) Advise IPART that it will not be applying for a Special Rate Variation for the 2024/25 Financial Year.**
- 2) Advise IPART that it will require a Special Rate Variation in the 2025/2026 Financial Year and shall prepare an application for submission during 2024/25 financial year.**
- 3) Advise the public through the Council newsletters that**
  - a) A Special Rate Variation will be required in the future to ensure that roads and services are maintained, and**
  - b) Council has delayed the request to seek a Special Rate Variation in the 2024/25 Financial Year, based on the continuing cost of living pressures, the impact of bushfires on the community, the low stock and commodity prices and that Council will take time to plan and develop its works programs and service levels to match a future need for the Special Rate Variation.**

(John Macnish/Peter Murphy)

#### **Motion Carried Unanimously**

## MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:39am.

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Councillor Bronwyn Petrie  
Mayor/Chairperson