

Submissions for Proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments 2025/2026

#	Name	Address	Issues Raised	Officer Response
1	Mrs J Davies	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cut back on projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Projects are based on Council-adopted strategy documents
2	Mrs Walker	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • The City has a surplus of funds • Rising cost of living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
3	T Gibson	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase which is above CPI • City is making a profit with rate increases and not delivering services • Projects stated will not be delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rate • Local government expenditure are not aligned to CPI • The City is not raising rates for profit • Projects stated are based on Council-adopted strategies and will be delivered
4	Ms R L Wilson	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Rising cost of living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
5	Mr B A Williams	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase People are struggling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
6	Mrs K E Barford	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Foreshore neglected and run down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates
7	Mr A Jones	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase People are struggling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
8	Mr G E Harrison	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Use Current funding/surplus available to City rather than rate increases Decrease in services provided by Council, namely the waste services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
9	Mrs J Davenport	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase People are struggling No disposable income 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
10	Mr M A Colley	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has surplus funds in the bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
11	Mrs J J Walker	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has a surplus of funds Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
12	Mr N D Day	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
13	Mrs M J Mortimer	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
14	Mr F E Malabanan	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to differential rates

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services provided by the City are not up to standard • Need a breakdown of where money is spent • Public transport is inadequate and congested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • Public transport is a State Government function • The budget and budget newsletter shows how money is spent
15	Ms P K Henry	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase, supports a rate freeze • The City has a surplus of funds • Cost of living increases • Comments regarding police and patrols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • Policing is a State Government function
16	Mr M D McCarthy	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget

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17	Ms C E Vaughan	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
18	Ms B G Barnes	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Increase is more than CPI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
19	Mrs J E Hallion	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is

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20	Miss J L Pearson	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
21	Mr M C Carter	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • The City has a surplus of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget

22	Mr C R Lambie	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why should rural properties pay the same as Urban Properties, with less services provided • Identify savings rather than raising rates each year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Properties predominantly used for rural purposes are rated differently to properties used for non-rural purposes
23	Mr B Eruera	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
24	Mr J Rice	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living

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25	Ms T L Ballard	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has a surplus of funds Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
26	Mr T R Tristram	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has a surplus of funds Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living

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27	Ms J P Cuaton	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has a surplus of funds Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
28	Ms D Cornwell	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Burden on ratepayers in the current economic climate Explore alternative revenue streams, rather than placing burden on ratepayers Distribute to non-residential or high value land categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties. The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
29	Mrs R L Pracy	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has a surplus of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is

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30	Mr B M Friedrichs	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Decision to change the bin system, ratepayers were not informed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates
31	Mr L Felber	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase The City has a surplus of funds Increase for mining and commercial businesses to cover shortfall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties. The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget
32	Ms N M Kyles	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Burden on ratepayers in the current economic climate Explore alternative revenue streams, rather than placing burden on ratepayers Distribute to non-residential or high value land categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties. The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
33	Ms A J Mortimer	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Burden on ratepayers in the current economic climate Explore alternative revenue streams, rather than placing burden on ratepayers Distribute to non-residential or high value land categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties. The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living

34	Miss C G Whitehead	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Burden on ratepayers in the current economic climate • Explore alternative revenue streams, rather than placing burden on ratepayers • Distribute to non-residential or high value land categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties. • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
35	Mrs B C Knight	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Burden on ratepayers in the current economic climate • Explore alternative revenue streams, rather than placing burden on ratepayers • Distribute to non-residential or high value land categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
36	Mrs K K Pearce	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
37	Mr C T Gazzola	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No maintenance to Bent Street boat ramp Increase does not reflect services in the Warnbro area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General comments not related to Differential Rates
38	Mrs S R Sione	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase The City has a surplus of funds Residents are struggling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
39	Mrs L R Willis	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases The City has a surplus of funds Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995
40	Mr R Sareen	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living increases Consider a rate freeze 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
41	Mr J L Stewart-Roddis	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cutting rubbish collection weekly to fortnightly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
42	Mrs S L Powell	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase The City has a surplus of funds People are struggling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
43	Ms E V Gosling	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Consider a rate freeze Change in the bin system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
44	Mrs K H Dupagne	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Increase is above CPI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates

