



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

29 June 2023

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023**

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

**ON THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2023
COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Narelle Davis
Deputy Mayor Tanya Higgins
Councillor Peter Beer
Councillor Louise Frolich – *via Audio Visual Link*
Councillor Christopher Hanna
Councillor Tricia Hopkins – *via Audio Visual Link*
Councillor Karlee Johnson
Councillor Craig Mitchell
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers
Councillor Luke Williamson

APOLOGIES:

Nil

Staff:

Peter Bascomb, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Jeff Morgan, Chief Operating Officer
Tracy Sligar, Chief Financial Officer
Stephanie Sellar-Peam, Chief Workforce Officer
Grace Wearn, Secretary Council and Committees
Jessica Buttriss, EA to CEO, Mayor and Councillors

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1:00PM

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

3.1 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

144/23

That Council approve the remote attendance of;

- Cr Hopkins – Travel; and
- Cr Frolich – Travel.

at the 29 June 2023 Council meeting via audio-visual link, and accept their reasons as listed.

Moved Councillor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Mayor Davis, Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Mitchell.

Councillors Against: Nil.

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

6.1 FINANCE

6.1.1 MAKING OF THE 2023-2024 ANNUAL RATES AND CHARGES

Record No: I23/400

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

145/23

That Council approves the making of the rates and charges separately for each category and sub-category as follows;

Making of the Levy of Ordinary Rates for Snowy Monaro Regional Council

- A. For the year 2023/2024, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00172065** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$496.87** per assessment being 5.38% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business. This rate is to be named **Business**.
- B. For the year 2023/2024, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00430414** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$1,242.17** per assessment being 1.67% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business Electricity Generation. This rate is to be named **Business Electricity Generation**.
- C. For the year 2023/2024, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00172065** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$496.87** per assessment being 32.24% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Farmland. This rate is to be named **Farmland**.
- D. For the year 2023/2024, in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00430414** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$1,242.17** per assessment being 0% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Mining. This rate is to be named **Mining**.
- E. For the year 2023/2024, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00172065** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$496.87** per assessment being 60.71% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Residential. This rate is to be named **Residential**.

Levy of Rates

- F. That the rates as made be levied for the 2023/2024 year by service of a Rates and Charges Notice pursuant to section 546 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Interest

- G. In accordance with section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act*, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (inclusive) will be **9.0% per annum**.

Waste Management

That in accordance with Section 496, Section 501 and Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Annual Charge for Waste Management Services.

Waste Management Charge	\$133.90
Domestic Waste Collection Service	\$280.65
Domestic Waste Collection – Upsize to 240L Bin from 120L Bin	\$168.18
Domestic Recycling Collection Service	\$183.39
Domestic Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Cooma-Monaro Region ONLY)	\$67.60
Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge	\$21.00
Change over Domestic Bin Charge (per event)	\$37.49
Bank of Bins Charge	\$267.80
Wheel Out/Wheel In Service	\$951.23
Commercial Waste Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/ Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	
240L Bin	\$494.89
360L Bin	\$739.13
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Recycling Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/ Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	\$331.21
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Food and Garden Organic Management	
Cooma-Monaro Region	\$155.32
All other areas	N/A

Liquid Trade Waste

That in accordance with Section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual Liquid Trade Waste Charge per annum for where the program exists.

Classification “A” Charging Category 1 – Low Risk	\$250.00
Classification “B” Charging Category 1 – Low Risk	\$280.00
Classification “A” Charging Category 2 – Medium Risk	\$960.00
Classification “B” Charging Category 2 – Medium Risk	\$960.00
Classification “S” Charging Category 2 - Dischargers of Chemical Toilet Waste	\$110.00
Classification “B” Charging Category 1 – High Risk/Industrial	\$1,900.00

Stormwater management

In accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council levy an annual Stormwater Management Charge of \$20 per annum for each parcel of rateable (occupied) land for which the service is available within the former Bombala Council area.

Onsite Sewer Management System

This renewal fee will apply to all onsite sewage management systems and will be charged on the annual rates notice. The 2023/2024 fee will be \$30.00.

Residential Water and Sewer

That in accordance with section 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and annual Residential Water Access Charge of \$288.00 per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water

Residential and Non-Residential Usage Charge of \$3.43 per Kilolitre, per annum.

