
Minutes Summary

Extraordinary Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 10 June 2014.

APOLOGIES

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 10 June 2014

Present His Worship the Mayor, Councillor C Mead
Councillor F Borg
Councillor G Brticevic
Councillor S Dobson
Councillor W Glynn
Councillor G Greiss
Councillor P Hawker
Councillor R Kolkman
Councillor P Lake
Councillor D Lound
Councillor A Matheson
Councillor T Rowell
Councillor R Thompson

Apology It was **Moved** Councillor Kolkman, **Seconded** Councillor Glynn that the **APOLOGY** from Councillor Oates be received and accepted.

99 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Note: Councillor A Chanthivong has been granted a leave of absence from Council, incorporating all formal Council and Committee meetings until Tuesday 12 August 2014.

Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson Councillor Mead.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this meeting.

Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

Nil

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 JUNE 2014

1. MAYORAL MINUTE

1.1 Proposed Rate Variation in Conjunction with the 2014-2015 Operational Plan

At each June extraordinary meeting, the Council arguably makes its most important decision of the year: setting the Council budget for the following year. This is when we, on behalf of the people of Campbelltown, decide how to spend close to \$70,000,000 of their rates over the following year. What is additionally proposed at this extraordinary meeting is for Council to increase that rate take by over \$6,000,000 a year, permanently.

I think it is worth summarising much of the process so far.

8th October 2013

Council approved putting the proposed rate rise to community consultation at its October meeting. At this meeting Council rejected an amendment I moved to present an alternate option to the community which did not involve a rate rise and instead resolved the infrastructure maintenance backlog through a review of Council operations and expenditure. The result of this was that only one option was put to the community; no practical alternatives to a rate rise were presented to the public.

November – December 2013

The phone survey was conducted during the consultation period. It was later used for evidence for support of the rate rise. It included strong words of support for the rate rise before asking whether the respondent supports the rate rise. Considering that 63% of respondents had not yet heard of the rate rise, and had only received supportive information, this likely biased the results. In spite of this, community opinion was at best mixed, with the average response in the middle of the options.

11th February 2014

Despite 41 of the 52 submissions being opposed to the rate rise, and a biased survey that only produced a mixed result, Council approved the rate rise application for submission to IPART.

29th April 2014

At the April extraordinary meeting, Council approved a draft budget which included the 11% rate rise. It rejected an amendment to not implement the rate rise and instead restructure a variety of Council operations.

3rd June 2014

IPART released its determination approving Campbelltown's request for a lifting of the usual 2.3% rate cap to 11%. The IPART determination states "the guidelines do not require the Council to obtain community support".

This entire process has been completed at the ratepayers' expense. It has not been a serious consultation process; it has been a ratepayer funded political campaign, where only one option was offered.

What this process is also designed to do is shift blame. The consultation process is a ruse which deflects blame from the Council by allowing it to claim it has "consulted with the community". In addition, whilst rate rise applications used to be determined directly by the NSW Minister for Local Government, that role is now delegated to IPART. IPART, however, as we can see, does not take into account community support. Also NSW Treasury Corporation already plays an active role in assessing the financial standing of councils. One can only conclude that IPART's involvement in the special rate variation process is to simply deflect blame from the NSW State Government to an "independent body", which is conveniently set up at NSW taxpayers expense with criteria which results in them approving the vast majority of rate rise requests in full.

It is worth remembering that a rate rise proposal was put to Council in late 2012 and rejected, just months after the Council election. Instead of going through the above farcical and expensive process, the question of whether the people of Campbelltown wanted a rate rise could have been put to voters as a Council poll just months before. This would have been relatively inexpensive as conducting the poll with the general election is as easy as just printing some separate ballots, an extra box at each polling place and a simple yes/no count afterwards.

The need for a rate rise is not desperate. There is plenty of funding from the current rates to resolve the infrastructure maintenance backlog. If Council focused on its roads and public spaces, we would not be in this situation. Instead, however, Council has continued to be involved in a variety of programs and businesses at significant expense to ratepayers. As a result, there have been cuts to infrastructure maintenance and as a result a \$27 million infrastructure backlog built up.

The votes that have gone before us have been votes asking for permission for a rate rise, but tonight's vote on this budget is the vote on the rate rise.