45	Mr N Marshall	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Leave as is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
46	Miss E J Rawlings	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • Pay for electricity, water and sewerage usage • Changes to the bin system, without consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Utilities are State Government Charges not Local Government
47	Mrs H M Button	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • FOGO not wanted, and a reduced service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
48	Mrs B L Rea	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • FOGO not wanted, and a reduced service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
49	Ms R M Francis	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • FOGO not wanted, and a reduced service • Cost of living crisis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
50	Ms L J Voogt	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are rising too often • Residents having to pay more for AUKUS • FOGO won't work, people don't care • Burden should be on powerful corps, not the little guys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
51	Ms N Sergeant	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living crisis • Keep the increase lower than 3.9% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
52	Mr A Kelleher	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Services are decreasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
53	Mrs A Anable	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living crisis • Cut down on spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
54	Ms L C Hassett	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living crisis • Cut down on spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
55	Mrs M M Krpez	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • People are struggling • Charge no interest on rates smoothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
56	Miss K Chapman	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living crisis • Increase is above CPI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
57	Mrs N L Carey	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase will put additional pressure on ratepayers • No pay increases to the tune of 3.9% • Stop wasting money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Rate increases are not aligned to wage growth
58	Mrs D K Russell	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikiki residents get zero upgrades • Council needs to look at what is needed, not what makes them look better 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
59	Mrs F C Thatcher	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
60	R Unknown	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

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61	Miss E L Ramsay	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Rubbish now to be fortnightly Council keep asking for more money People are struggling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
62	Ms L M Capps	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why should rental prices affect rates, I do not rent. Rates go up every year, people are struggling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates Gross Rental Valuations (GRV's) are determined for all properties, regardless of whether they are rented. This provides a consistent standard for assessing rates.
63	Mr C A Loreto	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
64	Mr R L Black	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Cost of living pressures Listen to the people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living
65	Ms T L Townshend	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted
66	Mr S C Brown	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to rate increase Should be no more than CPI of 2.5% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted General comments not related to Differential Rates

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are not aligned to CPI increases
67	Mrs C J Noakes	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut costs, three rates hikes in the last three years • Independent auditor to help manage Council's money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
68	Mrs N M Wimpress	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in rates is crippling your residents • Taking people to court is ruining lives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
69	Mr L J Rowley	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double the inflation rate • Comparison to other Councils services and rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
70	Ms H K Cash-Te Rangi	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are expensive • Maintenance not being done on trees, field or playgrounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
71	Mr A J Smith	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments regarding the excellent work by the City • Objection to the rate increase • Cost of living pressures • Explore alternative solutions to meet budgetary needs, cost saving measures of pursuing additional government funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • External funding sources such as government grants and fee for services are obtained by the City
72	Anonymous	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Increase in utility bills • Introduction of FOGO, keep collecting red bins weekly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Utilities are State Government charges not Local Government • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City

73	Mrs E French	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Decrease in Council services each year • Other Councils have had rates freezes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
74	Mrs B Clark	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Reduced general waste collections • Rates are costing more with services reduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
75	Mr J D Chittick	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are going up every year, other Councils have a freeze on rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates
76	Mrs S V Blackshaw	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Cost of living increases • The City has a surplus of funds • Not recognised in Australian Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point and is used to balance the 2025/2026 Budget • The City has removed the rate smoothing fees to support cost of living • Local Governments are constituted by the Local Government Act 1995. • Rates are levied under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995

77	Ms B L Richardson	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in living standards • Wages remained consistently low • Services reduced with introduction of FOGO • Other Councils have had a rate freeze for the last two years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • General comments not related to Differential Rates • Rate increases are not aligned to wage growth • Waste services will continue to collect the same amount of waste generated within the City
78	Mr D Pettet	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to rate increase • Burden on ratepayers in the current economic climate • Explore alternative revenue streams, rather than placing burden on ratepayers • Distribute to non-residential or high value land categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • The City does apply a higher rate in dollar for non-residential properties.
79	Grand Memorials Pty Ltd	Share Your Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments regarding the differential rate applied to the Business Sector, concerned with the 13.87% increase from last year. • Current economic climate affecting small businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed rate increase is 3.9% for all Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) properties. The 13.87% figure relates to the differential between Residential and Non Residential properties.
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19/06/2025

Notice of Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments 2025/2026

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Mrs J Davies

30/05/2025 12:06:00PM

I've been religiously attending council meetings and I've noticed that the recent argument to increase rates by 3.9 percent will somehow find Mike Barnett and stage 2 aqua jetty upgrades, however the stage 2 aqua jetty has been pushed back to 2026 and Mike Barnett's not due till 2027 if I'm reading correctly?....maybe a middle ground? Say 3.4 percent and they focus on stage 2 aqua jetty now then do the same for 2026 for Mike Barnett???? Or they could just use what they have, and borrow the rest as has been suggested by Deputy Mayor Buchan and Cr Schmidt as Rockingham seems to be reasonably responsible with financial management, and given you have the likes of Cr Middlecoat and Deputy Mayor Buchan both being in the finance industry, I'd imagine their expertise may come in handy when looking at debt borrowing capabilities, much in the same way someone would rely on my automotive expertise to get an edge on buying a car they like. But that's my opinion, take it or leave it...but I will be calling it out at the next meeting