Sewer

That in accordance with Section 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual Residential Sewer Access Charge of \$1,008.00 per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water and Sewer

With reference to Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, Council make an annual Water Access Charge for properties based on meter size.

Water Annual Access Charge					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2023-24	\$288.00	\$288.00	\$450.00	\$735.00	\$1,149.00

Water Annual Access Charge – Continued					
50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$1,794.00	\$3,033.00	\$4,038.00	\$4,593.00	\$7,176.00	\$16,146.00

With reference to Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, Council make an annual Sewer Access Charge for properties based on meter size.

Sewer Annual Access Charge					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2023-24	\$1,008.00	\$1,008.00	\$1,575.00	\$2,580.00	\$4,032.00

50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$6,300.00	\$10,644.00	\$14,172.00	\$16,124.00	\$25,194.00	\$56,686.00

Sewer Usage Charge – Non Residential

Non-Residential Usage Charge of \$1.13 per kilolitre with discharge factor of 0.6 based on water meter readings multiplied by the discharge factor. Where the reading is taken directly from a Sewer Flow Meter, the discharge factor shall not apply.

Pipes, Rails and Structures

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 611 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council may make an Annual Charge for any rail, pipe, wire, pole, cable, tunnel or structure laid, erected, suspended, constructed or placed on, under or over a public place.

The annual charge for 2023-24 shall be:

- A. Under a public place \$742 per kilometre
- B. On or over a public place \$154 per pole or structure

Moved Councillor Mitchell

Seconded Deputy Mayor Higgins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Mayor Davis, Councillor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Mitchell.

Councillors Against: Councillor Frolich and Councillor Williamson.

6.2 STRATEGY

6.2.1 POST-EXHIBITION REPORT - REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-2026, OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-2024, REVENUE POLICY 2023-2024, FEES AND CHARGES 2023-2024 AND REVISED LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022-2032

Record No: I23/376

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

146/23

That Council;

- A. Adopt the amended 2022- 2032 Long-Term Financial Plan with the following amendments
 - (a) Page 29 - 7.2 Scenario 2: Include wording "The compounding effect of the proposed rate rise would result in an increase to council revenue of 68.87% over the 5 years".
 - (b) Page 29 - 7.2 Scenario 2: Correct "\$8,34,136" to "\$834,136".
 - (c) Page 29 - 7.2 Scenario 2: Change "23/24" in the last paragraph to "2023/24".
 - (d) Page 31: Correct formatting of headings to allow for new details on page 30.
 - (e) Page 30 - 7.2.1 Special Variation for Snowy Monaro Regional Council: Insert new section:

7.2.1 Special Variation for Snowy Monaro Regional Council for 2023/24 to 2026/27

IPART has assessed Council's special rate variation application and has determined under section 508A of the Act that:

1. The percentage by which Snowy Monaro Regional Council may increase its general income for the period from year 2023/24 to year 2026/27 (inclusive) is 52.48% consisting of annual increases as set out in the table below:

Year	Annual increase in general income	Cumulative increase in general income
2023/24	12.25%	12.25%
2024/25	10.75%	24.32%
2025/26	10.75%	37.68%
2026/27	10.75%	52.48%

2. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The Council use the additional Income for the purpose of funding the proposed program.
 - b. The Council report in its annual report for each year from year 2023-24 to year 2027-28 (inclusive):
 - i. The program of expenditure that was actually funded by the additional income, and any differences between this program and the proposed program;
 - ii. any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in its long-term financial plan, and the reasons for those differences;
 - iii. the outcomes achieved as a result of the additional income;
 - iv. the productivity savings and cost containment measures the Council has in place, the annual savings achieved through these measures, and what these savings equate to as a proportion of the Council's total annual expenditure; and
 - v. whether or not the Council has implemented the productivity improvements identified in its application, and if not, the rationale for not implementing them.

The outcome of this assessment is a reduction of rating revenue of \$14.4m over the 10-year period from 2023/24 compared to the additional revenue identified in scenario 2. This will impact the level of investment in asset renewal over the 10 year period.

Council will need to consider whether to apply again (for a special rate variation) in four years' time for a fifth year of variation as outlined in Scenario 2, or to modify the long term financial plan to take into account the reduced revenue from the fifth year onwards.