I urge Councillors to reject this rate rise, and conduct an immediate review of both what and how we deliver services, and alternative approaches. However, we must not simply reject the rate rise without taking measures tonight or our infrastructure will continue to decay. To vote against a rate rise without proposing or supporting savings measures would be hugely irresponsible, and I'm sure the people of Campbelltown would see through such cheap politics. We must not leave our residents with ever growing liabilities, but nor is there a need to encumber them with yet another cost of living increase, when they're already been hit hard by increasing taxes at both the Commonwealth and State level.

Our Council should live within its means in a time of increasing cost of living pressures for our residents. After a proper review and effort to reduce expenditures and close the infrastructure gap, if this Council still believes a rate rise is warranted, and really believes in consultation, then it should be put to the people at the next general Council election.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Council Meeting 10 June 2014 (Mead)

That the information be noted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 100

That the information be noted.

2.1 2014-2015 Operational Plan Incorporating Budget And Fees And Charges, And 2013-2017 Delivery Program

2. BUSINESS: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES

2.1 2014-2015 Operational Plan incorporating Budget and Fees and Charges, and 2013-2017 Delivery Program

Attachments

1. External submissions (contained within this report)
2. Petition to the Mayor and Alderman of Campbelltown City Council (distributed under separate cover. Confidential - not available to members of the public due to privacy reasons)

History

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for NSW local government was introduced in 2009 and replaces the former Management Plan, Budget and Social Plan. The integration of these documents includes the requirement to prepare a long term Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy.

Council is required to adopt the Operational Plan incorporating the Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Pricing Policy prior to 30 June each year. This requirement is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council resolved at the meeting of 15 October 2013 to consult with the community regarding a proposal to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 11% to address the current asset maintenance gap and infrastructure backlog.

A Community Engagement Strategy was developed with consultation conducted between 4 November and 20 December 2013. The SRV consultation strategy included a range of methods to inform the community about the proposed special rate variation including mail outs, advertising, exhibitions, surveys and an online presence (website and Facebook). Community forums were also held at the Civic Centre, and community centres in St Helens Park, Eagle Vale and Ingleburn. These forums were held on separate dates in the evenings enabling a greater opportunity for residents to attend.

Through face to face, phone, online and email avenues, people were informed and provided direct feedback to Council on the proposed Special Rate Variation. Facilitated by a telephone survey, online surveys, website and social media posts and forums. The consultation feedback was personally responded to, with Council staff providing further information or clarification as required.

During the consultation period, visits to the dedicated Your City, Your Future website numbered 4112 (for one page), 2295 (multiple pages) and 200 participated through the online engagement tools. The dedicated Facebook page [facebook.com/yourcityyourfuture](https://www.facebook.com/yourcityyourfuture) received 48 likes. Council made 19 information posts to the community on the SRV proposal. From these posts, 815 people were reached and 271 people engaged on the topic.

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The random telephone survey of 400 residents provided a statistically valid and accurate measure with results able to be extrapolated to the community of Campbelltown as a whole. Of the 400 people surveyed, at least 296 (74%) people were supportive of the proposal.

Through the dedicated phone line, 20 phone calls were received relating to the proposed SRV. Of these, seven people indicated that they supported the proposal, six indicated that they did not support the proposal and seven were undecided on the matter.

In summary, 682 people participated in surveys or submissions, with 227 not supportive, 15 were undecided and 440 were at least somewhat supportive of the proposed SRV.

A summary of the overall engagement process was presented to Council at a Briefing on 28 January 2014.

On 11 February 2014, Council resolved to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a 508(2) Special Rate Variation of 11%. This 11% Special Rate Variation has been incorporated into the Draft 2014-2015 Operational Plan.

Report

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 April 2014, Council resolved to place the 2014-2015 Draft Operational Plan incorporating the 2014-2015 Draft Fees and Charges and Revenue Pricing Policy and the 2013-2017 revised Delivery Program on public exhibition in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The documents were placed on public exhibition from 30 April to 30 May 2014 for the required period which exceeded the minimum 28 days. Advertisements for the public exhibition period were placed on Council's website as well as in the Macarthur Chronicle and Macarthur Advertiser for a two week period. All documents were made available to the community at Council's administration building, branch libraries and on Council's website.