045.2025.00058982.001

Mrs Walker

3/06/2025 8:41:00AM

To whom it may concern I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/26 financial year. Given the current economic climate, this increase is unwarranted and places an undue financial burden on residents. The City of Rockingham has reported a forecasted surplus, which raises questions about the necessity of such an increase. Residents are already grappling with rising living costs, and an additional financial strain is not justifiable. Many residents have expressed similar concerns, highlighting the need for fiscal responsibility and consideration of the community's financial well-being. I urge the Council to reconsider this rate increase and explore alternative measures to manage the City's finances without imposing additional costs on residents. Thank you for considering this matter. Sincerely, Kelly Walker

045.2025.00059009.001

T Gibson

3/06/2025 9:05:00AM

Good Afternoon, Further to last year's email it appears that leadership, empathy and compassion was certainly lacking (for some council members upon voting). The City responded to last year's correspondence with either; â Noted â General comments not related to Differential Rates â The forecasted surplus is only an estimate at this point. It is more prudent to utilize the surplus once it is confirmed. Given that 4.2% raised more than for forecasted (and additional surplus was "found" during an audit in the 1st quarter), surely the City would stand back and reassess their continuous increases. For example, if 3.9% was adopted last year, it still would have raised a surplus with no services affected. It would be more prudent for the City to realise it has made a profit from collecting taxes year after year but appears to be not delivering within a suitable time frame. This year's proposed rate increase is 3.9%, which is above CPI and is a rate increase. There is no alternative motion on the table at the time of sending this email. The projects spoken of during the May Ordinary Council Meeting, will not be delivered in "2025/2026 period" if 3.9% is adopted next month in Chambers, but further add to the financial windfall to the City regardless if rate smoothing is being voided for 1 year. Given that the GRV will be significantly higher next year, this is the opportunity to show that "you" at least care about the rate payers alike and reassess the budget and trim the "nice haves". As "we" the public have yet to see any motions on this, this year. The City currently forecasts the financial margins required on a 10 year business plan and not the 5 year plan as required by the Act. Yes, you could and can argue that the City is planning ahead and being fiscally responsible but "you" are struggling to meet the business "projects, schemes, strategies plans etc" from some time back as it is. Making bold statements of these 2 projects won't be completed if we don't increase to 3.9% is not being honest to those that we have elected to represent us (Aqua Jetty and Mike Barnett Sports Complex). Please review, as 3.9% is not acceptable, as there are no guarantees that what has been stated and written will be delivered, which only puts additional pressure on both the rate payer and renter alike. As the delinquent payments went up not down, which should be taken into consideration. As always T Gibson

045.2025.00059123.001**Ms R L Wilson****Unit 31 76 Kent Street ROCKINGHAM WA 6168****3/06/2025 10:25:00AM**

To Whom it May Concern I do not understand why there will be a rate's increase AGAIN this year of 3.9%, particularly with the current economic climate. I have only just managed to pay off last year's rates. Many of us also have quarterly Strata fees as well as the usual expenses. Individuals have mortgages and it is not wise to sell, as, due to the low amount of rentals, where do we live after we sell? The Council of Rockingham seems to be constantly trying running at a huge profit and it's little wonder considering Rates continue to rise and very little seems to be done around Rockingham to show for the Rates. I am totally against this increase, however, as per usual, I am sure the Mayor and the majority of the Councillors will not pay attention to what the majority of the public want. Regards Rachel Wilson [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROCKINGHAM**045.2025.00059206.001****Mr B A Williams****3/06/2025 11:36:00AM**

i totally object to a rate rise this year, people are doing it tough as it is, please consider this before you implement a rate rise.

045.2025.00059217.001**Mrs K E Barford****3/06/2025 11:37:00AM**

How can we be putting up rates, when you've let the foreshore turn into disrepair, it's run down and more brothels that we need. Homeless is massive with tent cities all over. How about spend what you've saved and action help. The I will be happy with the increases and member who now has a tent city in our local park Java in Waikiki

045.2025.00059224.001**Mr A Jones****3/06/2025 11:42:00AM**

I think the proposed rate increase is not justified based on cost of living. Most families are still struggling to get by and need rate relief. Once more your proposed rate increase is disgusting.

