

Proposed Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge (2007 to 2012)

Explanatory Notes

Council can under the provisions of Section 163 of the Local Government Act (1989) declare a special rate, a special charge or combination of both for the provision of programs and projects that deliver tourism and economic development benefits to Ballarat's commercial and industrial ratepayers.

The previous Tourism and Economic Development Special Charge expires on 30th June 2007.

It is proposed a new Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge be introduced for the period 1/7/07 to 30/6/12.

Council are required under section 163 of the Local Government Act to provide a public notice and send a written copy of the notice to each rate payer for properties to be declared in the proposed special rate and charge at least 28 days before making the declaration.

Council resolved at its meeting of 23rd May 2007 to provide notice of its intention to declare the Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge at its meeting of July 11th 2007.

Council are required to provide an outline of the proposed declaration. This has been provided in the following attached documents:

- Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge Key Projects
- Public Notice entitled "Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge"
- Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge Frequently Asked Questions.

It should be noted that the total annual spend on Tourism and Economic Development Services and Projects in 2007/8 proposed by Council comprises:

1. \$3.6 million funded by general rates, grants and contributions
2. \$1.1 million funded by the Tourism and Economic Development Special Rate and Charge