

TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL RATE & SPECIAL CHARGE

Notice is hereby given that the Ballarat City Council proposes to make a declaration to levy a combination of a Special Rate and a Special Charge for a period of five years from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012 at a Special Meeting of Council on July 9th 2007.

1. The following declaration of a special rate and charge be proposed ("the proposed declaration"):
 - a) A special rate and charge be declared for the period commencing on 1 July 2007 and concluding on 30 June 2012.
 - b) The special rate and charge be declared for the purpose of defraying any expenses incurred by Council in relation to promoting tourism and economic development, which project:
 - b)1 will fund the initiatives outlined in the explanatory notes;
 - b)2 Council considers is or will be of special benefit to those persons required to pay the special rate and charge (and who are described in succeeding Parts of this Resolution); and
 - b)3 arises out of Council's function of planning for and providing services and facilities for the local community.
 - c) The
 - c)1 total cost of performing the function described in Part b of this declaration between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 be recorded as \$4,700,000;
 - c)2 total cost of performing the function described in Part B of this Resolution in each successive 12 month period after 30 June 2008 be recorded as the total cost determined by Council from time to time;
 - c)3 total cost of the special rate and charge to be levied between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 be recorded as \$1,100,000; and
 - c)4 total cost of the special rate and charge to be levied in each successive financial year after 30 June 2008 be recorded as the total cost in the immediately preceding 12 month period plus an amount representing any increase in the Consumer Price Index (Capital City Weighted Average – All Groups) during the preceding 12 month period;
 - d) It be recorded that, for the purposes of Section 163(2A) of the Local Government Act 1989, the special rate and charge proceeds of \$1,100,000 or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this Resolution will not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with the prescribed formula ($R \times C = S$), the:
 - d)1 'benefit ratio' (R) being calculated at 0.87, and representing the total benefits of the special rate and charge scheme that will accrue as special benefits to all persons liable to pay the special rate and charge; and
 - d)2 'Total Cost' (C) being assumed as \$4,700,000 in respect of the entire municipal district.
 - e) The following be specified as the area for which the special rate and charge is so declared:

The entire municipal district of Council ("the area").
 - f) The following be specified as the land in relation to which the special rate and charge is so declared:

All land within the area used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes other than land used primarily as:

- f)1 a telecommunications tower;
- f)2 a telephone exchange; or
- f)3 an electrical substation.
- g) The following be specified as the criteria which form the basis of the special rate and charge so declared:
Ownership of any land described in Part e of this declaration.
- h) The following be specified as the manner in which the special rate and charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - h)1 until Council resolves otherwise, an amount annually calculated by applying 0.0831 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value of each parcel of rateable land or, in the case of a parcel of rateable land having a Capital Improved Value of \$4,000,000 or more, an amount of \$3,340 per annum; and
 - h)2 upon Council so resolving, an amount calculated by applying a different rate in the dollar determined by Council from time to time in respect of any financial year to the Capital Improved Value of each parcel of rateable land or, in the case of a parcel of rateable land having a Capital Improved Value of \$4,000,000 or more, an amount per annum determined by Council.
- i) For the purposes of Part h of this declaration:
 - i)1 the Capital Improved Value of each parcel of land is the Capital Improved Value of that parcel of land at the time of levying the special rate and charge (so that the Capital Improved Value may alter during the period in which the special rate and charge is in force, reflecting any revaluations and supplementary valuations which take place); and
 - i)2 the rate in the dollar determined by Council from time to time in respect of any financial year will be a rate in the dollar designed to raise special rate and charge proceeds equal to the amount described in part c)4 of this declaration.
- j) Having regard to the preceding parts of this declaration but subject to Section 166(1) of the Local Government Act 1989, it be recorded that, subject to any further Resolution of Council, the special rate and charge will be due and payable on the date(s) fixed under section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989 as the date or dates on or by which Council's general rates are due.
- k) Council's Chief Executive Officer be authorised to levy the Special Charge in accordance with Section 163(4) of the Local Government Act 1989.

Council proposes, pursuant to Section 163(1B) of the Act, to make the declaration levying the combined Special Rate and Special Charge at the Special Council meeting scheduled Monday July 9th 2007 . Copies of the proposed declaration will be available at the Council Offices for at least 28 days after the publication of this notice.

Any person may make a submission to the Council in relation to their proposal to declare the Special Rate/Charge. Written submissions will be received until close of business on Friday 22 June 2007 and should be addressed to Mr George Sossi, Executive Manager, City Marketing, City of Ballarat, PO Box 655, Ballarat 3353. Any person requesting that he or she be heard in support of a submission is entitled to appear before a meeting of the Council (or Committee) either personally or by a person acting on his or her behalf and will be notified of the time and date of the meeting.

Further information is available from Council's Customer Service Officers phone 03 5320 5500 or website www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

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