045.2025.00059235.001**Mr G E Harrison****3/06/2025 11:48:00AM**

With the current funding available to Rockingham council there should not be any increase in General rates within the city. In addition to this, there has been a substantial decrease in services provided by the city such as waste disposal (weekly bin service), landfill passes, beach and boat ramp maintenance, road, kerbing and drainage repairs and even general parking around the city. The councilors that work for the City of Rockingham ratepayers have lost sight who they are meant to provide a service for. An example of this is the kerbing on my street, where I lodged a service request 2 years ago that the kerbing was severely cracked with chunks falling onto the street and yet still nothing has been done. Typical asphalt surfacing has a lifespan of 20 years (for minimal use) prior to replacement. I have been in my house for 15 years and the road hasn't been resurfaced in all that time and it was very old when I first moved in, so obviously has not been done for over this time. When the Council can't even maintain roads within the city and yet still have surplus of funds, then there is no reason why the rates should increase.

045.2025.00059298.001**Mrs J Davenport****3/06/2025 12:55:00PM**

A 3.9% rise is bad enough, people are already doing it tough, bills, mortgages/rent and food are all up. People don't have disposable income as it is.

045.2025.00059304.001**Mr M A Colley****3/06/2025 1:03:00PM**

It's a disgrace to increase rates with the current cost of living and the fact that the council has such a amount sitting in the bank

045.2025.00059322.001**Mrs J J Walker****3/06/2025 1:22:00PM**

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045.2025.00059392.001**Mr N D Day****3/06/2025 2:11:00PM**

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045.2025.00059411.001**Mrs M J Mortimer****Unit 8 12 Andalusian Loop BALDIVIS WA 6171****3/06/2025 2:29:00PM**

this is what I just wrote to the council..... pls copy and do the same. We must all fight back. To Whom It May Concern at the City of Rockingham, I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/2026 financial year, an increase that is both offensive and unjustified. I have had enough. Like many ratepayers, I am struggling under the weight of rising costs across the board. Everything is going up, fuel, groceries, rent, electricity, and now, once again, you come knocking for more. Meanwhile, the City holds over \$124.3 million in "unrestrictive savings", earning healthy interest, yet somehow you still expect us to bankroll your budget. It's disgraceful. What are we paying for, exactly? Certainly not well-maintained parks and amenities, some of our parks are falling apart. Not for accessible services - most are either out of reach or buried in red tape. And definitely not for quality waste collection, because let me tell you, I'm sick and tired of cleaning up after your careless bin collection teams. They throw bins back down with no regard, scattering rubbish, damaging bins, and leaving it up to residents like myself to tidy up behind them. It's lazy, it's inconsiderate, and it's unacceptable. Now let's address what you don't want to hear, your constitutional legitimacy as a local government. Under the Australian Constitution, local councils are not recognised as a valid third tier of government. You operate under state legislation, not constitutional authority, and that authority is increasingly being questioned. You take money by force, under threat, without consent - and in any other context, that's called extortion. Therefore, I also formally demand an itemised invoice showing precisely where my money is going. Every cent. I want a breakdown of what you plan to do with the funds collected from my property. No vague "budget allocations" or glossy PDFs. If you demand my money, you must be prepared to justify every dollar. You are not a private business. You are a publicly funded body, and your job is to serve the community - not drain it dry. I do not support this increase. I reject it outright, and I urge others to do the same. The new forgo system and general rubbish fortnightly the city will take a lot more cleaning with the extra rubbish lying around. We are done being ignored. Your faithfully

