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## CONFIRMED MINUTES

Oberon Council Extraordinary Meeting  
Thursday 9 December 2014

Commencing at 5.00pm  
at the Oberon Council Chambers

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.11pm.

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## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & PRAYER

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

The meeting was opened in Prayer by Clr Ian Doney.

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## 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members      Mayor John McMahon (in the Chair)  
                  Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons  
                  Clr Ian Doney  
                  Clr Jill Evans  
                  Clr Neil Francis  
                  Clr Sam Lord  
                  Clr John Morgan  
                  Clr Kathy Sajowitz

Staff            Alan Cairney, General Manager  
                  Gary Wallace, Planning and Development Director  
                  Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director  
                  Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director  
                  David Mead, Finance Coordinator  
                  Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator

Apologies     Clr Clive McCarthy

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## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

File No: Governance/Councillors/Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary       -            Nil

Non-Pecuniary   -            Nil  
Significant

Non-Pecuniary   -            Nil  
Less than  
Significant

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## QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

Nil

## 5. REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 05.01 IPART SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION FOR 2015/16

File No: Governance/Meetings/Special Meetings

Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager; Lynette Safranek, Finance & Community Services Director

#### Summary

Councillor Workshops were held to consider the Rating Structure and Financial Sustainability issues, and a view was formed that the General Rates be increased above the allowable Rate Pegging limit set by the NSW State Government. This is done through an Application to the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Variation.

Moved: Sajowitz  
Second: Evans

That Council submit an Expression of Interest to IPART for a Special Rate Variation of General Rates for 5 years commencing from the 2015/16 financial year at a 10% increase per year which includes the rate pegging increase.

Amendment Moved: McMahon  
Second: Doney

That Council submit an Expression of Interest to IPART for a Special Rate Variation of General Rates for 5 years commencing from the 2015/16 financial year at a 5% increase per year which includes the rate pegging increase.

The amendment was put and carried. The Mayor used his casting vote. The amendment becomes the motion.

Further Amendment Moved: Gibbons  
Second: Francis

That Council submit an Expression of Interest to IPART for a Special Rate Variation of General Rates for 5 years commencing from the 2015/16 financial year at a 7.5% increase per year which includes the rate pegging increase.

The amendment was put and won. The amendment becomes the motion.

Moved: Gibbons  
Second: Francis

That Council submit an Expression of Interest to IPART for a Special Rate Variation of General Rates for 5 years commencing from the 2015/16 financial year at a 7.5% increase per year which includes the rate pegging increase.

Carried 01 091214

Mayor John McMahon requested his vote be recorded against the motion.

## 6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6.09pm.