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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

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COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR

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SPECIAL MEETING

8 JULY 2004

Present: Councillors K D Rhoades (Mayor), I D Hogbin (Deputy Mayor), W D Featherstone, C O Joass, R W McKelvey, I J Ovens, W R Palmer, G R Smithers.

Staff: General Manager, Director of City Business Units, Director of Planning, Environment and Development, Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Services, City Treasurer, Assistant City Treasurer and Executive Assistant.

The meeting commenced at 5.07 pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

The Mayor requested it be noted that Cr Bonfield had indicated that she may be late in attending the meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

13 ISSUE OF 2004/2005 RATE NOTICES - SUGGESTED PROCEDURE

To report to Council on a suggested process to enable the setting of the rates for 2004/2005 and the consequent issue of rate notices.

128 RESOLVED (Hogbin/McKelvey):

1. Application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a Special Variation of a percentage of General Purpose income, the amount of such percentage being derived as follows:
 - a) Calculate the notional Ordinary rates (Residential, Farmland and Business) using 2003/2004 rates on those properties in the Coffs Harbour City Council area as it existed prior to 25 February 2004.

Valuation used will have a base date of 1st July 2002 (as used in 2003/2004).

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13 Issue of 2004/2005 Rate Notices - Suggested Procedure (cont'd)

- b) Calculate the notional Environmental Levy (base amount and ad valorem) using 2003/2004 rate on those properties in the Coffs Harbour City Council area as it existed prior to 25 February 2004.

Valuation used will have a base date of 1 July 2002 (as used in 2003/2004).

- c) Calculate the notional Ordinary rates (Residential, Farmland and Business) using the Pristine Waters Council 2003/2004 rates on those properties formerly in Pristine Waters Council and added to the Coffs Harbour City Council area after 24 February 2004.

Valuation used will have a base date of 1 July 2001 (as used in 2003/2004).

- d) Calculate the notional Environmental Levy (base amount and ad valorem) using the 2003/2004 rate as in (b) above on those properties formerly in Pristine Waters Council and added to the Coffs Harbour City Council area after 24 February 2004.

Valuation used will have a base date of 1 July 2001.

- e) Sum a), and b) to obtain the notional income of the original Coffs Harbour City Council area.

- f) Increase the sum of a), b), c) and d) by 3.5%.

- g) Subtract e) from f) and divide the result by e), that result being expressed as a percentage.

2. The Minister be advised, in support of such application, that Council intends to retain a comparable rating structure in 2004/2005 to that of 2003/2004 for lands formerly in the Pristine Waters Council
3. The consent of the Minister be sought to expand the area covered by the Environmental Levy to include all land now within the City of Coffs Harbour
4. The Minister be requested to exercise his power to cure any irregularities created in order to achieve the proposed rating structure.
5. The Minister be advised that Council will conduct a review of its rate structure, with respect to its newly constituted area, in 2004/2005.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

Confirmed: 22 July 2004

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K D Rhoades
Mayor