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Mr F E Malabanan

3/06/2025 3:09:00PM

To Whom It May Concern at the City of Rockingham, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/2026 financial year. This increase is not only unjustified but also demonstrates a lack of consideration for the financial struggles many ratepayers in our community are facing & enduring. Like countless others in Baldvis, we, as a family, are already stretched thin by the rising cost of living. Fuel, groceries, mortgage/ rent, home insurance, health insurance, car insurance, electricity/gas, education-everything are increasing, and now the council is once again asking for more. It's deeply disheartening to see this demand when the City of Rockingham holds over \$124.3 million in "unrestricted savings", earning interest. Why are we, as ratepayers, being asked to bear the burden while such significant funds sit idle? Where is this money going? What Are Ratepayers Actually Paying For? As a resident and ratepayer, I struggle to see any tangible benefits that justify this rate hike. Baldvis is a growing suburb, but our community is not experiencing the improvements we desperately need. For example: - Public transport is inadequate: Baldvis has seen significant population growth, yet we lack accessible and reliable transportation options. This forces many residents to rely on cars, adding to household expenses and congestion on our roads. - Parks and amenities are poorly maintained: Many of our parks are in disrepair, making them unsafe or unappealing for families and residents who want to enjoy outdoor activities. - Road safety is a major concern: Our streets lack proper pedestrian crossings and safe walkways, putting children and families at risk. It's far too dangerous for kids to walk to school or for residents to walk or bike to the shopping centre or local services. Safe bike lanes, which would promote a more active and environmentally friendly lifestyle, are non-existent. - Waste collection services are subpar: Bins are handled carelessly, often left damaged, or with rubbish scattered on the streets, leaving residents to clean up the mess. When basic services and infrastructure are either neglected or substandard, how can you justify asking us for more money? Accountability and Transparency As a publicly funded body, the City of Rockingham has a responsibility to serve the community. Yet, many of us feel ignored. If you are demanding higher rates, we, as ratepayers, deserve a clear, itemized explanation of how and where our money will be spent. Vague budget summaries and glossy promotional materials are not enough. We want to see a precise breakdown of how this increase will address the issues facing Baldvis. A Call for Fairness The timing of this proposed increase is especially concerning. After months of financial stress, many of us felt a small sense of relief when the Reserve Bank of Australia lowered the interest rate by 0.25% in June. Yet now, we are being hit with a rate rise that negates any reprieve. It feels like a step backward, and it's hard not to feel disheartened. This proposal does not reflect the needs of the Baldvis community. We are a growing suburb, but we are not seeing meaningful investment in our safety, infrastructure, or quality of life. Instead, we are being asked to pay more for services and amenities that are either lacking or failing. A Plea for Change I urge the council to reconsider this rate increase. Listen to the voices of your community. We are not just numbers in a budget; we are families, workers, and homeowners who are struggling to make ends meet. If the City of Rockingham is truly committed to serving its residents, then focus on delivering real improvements to areas like Baldvis before asking us to contribute more. This rate hike is not just a financial burden; it's a failure to address the needs and priorities of the people you are supposed to serve. We deserve better. Yours faithfully, Francis Malabanan [REDACTED], Baldvis

045.2025.00059453.001

Ms P K Henry

3/06/2025 3:16:00PM

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/2026 financial year and to urge the City to consider a rate freeze instead. As a local resident and homeowner, I acknowledge that councils require funding to operate but when the City holds \$124.3 million in unrestricted savings (as at May 2025) and earns between 4.6% and 5.4% interest, it is reasonable to expect some financial relief for ratepayers. Households are under increasing pressure, and this surplus should be used to ease the burden, not increase it. I respectfully request the City take the following into consideration: Do Not Increase Rates Freeze Instead A 3.9% rise may be standard, but it is not necessary in the current financial context. There is a strong budget surplus and high interest earnings use this before asking residents to pay more. This year, the responsible action is to freeze rates and prioritise core services. Support for Financially Vulnerable Households I have close family members who are struggling financially and I know many others are in the same position. Please expand rate hardship relief, provide clear information on available assistance, and target support for single parents, pensioners, and low-income earners. Expand Community Services with Diversity in Mind Rockingham is growing and diversifying it's time our services reflect that. We need more cultural programs, inclusive community events, and support services that cater to diverse communities with a focus on equality and representation. Improve Building Approvals to Help with Housing Affordability Delays in building approvals are discouraging development and contributing to the housing crisis. I urge the City to streamline planning processes and prioritise affordable and diverse housing, especially for younger people, renters, and first-home buyers. Strengthen Emergency & Safety Services The lack of a consistently open local police presence at night puts the safety of residents at risk waiting for officers from Fremantle is not viable. Invest in more visible local safety services, CCTV coverage, and community patrols to prevent issues before they escalate. Improve Transparency & Public Communication Ratepayers deserve a clear, itemised breakdown of how funds are allocated not vague summaries or generic budget documents. We also deserve to be consulted before these proposals are finalised not just invited to comment once they're already drafted. Fairness Across All Suburbs While Baldvis is relatively well maintained, older suburbs have raised concerns about inequity in service standards. If all ratepayers pay similar amounts, then service delivery must be balanced and equitable across the entire City of Rockingham. In Summary: I do not support this increase. I vote for a rates freeze for 2025/26, and I urge the City to: Use available surplus and interest income responsibly Strengthen and expand the services that actually benefit residents Be transparent, fair, and community-focused Please listen to your ratepayers. This is our city too.

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Mrs J J Walker

3/06/2025 4:12:00PM

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Mr M D Mccarthy

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Ms C E Vaughan

3/06/2025 5:19:00PM

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045.2025.00059557.001

Ms B G Barnes

3/06/2025 5:38:00PM

Please can you explain why rates are proposed to rise 3.9% when CPI to March 31 was 2.82%? What funds are available from rates received YTD that have not been allocated to projects in FY26? Thank you.

