Section: MOTION ON NOTICE 24 February 2009
Item: 10.008/09 STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES – CHARGES TO COUNCILS
SUMMARY
I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.
PROPOSED MOTION
That the following motion is submitted by Clarence Valley Council to the 2009 Shires
Association of NSW state conference:-
"That fees charged by New South Wales state agencies to local government be only be
permitted to increase annually by a maximum of the rate pegging limit imposed by State
government on local government".
COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 10.008/09
(Crs Comben/Hughes)
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Voting recorded as follows:
For: Councillors Williamson, Comben, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna,
Simmons, Tiley, Toms
Against: Nil
BACKGROUND
As council is aware various State government agencies have regularly been increasing
their charges against councils by well over CPI increases or rate pegging limits. A good
recent example was the recent increase in valuation fees by the Valuer General's
Department by 6.5%
ISSUES
Local government needs to object to such unsustainable fees and charges increases in
the strongest possible terms and put the case that such increases should not be
permitted by the New South Wales government to be greater than council's capacity to
increase rates i.e. by the rate pegging limit that the same government imposes on local
government. Council's long term financial sustainability is obviously adversely impacted
by such unwarranted, imposed increases.
The motion proposes submission of an appropriately worded motion to the June 2009
Shires Association of New South Wales state conference.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil
Councillor Ian Tiley
Date: 20th December 2008.