



MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held at the
Council Chambers, North Sydney
at 8:30am on Wednesday 21 January 2026.



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1. Opening Meeting

At the commencement of business (8:30am) those present were: The Mayor, and Councillors Antonini, Beregi, Carr, Holding, Keen, Santer, and Welch.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor.

2. Acknowledgement of Country RECOGNITION OF THE CAMMERAYGAL PEOPLE

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of North Sydney local government area, the Cammeraygal people.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Councillor Carr.

3. Apologies and applications for leaves of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by councillors

It was moved by Councillor Holding and seconded by Councillor Beregi:

1. **THAT** Council grant Leave of Absence to Councillor Hoy.
2. **THAT** Council grant permission for Councillor Spenceley to attend remotely for the following reason: unforeseen caring responsibilities.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

4. RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Council grant Leave of Absence to Councillor Hoy.
2. **THAT** Council grant permission for Councillor Spenceley to attend remotely for the following reason: unforeseen caring responsibilities.

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Notices of Motion

5.1. Notice of Rescission 1/26 - Proposed Special Variation to Rates and Minimum Rates - Crs Carr, Keen, and Spenceley

THAT the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 19 January 2026 be rescinded:

- 1. THAT** Council receive and note the contents of the Special Rate Variation Community Engagement Report, which outlines the feedback received from the community consultation on the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) and increase of minimum rates.
- 2. THAT** Council approve the Addendum to the 2026-2029 Delivery Program as attached.
- 3. THAT** Council adopt the revised Draft 2026-36 Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) as attached and proceed with Option 3 as a strategy to improve Council's financial strength and sustainability.
- 4. THAT** Council make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV), under Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 commencing on 1 July 2026. The SRV would permanently increase total ordinary rates over three years and remain in perpetuity, as follows:
 - a) a 23 per cent increase for the 2026-27 financial year (inclusive of the 4 per cent rate peg determined by IPART for the year);
 - b) a 14.58 per cent increase for the 2027-28 financial year (inclusive of the forecast rate peg of 3.0 per cent for that year); and
 - c) a 8.32 per cent increase for the 2028-29 financial year (inclusive of the forecast rate peg of 3.0 per cent for that year);
- 5. THAT** Council make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to set its minimum residential and business rates in accordance with Section 548(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as follows:
 - a) \$970.72 for the 2026-27 financial year;
 - b) \$1,116.32 for the 2027-28 financial year; and
 - c) \$1,216.79 for the 2028-29 financial year.The minimum rate will change by the rate peg from 2029-30.
- 6. THAT** the raw data, anonymised if required, from the Micromex survey be included in the IPART submission.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Councillor Carr.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Beregi:

- 1. THAT** the Motion be put.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 6 / 3

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch
Against: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Spenceley
Absent: Nil

5. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Motion be put.

The Rescission Motion was put and **Lost**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 3 / 6

For: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Spenceley
Against: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch
Absent: Nil

5.2. Notice of Motion 1/26: Proposed Special Variation to Rates and Minimum Rates - Crs Carr, Keen, and Spenceley

The matter was not considered as the Notice of Rescission (item 5.1) was lost.

6. Matters of Urgency

Nil

7. Closure

The Meeting concluded at 8:44am.