045.2025.00059559.001**Ms J E Hallion****3/06/2025 5:58:00PM**

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045.2025.00059561.001**Miss J L Pearson****3/06/2025 6:25:00PM**

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045.2025.00059579.001**Mr M C Carter****3/06/2025 7:35:00PM**

I am against the proposed rate increase for residential property. The council with large amounts of funds held in interest bearing accounts can not justify increases in rates.

045.2025.00059586.001

Mr C R Lambie

3/06/2025 9:15:00PM

Why do the rural properties within the City of Rockingham (Baldivis is my suburb) pay the same rate in the dollar as urban properties? We have no asphalt surface on our roads, we have no kerbs, we have no piped drainage, we have no footpaths, we have no usable parks within a walkable catchment, we have no street lighting and we have little need for the green lid bin. We are subsidising the residents that do enjoy these benefits while getting almost nothing in return. We don't even get vegetation located in sight line truncations pruned back annually so we can safely pull out onto 110km/h roads (but basically residential streets). We should not have to log the same complaint to the City every year upon year upon year. Please do better. Oh, and how about identifying savings and efficiencies rather than keep jacking the rates up each year. I see the same several City of Rockingham cars driving around Baldivis on my way to work each day - and they are not driving to the office, as they are always heading in the same direction away from the office. There is no logical reason for them to be going where they are going every day unless it is just "doing a bog lap" to burn a bit of time and fuel. Happy to collect regos if anyone is interested.

045.2025.00059643.001

Mr B Eruera

4/06/2025 8:16:00AM

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Ben Eruera [REDACTED] Baldivis WA 6171

045.2025.00059645.001**Mr J Rice****4/06/2025 8:18:00AM**

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045.2025.00059646.001**Ms T L Ballard****4/06/2025 8:20:00AM**

To Whom It May Concern at the City of Rockingham, I am writing to formally object to you about the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/2026 financial year, an increase that is both offensive and unjustified for all residents of the Rockingham area. Like many ratepayers, I am struggling under the weight of rising costs across the board from everything going up such as fuel, groceries, rent, electricity, and now, once again, you come knocking for more. Meanwhile, the City holds over \$124.3 million in "unrestrictive savings", earning healthy interest, yet somehow you still expect us to bankroll your budget. It's disgraceful. What is it that we are paying for, exactly? Certainly not well-maintained parks and amenities, some of our parks are falling apart. Not for accessible services - most are either out of reach or buried in red tape. And definitely not for quality waste collection, because let me tell you, I'm sick and tired of cleaning up after your careless bin collection teams. Now let's address what you don't want to hear, your constitutional legitimacy as a local government. Under the Australian Constitution, local councils are not recognised as a valid third tier of government. You operate under state legislation, not constitutional authority, and that authority is increasingly being questioned. You take money by force, under threat, without consent - and in any other context, that's called extortion. Therefore, I also formally asking for an itemised invoice showing precisely where my money is going. I would like a breakdown of what you plan to do with the funds collected from my property. No vague "budget allocations" or glossy PDFs. If you demand my money, you must be prepared to justify every dollar. You are not a private business. You are a publicly funded body, and your job is to serve the community - not drain it dry. I do not support this increase. I reject it outright, and I urge others to do the same. We are done being ignored. Your faithfully Tiana

045.2025.00059652.001**Mr T R Tristram****4/06/2025 8:25:00AM**

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045.2025.00059656.001**Ms J P Cuaton****4/06/2025 8:28:00AM**

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045.2025.00059670.001**Ms D Cornwell****4/06/2025 8:41:00AM**

Good evening, I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% increase in rate revenue for the 2025/2026 financial year, as outlined in the City's recent rating strategy. While I understand the City's need to fund services and infrastructure through rate revenue, I am concerned that a uniform 3.9% increase across all differential general rates, including GRV - Residential, places an unfair and disproportionate burden on ratepayers-particularly in the current economic climate where many households are already under significant financial strain due to rising living costs, interest rates, and utilities. Moreover, the statement that this increase is necessary to "meet the shortfall from other revenue sources" raises further concern. Rather than shifting this shortfall entirely onto ratepayers, I urge the City to explore alternative revenue streams, cost-saving measures, or more equitable ways to distribute the financial load-especially across non-residential or high-value land categories that may be better positioned to absorb such increases. Additionally, the rationale for using GRV - Residential as the base for calculating other rates underscores the need for careful consideration of fairness and equity in the overall structure. Increasing this foundational rate by 3.9% risks compounding inequality across rate categories. I respectfully request that the City reconsider this proposed increase and engage in further consultation with the community to develop a more balanced and sustainable approach to funding. Thank you for considering my submission. Kind regards Deb Cornwell