On 3 June 2014, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under delegation of the Minister for Local Government approved under Section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that the percentage by which Campbelltown City Council may increase its general income for the year 2014-2015 is 11%. The approval instrument (attachment 2 of this report) also determines the following conditions:

1. That Council use the additional income above the rate peg for the purposes of funding the program of maintenance of buildings and public spaces, renewal of roads and buildings, and related Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) loan repayments.
 2. That Council reports the outcomes achieved and variations in Council's Annual Report for each rating year over the period from 2014-2015 to 2023-2024.
 3. That Council reports to the Office of Local Government by 30 November each year on the compliance with these conditions over the period from 2014-2015 to 2023-2024.
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External submissions

During the public exhibition period, two external submissions were received along with one petition. One external submission was lodged regarding the services and value of rates in Kentlyn. The second submission opposes the 11% rate increase based on affordability and perceived unnecessary environmental management projects.

All external submissions are provided as attachments to this report with personal details removed for privacy reasons.

Submission One

The submission has been placed by a resident of Kentlyn who raises concerns over having to pay the 11% rate rise when there are a number of services not provided in Kentlyn namely, footpaths, sewerage/drainage, and kids parks. The resident also notes their individual rates are high, have many restrictions placed on their land and compares their council rates with other acreage areas.

Comment

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires rates to be levied on individual properties in accordance with the land value provided by the Valuer General of NSW. The services provided in the Campbelltown Local Government Area (LGA) are accessible to the entire community.

The submission also draws comparisons to other LGA's and the rates payable where alternate rating methodologies and distributions are used to calculate their residential rates. Based on the latest available data, Campbelltown City Council's average residential rates are below that of comparable councils and also neighbouring councils.

Submission Two

The submission opposes the 11% rate increase and outlines the reason being for ratepayers should not be required to pay for "unnecessary projects" such as photography competition and koala management. The submission also makes reference to affordability.

Comment

Under the State Environmental Planning Policy 44, a plan of management must be prepared for all development that occurs within core koala habitat. A comprehensive plan of management, which is proposed in this case, will allow for a more strategic and holistic approach to koala management and will streamline Council works and infrastructure. It is also anticipated this project will attract grant funding through the NSW Government who view the preparation as a high priority. Campbelltown LGA has the highest population of koalas in the Sydney area and therefore their management is extremely important.

The Macarthur Nature Photography Competition is our most popular environmental community engagement project that seeks to connect people from all walks of life with their environment. The competition has grown in participation and scope over the years and now appeals to a wide audience through its embrace of modern technology. The competition is multi-faceted and includes a range of workshops and educational aspects which integrate art and the environment. The competition is a successful partnership program with our neighbouring councils. It showcases the natural beauty of our area which is not fully recognised by even our local residents, for this reason it attracts participants from in and outside Macarthur.

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Council currently has a pensioner rebate of up to \$300 in place. Council also has a hardship policy which provides financial relief for ratepayers in financial difficulty.

Petition

A petition containing 80 signatures was received by Council on 7 April 2014 which requests Council to not raise rates by more than CPI plus an equivalent amount for infrastructure improvement.

Comment

Council's Special Rate Variation (SRV) incorporates an 8.7% increase in rates to address an asset maintenance and renewal shortfall and backlog. This additional funding will ensure Council's financial position remains sound and that Council's infrastructure assets can be maintained at an acceptable standard into the future. The long term financial strategy also includes an application to the State Government for an interest subsidised loan for \$10m as an immediate injection to the current infrastructure backlog. In 2013, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) rated Council's long term outlook as negative due to current funding levels lower than required to maintain assets in a satisfactory condition. IPART's Special Rate Variation Determination 2014-2015, states the need for the proposed revenue is demonstrated in the Council's IPR documents and reflects community priorities. It further states that the impact of the proposed rates increase on ratepayers is moderate and reasonable, given the purpose of and need, for the special variation.

Internal submissions

During the public exhibition period, there were two internal submissions received. The first internal submission relates to amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* which requires changes to the methodology used in calculating the Stormwater Management Charge for strata title land categorised business.