B. Adopt the 2023-24 Revenue Policy with the following amendments:

- (a) Page 2 - Ordinary Rates: Change wording "Council is not seeking an increase" to "Council is seeking an increase".
- (b) Page 2 - Ordinary Rates: Change wording "If approved, this will allow" to "The application would allow".
- (c) Page 2 - Ordinary Rates: Change wording "55.25% stepped" to "55.25% (a total of 5 annual increases) stepped".
- (d) Page 2 - Ordinary Rates: Include wording "The compounding effect of the proposed rate rise would result in an increase to council revenue of 68.87% over the 5 years".

- (e) Page 14: Amend on-site sewage management charge fee from \$25.00 to \$26.00.

C. Adopt the Draft Revised 2022-2026 Delivery Program, with the following amendments to the Draft:

- (a) Page 7: Remove paragraph 4 and add:

IPART has assessed Council's special rate variation application and has determined under section 508A of the Act that:

3. The percentage by which Snowy Monaro Regional Council may increase its general income for the period from year 2023/24 to Year 2026/27 (inclusive) is 52.48% consisting of annual increases as set out in the table below:

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2025/26	10.75%	37.68%
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4. The percentage increase set out in clause 1 is subject to the following conditions:
- The Council use the additional income for the purpose of funding the proposed program.
 - The Council report in its annual report for each year from year 2023-24 to year 2027-28 (inclusive):
 - The program of expenditure that was actually funded by the additional income, and any differences between this program and the proposed program;
 - any significant differences between the Council's actual revenues, expenses and operating balance and the projected revenues, expenses and operating balance as outlined in its long-term financial plan, and the reasons for those differences;
 - the outcomes achieved as a result of the additional income;
 - the productivity savings and cost containment measures the Council has in place, the annual savings achieved through these measures, and what these savings equate to as a proportion of the Council's total annual expenditure; and
 - whether or not the Council has implemented the productivity improvements identified in its application, and if not, the rationale for not implementing them.

The outcome of this assessment is a reduction of rating revenue of \$14.4m over the 10-year period from 2023/24 compared to the additional revenue identified in Scenario 2. This will impact the level of investment in asset renewal over the 10 year period.

Council will need to consider whether to apply again (for a special rate variation) in four years' time for a fifth year of variation as outlined in Scenario 2, or to modify the long term financial plan to take into account the reduced revenue from the fifth year onwards.

D. Adopt the 2023-24 Operational Plan including the budget, with the following amendments to the Draft:

(a) Page 7: Delete paragraph 4 and insert:

IPART has assessed Council's special rate variation application and has determined under section 508A of the Act that:

5. The percentage by which Snowy Monaro Regional Council may increase its general income for the period from year 2023/24 to Year 2026/27 (inclusive) is 52.48% consisting of annual increases as set out in the table below:

Year	Annual increase in general income	Cumulative increase in general income
2023/24	12.25%	12.25%

The outcome of this assessment is a reduction of rating revenue of \$14.4m over the 10-year period from 2023/24 compared to the additional revenue identified in Scenario 2. This will impact the level of investment in asset renewal over the 10 year period.

E. Adopt the 2023-2024 Schedule of Fees and Charges, in accordance with section 608 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as placed on exhibition, with the following amendments to the Draft:

- (a) That the proposed 2023/24 fees and charges for sport and recreation not proceed
- (b) The 2022/23 fees and charges for sport and recreation be indexed by 4% (and rounded) and be the adopted fees and charges for 2023/24
- (c) That the 2022/23 fees and charges for cattle per head remain the same for the 2023/24 year
- (d) That the current 2022/23 fees and charges be set as the 2023/24 fees and charges for Delegate School of Arts
- (e) That the current 2022/23 hall hire fees be set as the 2023/24 fees and charges for Dalgety Hall
- (f) Amend the Delegate Sports Hall fees to the following:
 - (i) Supper room/hall proposed to reduce by \$32.15
 - (ii) Kitchen/hall proposed fee increase of \$33.00

Moved Councillor Hanna

Seconded Deputy Mayor Higgins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Mayor Davis, Councillor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Mitchell.

Councillors Against: Councillor Frolich and Councillor Williamson.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.20pm

CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 29 June 2023 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 20 July 2023 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.