045.2025.00059673.001**Mrs R L Pracy****4/06/2025 8:46:00AM**

To Whom It May Concern at the City of Rockingham, I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/2026 financial year. Everything is going up, fuel, groceries, rent, electricity. But interest rates on mortgages are going down with the next cut taking place this month. Meanwhile, the City holds over \$124.3 million in "unrestrictive savings", earning healthy interest rates. How about giving the average Australian family a break for once. You are a publicly funded body, and your job is to serve the community - honestly the only councillor I can honestly say that serves the community and listens to the people and the community is Kelly Middlecoat. I do not support this increase. Regards Rebecca Pracy Baldivis rate payer

045.2025.00059678.001**Mr B M Friedrichs****4/06/2025 8:48:00AM**

Hi, My thoughts on another rates rise are as follows What do we get for our extra rate money ? I'm assuming absolutely nothing. This is ridiculous just like the decision to change the emptying of our rubbish bins. Did the council let the rate payers of Rockingham know that this was happening, not to my knowledge. I would like to know how you think a family of 5 or 6 will go with this. I think the council will find by doing this there is going to be a lot of extra rubbish in the bins around town. Great job to The City of Rockingham Council you guys are a joke. Regards Disgruntled Rate payer.

045.2025.00059687.001**Mr L Felber****4/06/2025 8:52:00AM**

Good evening, Warnbro resident & home owner. 17 basslett place. object to rate rise. Rockingham has a surplus of savings approx 124 million according to public record. Rockingham city also has major mining agricultural and fuel terminal commercial businesses increase these rates to cover short fall and decrease rates for residential properties. Cost of living is in crisis, Rockingham city will increase financial stress on families. my opinion. Kind regards, Luke Felber

045.2025.00059691.001

Ms N M Kyles

4/06/2025 8:55:00AM

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045.2025.00059698.001

Ms A J Mortimer

4/06/2025 9:03:00AM

All Council Members Dear City of Rockingham Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% increase in rate revenue for the 2025/2026 financial year, as outlined in the City's recent rating strategy. While I understand the City's need to fund services and infrastructure through rate revenue, I am concerned that a uniform 3.9% increase across all differential general rates, including GRV - Residential, places an unfair and disproportionate burden on ratepayers-particularly in the current economic climate where many households are already under significant financial strain due to rising living costs, utilities amd high interest rates. Moreover, the statement that this increase is necessary to "meet the shortfall from other revenue sources" raises further concern. Rather than shifting this shortfall entirely onto ratepayers, I urge the City to explore alternative revenue streams, cost-saving measures, or more equitable ways to distribute the financial load-especially across non-residential or high-value land categories that may be better positioned to absorb such increases. Additionally, the rationale for using GRV - Residential as the base for calculating other rates underscores the need for careful consideration of fairness and equity in the overall structure. Increasing this foundational rate by 3.9% risks compounding inequality across rate categories. I respectfully request that the City reconsider this proposed increase and engage in further consultation with the community to develop a more balanced and sustainable approach to funding. Thank you for considering my submission.

045.2025.00059705.001

Miss C G Whitehead

4/06/2025 9:13:00AM

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045.2025.00059712.001**Mrs B C Knight****4/06/2025 9:20:00AM**

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045.2025.00059748.001**Mrs K K Pearce****4/06/2025 9:45:00AM**

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045.2025.00060008.001

Mr C T Gazzola

4/06/2025 1:22:00PM

Re- 2025/26 residential rate increase- To the Chief Executive Officer, As a long term rate payer/ resident of Warnbro, I total object to any rate increases relating to my residential property. In the past financial year and the future year, there has been no additional improvements/ services to my district, that I and most other mature aged persons would utilize to warrant any rate increases! One such service I would utilize and has not been addressed for over 12 months now; This is a historic city asset with known maintenance costs. Prior and throughout the previous summer period, I and many other leisure craft user rate payers have requested in writing to City of Rockingham that immediate attention is required to maintain the full usability of the Bent St boat ramp (my closest and practical ramp). To this day it remains unmaintained and unsafe. There has been no maintenance or remedial work carried out on the Bent St boat ramp/ Tern Point for over 12 months. I personally have made several written requests only to be told it would be addressed Jan/ Fed 2025- to this day, June 2025 still no action to the boat ramp! I have also submitted requests to address the invasive weeds on my side maintained / your owned verge, with not response or action from City of Rockingham! Once again I totally object to your proposed 2025/26 rate increase of any kind as it does not reflect the services being maintained in the Warnbro area. The Aqua Jetty is still operating and sustainable as is. Previous rate increases HAVE NOT benefited my immediate area in any way! In fact I am disadvantaged by the constant unpleasant aroma and late night works at adjoining sewage sub-station! Regards C Gazzola