These changes had not previously been included in the Draft Fees and Charges 2014-2015 or the Draft Operational Plan 2014-2015. The following changes have now been made to these documents on the relevant pages shown below.

Changes to the calculation are not expected to result in an increase to revenues, however will change the distribution of charges across property owners. Council is now required to distribute the Stormwater Management Charge in accordance with the 'unit entitlement' as specified on the Strata Plan rather than by the number of units in the plan.

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Business/Commercial - strata plan units	each 700m2 or part thereof, of surface land area proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement
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Operational Plan - page 11 of Revenue Pricing Policy

Stormwater Management Charges		Rate	Income
Residential - urban Residential land	each rateable parcel	\$20.00	\$764,860
Residential - strata unit	each rateable unit	\$10.00	\$61,680
Business - non vacant	per 700m2 or part thereof (up to \$1,000)	\$20.00	\$59,080
Business - strata unit	per 700m2 or part thereof of surface land area, proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement (not less than \$5 or greater than \$1,000)	\$20.00	\$11,380
		Total	\$897,000

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The second internal submission is required due to the newly negotiated Cordeaux Street (Carberry Lane) multi deck car park contract. The following table represents the new fees, effective 4 August 2014 for inclusion in the 2014-2015 fees and charges document:

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Duration	Current fee concludes 3 August 2014	Proposed new fee commences 4 August 2014
0-2 hours	Free	Free
2-4 hours	\$1.00	\$2.00
4-5 hours	\$3.00	\$4.00
5-6 hours	\$5.00	\$6.00
6 hours	\$2.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
pre-paid day rate	\$6.00	Not applicable
weekly pre pay rate	\$20.00	Not applicable
monthly pre pay rate	\$80.00	Not applicable

Rating structure (Revenue Pricing Policy)

In adopting the Operational Plan, the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to formally make, by resolution, the rates and charges for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. This requirement exists to give legal form to the rating structure, rates and annual charges in addition to the summary information provided in the Operational Plan.

The Campbelltown Local Government Area is re-valued by the Valuer General's Department every three years with the valuations used in the calculation and distribution of annual rate levies. The values have been determined as at 1 July 2012 and will form the basis for the proposed 2014-2015 financial year rating structure.

Ordinary Rates

- a. That the Ordinary Rate of 0.5726 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**RESIDENTIAL**'.

- b. That the Ordinary Rate of 0.4045 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as FARMLAND in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**FARMLAND**'.

- c. That the Ordinary Rate of 1.0851 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as BUSINESS in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**BUSINESS**'.

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- d. That the Ordinary Rate of 0.9899 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as MINING in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**MINING**'.

Special Rates

That the Special Rate of 0.0525 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$2 in accordance with Section 548(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown in accordance with Section 495 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**SPECIAL RATE - INFRASTRUCTURE**'.

Council's General Income Variation has increased in accordance with the Special Rate Variation of 11% as approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under delegation by the Minister for Local Government. The Operational Plan incorporating the Budget has been prepared on the basis of an 11% increase in the general rate income for 2014-2015 providing a total rate yield of \$75,400,715.

The table and details below show the rating structure based on the rateable properties applicable to the 2014-2015 year.

Rate Type	Category	Ad Valorem Amount (¢ in \$)	Minimum Rate \$	Rate Yield \$
Ordinary	Residential	0.5726	651.30	52,176,265
Ordinary	Farmland	0.4045	651.30	443,846
Ordinary	Business	1.0851	651.30	17,332,693
Ordinary	Mining	0.9899	651.30	15,252
Special	Infrastructure	0.0525	2.00	5,432,659
			Total	75,400,715

In accordance with Section 514 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, each parcel of land within the City of Campbelltown has been categorised for rating purposes with owners notified via the annual rate notice.

Domestic Waste Management Service

Council provides a Domestic Waste Management (DWM) Charge for the provisions of the Domestic Waste Management Service for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 as follows:

Waste Management Service	Annual Charge	Weekly
Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$311.40	\$5.99
Domestic Waste Management Charge-Business	\$322.00	\$6.19
DWM Availability Charge [#]	\$33.70	\$0.65

[#] vacant land

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It is recommended that all other domestic and commercial/business waste charges be adopted in accordance with the 2014-2015 Fees and Charges document.

