

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL RATE BENTLEIGH SHOPPING CENTRE (CENTRE)

In accordance with sections 163(1A) and 163(1B) of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*, Council hereby gives Public Notice of its intention to declare a Special Rate for the Centre.

At its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 27 April 2021 Council resolved to give notice of its proposed declaration. This was in response to a request from Bentleigh Traders Association to introduce a new Special Rate for the Centre when the current Special Rate expires on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

The purpose of the Special Rate is to defray the costs of advertising, management, decoration, security, promotion and other incidental expenses associated with encouraging commerce in the Centre, that Council considers will be of special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Rate and such persons being the owners of the properties in the area within the municipal district of Council as are shown edged in black on the plan attached to the proposed declaration.

The Special Rate is proposed to remain in force for seven years from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2028. The Special Rate is proposed to be assessed annually at an amount in the dollar (as is determined by Council on 1 July in every year) of each property's Net Annual Value.

Copies of the proposed declaration are available for inspection at Council's Service Centre at the address stated below or on Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au until 5pm on Thursday 3 June 2021 being a minimum of 28 days after the publication of this Public Notice.

Copies of this Public Notice will be sent to each person who is liable to pay the Special Rate in accordance with section 163(1C) of the *Act*.

Any person may make a submission under section 223 of the *Act* in relation to the proposed declaration and written submissions must be made not later than 5pm on Thursday 3 June 2021 being not less than 28 days after the date of publication of this Public Notice. Any person who wishes to make a submission is entitled to request in their submission that they wish to appear in person or to be represented by a person specified in their submission at a meeting to be heard in support of their submission.

Any person who will be required to pay the Special Rate to be imposed by the proposed declaration is entitled to exercise a right of objection in accordance with section 163B of the *Act*. Objections must be made not later than 5pm on Thursday 3 June 2021 being within 28 days of the date of publication of this Public Notice. Pursuant to section 163(5) of the *Act* a person who is an occupier is entitled to exercise a right of objection if that person submits documentary evidence with their objection which shows that it is a condition of the lease under which the person is an occupier that the occupier is to pay the Special Rate. This right of objection is in addition to the right to make a submission.

Council proposes to declare the Special Rate subject to due consideration of any submissions and objections, at its Ordinary Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 June 2021 in the Council Chamber, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Submitters who have requested in their submission that they wish to be heard in support of their submission, or who have nominated a representative in their submission, will be notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting in writing.

Submissions and objections are not confidential and will be incorporated in full (including all personal information) into the agenda and minutes of the Council Meeting at which they are considered; will be available on Council's website as part of the relevant agenda and minutes of meeting and will be made available for public inspection in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements, including, those prescribed by the *Act*.

Submissions and objections should be marked for the attention of the City Futures — Economic Development — Programs and Business Support Officer, and can either be lodged at Council's Service Centre, corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield or mailed to Council at PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162.


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