Stormwater Management Service Charge

In accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes an annual charge for Stormwater Management Services for each parcel of urban land within the City of Campbelltown and categorised for rating purposes as Residential or Business excluding vacant land and land owned by the Crown (includes Housing NSW). It is recommended for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 that the following charges be made in respect of land to which the charge applies:

- \$20 per urban Residential rateable parcel
- \$10 per Residential (strata) rateable unit
- \$20 per 700m² or part thereof for non vacant Business land, capped to a maximum of \$1000
- \$20 per 700m² or part thereof of surface land area for strata Business unit (proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement) not less than \$5 or greater than \$1000.

Stormwater Management Service Program of Works

Activity	Description	Amount
Water Quality Testing Program	Ongoing	\$80,000
Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Program	Rolling program	\$100,000
Drainage System Improvement Program	Rolling program	\$150,000
Water quality devices	Rolling Program	\$150,000
Rose Park	Water quality improvement works	\$100,000
Trunk drainage system enhancements	Local Drainage Improvements - Smith Creek Stage 2	\$267,000
Creek stabilisation works	Rolling program - bank scouring & reduction to vehicular access	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$897,000

Accrual of Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

In accordance with Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Minister for Local Government has determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2014-2015 rating year will be 8.5%.

2.1 2014-2015 Operational Plan Incorporating Budget And Fees And Charges, And 2013-2017 Delivery Program

Officer's Recommendation

1. 2013-2017 revised Delivery Program

That Council adopt the 2013-2017 revised Delivery Program.

2. 2014-2015 Operational Plan incorporating the Budget and Revenue Pricing Policy

That Council adopt the 2014-2015 Operational Plan incorporating the Budget and Revenue Pricing Policy reflecting the rating structure outlined below:

3. Ordinary Rate

- a. That the Ordinary Rate of 0.5726 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**RESIDENTIAL**'.

- b. That the Ordinary Rate of 0.4045 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as FARMLAND in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**FARMLAND**'.

- c. That the Ordinary Rate of 1.0851 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as BUSINESS in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**BUSINESS**'.

- d. That the Ordinary Rate of 0.9899 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$651.30 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as MINING in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**MINING**'.

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Special Rates

That the Special Rate of 0.0525 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$2 in accordance with Section 548(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown in accordance with Section 495 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named '**SPECIAL RATE - INFRASTRUCTURE**'.

4. Domestic Waste Management Service

- a. That the Domestic Waste Management Charge be made for the provision of Domestic Waste Management Services for each parcel of occupied land for which the service is available in the amount of \$311.40 per annum representing a weekly amount of \$5.99 in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named '**DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE**'.

- b. That the Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge be made for the availability of the service to vacant land in the amount of \$33.70 per annum representing a weekly amount of \$0.65 in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the year 2014-2015.

In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named '**DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT AVAILABILITY CHARGE**'.

- c. That all other Domestic and Commercial Waste Management Charges be adopted in accordance with the 2014-2015 Fees and Charges.

5. Stormwater Management Service

That in accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual charge for stormwater management services for each parcel of urban land within the City of Campbelltown and categorised for rating purposes as Residential or Business excluding vacant land, land owned by the Crown (includes Housing NSW).

For the 2014-2015 year, the following charges be made in respect of land to which the charge applies:

- \$20 per urban Residential rateable parcel
 - \$10 per Residential (strata) rateable unit
 - \$20 per 700m² or part thereof for non vacant Business land, capped to a maximum of \$1000
 - \$20 per 700m² or part thereof of surface land area for strata Business unit (proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement) not less than \$5 or greater than \$1000.
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In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named '**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CHARGE**'.

6. Stormwater Management Service Program of Works

That Council adopt the Program of Works for Stormwater Management Service as follows:

Activity	Description	Amount
Water Quality Testing Program	Ongoing	\$80,000
Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Program	Rolling program	\$100,000
Drainage System Improvement Program	Rolling program	\$150,000
Water quality devices	Rolling Program	\$150,000
Rose Park	Water quality improvement works	\$100,000
Trunk drainage system enhancements	Local Drainage Improvements - Smith Creek Stage 2	\$267,000
Creek stabilisation works	Rolling program - bank scouring & reduction to vehicular access	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$897,000

7. Accrual of Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

That in accordance with the determination by the Minister for Local Government the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2014-2015 rating year is 8.5%.

8. 2014-2015 Fees and Charges

That Council adopt the 2014-2015 Fees and Charges including the amendment of:

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Stormwater Management Service Charge

Business - strata plan units	each 700m ² or part thereof, of surface land area proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement
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Fees and Charges - page 32

Multi Deck Car Park - Cordeaux Street (Carberry Lane) Campbelltown

Duration	Current fee concludes 3 August 2014	Proposed new fee commences 4 August 2014
0-2 hours	Free	Free
2-4 hours	\$1.00	\$2.00
4-5 hours	\$3.00	\$4.00
5-6 hours	\$5.00	\$6.00
6 hours	\$2.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
pre-paid day rate	\$6.00	Not applicable
weekly pre pay rate	\$20.00	Not applicable
monthly pre pay rate	\$80.00	Not applicable

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Council Meeting 10 June 2014 (Lake/Borg)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Amendment (Mead/Dobson)

1. That a decision in this matter be deferred in order that a briefing to Council can be held on 17 June 2014, prior to an extraordinary Council meeting to be held on 24 June 2014 to consider the 2014-2015 Operational Plan incorporating the Budget and Fees and Charges and 2013-2017 Delivery Program.
2. That the briefing present a proposal that limits Council's overall rate increase to 2.3%.
3. That the briefing identifies strategies to address the infrastructure asset maintenance and renewal backlog and annual funding gap over a 10 year period without any further rate increase or additional borrowings above the LIRS \$10m and adjusts services to enable a redirection of funding to achieve a balanced budget.

LOST

A **Division** was called in regard to the Amendment for Item 2.1 - 2014-2015 Operational Plan Incorporating Budget and Fees and Charges and 2013-2017 Delivery Program with those voting for the Amendment being Councillor Mead.

Voting against the Amendment were Councillors Borg, Brticevic, Dobson, Glynn, Greiss, Hawker, Kolkman, Lake, Lound, Matheson, Rowell and Thompson .

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Council Resolution Minute Number 101

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

A **Division** was called in regard to the Resolution for Item 2.1 - 2014-2015 Operational Plan Incorporating Budget and Fees and Charges and 2013-2017 Delivery Program with those voting for the Motion being Councillors Borg, Greiss, Hawker, Lake, Lound, Matheson, Rowell and Thompson.

Voting against the Resolution were Councillors Brticevic, Dobson, Glynn, Kolkman and Mead.

ATTACHMENT 1

From:
Sent: Friday, 16 May 2014 1:49 PM
To: Council
Subject: Special Rate Rise - Attention General Manager

Attention General Manager,

Hello, I understand I have unfortunately missed the deadline to comment on the proposed special rate rise of 11% for the Campbelltown area, however I would still like the opportunity to put forward my comments.

Firstly, I live in Kentlyn and have been a resident there for four years. I understand the council from time to time needs to increase rates to maintain infrastructure etc. However in Kentlyn we have no footpaths, no sewerage or drainage and no kids parks which need to be maintained.

My husband and I are paying close to \$3,000 a year in council rates for land we can do nothing with. There are so many restrictions on the land I question how the council can justify such a huge council rate. Plus our land is not worth millions like other acreage areas such as Denham Court, Bringelly, Leppington, Catherine fields etc which pay substantially less in council rates compare to what we pay (based on discussions with friends who live in these areas).

An 11% rate rise would be equivalent to approx \$300+ a year for Kentlyn residence who receive little benefits and have too many restrictions on our land use.

Can the council please take this into account when considering this substantial increase in rates as I cannot see how this is justified.

Kind regards,

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Campbelltown City Council

to General Manager

Regarding to The Draft Operational Plan
which result in 11% Rate increase

we Do Not accept any Rate increase

No matter any outcome.

Reasons!

- 1- People ~~should~~ ^{for} not Pay unnecessary Projects when
They Try to put food on the table like
* Photography competition * Koala management.

~~If we don't make any guarantee water and sewerage
then people~~

Regards.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Confirmed by Council on

..... General Manager Chairperson