045.2025.00060256.001

Mrs S R Sione

4/06/2025 5:09:00PM

I think an increase to rates is disgustingly. With a 120 something mill savings while the people of Rockingham are struggling daily, it is actually an embarrassment. The state of Rockingham is terrible if you compare with Mandurah. Even the footpaths are done in a shabby fashion, uneven and unfinished especially around areas of Safety Bay. It appears the council hoards money and makes the lives of its people difficult by increasing expenses.

045.2025.00060261.001

Mrs L R Willis

4/06/2025 6:28:00PM

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045.2025.00060266.001**Mr R Sareen****4/06/2025 8:51:00PM**

Should not increase. Cost of living and Inflation is breaking backs, council should consider freezing rates given the market situation

045.2025.00060269.001**Mr J L Stewart-Roddis****4/06/2025 9:05:00PM**

Cutting rubbish collection by 50% (weekly to fortnightly) yet increasing rates by 3.9% is at despicable corporate corruption and everyone involved should be ashamed of themselves.

045.2025.00060270.001**Mrs S L Powell****4/06/2025 9:10:00PM**

I do not agree with this proposal. The CoR have had enough rate increases in recent years and given the surplus funds in their account, it is not required. Everyday people are struggling to pay their bills as it is. Stop trying to rip people off CoR.

045.2025.00060272.001**Ms E V Gosling****4/06/2025 9:17:00PM**

This is a significant jump when people are still struggling from interest rate increases. Why not give people a year to recover while int rates drop so they can afford an increase next year. We ourselves are back paying rate debt, and while we would have been able to catch up this year, an increase will put us behind again. We also have the bin system to deal with when we werent ready, its too much too soon.

045.2025.00060274.001**Mrs K H Dupagne****4/06/2025 9:21:00PM**

Opposed to a 3.9% rate increase. This is above CPI which was 2.8 in WA in March. This is another year with a proposed high rate rise, which seems excessive.

045.2025.00060273.001**Mr N Marshall****4/06/2025 9:20:00PM**

Leave as is no need for another rise in rates

045.2025.00060275.001

Miss E J Rawlings

4/06/2025 9:26:00PM

This is absolutely a joke. There is already such a struggle with people managing their finances & the council thinks it's a wise idea to add onto that? It's already a joke that we pay for electricity usage, water usage and sewerage on top of our bills, and these ridiculous bin changes the public were not even given the chance to vote on. I'm sorry but your system is a joke and this hike of rates is just one of many examples of why the council has such a bad reputation with the local community. Shame on whoever raises the rates. There is NO justification as to why rates should be risen, if anything, they should be dropped.

045.2025.00060276.001

Mrs H M Button

4/06/2025 9:36:00PM

Absolutely disgusted that yet another rate rise is on the way when we've seen other councils freeze rates and definitely not increase them nearly as much as COR. Residents have been VERY vocal about not wanting FOGO and yet we're going to all have to pay the price for a reduced service but increased rates. MAKE IT MAKE SENSE!!!!

045.2025.00060277.001

Mrs B L Rea

4/06/2025 9:41:00PM

Absolutely ridiculous to have to potentially pay more for less services especially with the bins that won't be collected as often!

045.2025.00060278.001

Ms R M Francis

4/06/2025 9:41:00PM

3.9% increase is unreasonable and unjustified. The reduced services (rubbish collection) provided by the council to Baldivis. The clear lack of awareness of the city constituents in the current cost of living crisis.

045.2025.00060280.001

Ms L J Voogt

4/06/2025 10:23:00PM

Rental prices are falling, so this is not a fair rise based on that silly basis point which will drop. Rates are rising too often, but things aren't being fixed or maintained. Council, especially the Mayor and CEO, need to leverage AUKUS and only cooperate if we are getting something in return. This deal sees us, the residents, paying more, having the risk of radiation poisoning or death, contamination of our land and water, housing crisis continuing because of influx of US forces... which will increase our rates once again! We are taking all the risk and we have zero reward. It's time to get something in return for our cooperation, at least hospital upgrades because of the increased danger and health risks. Not to mention upcoming costs for council having to close beaches, monitor toxins in the air and water and respond immediately to changes. It's not residents who should be paying for this burden. The Fogo is also a no go because of contamination, people don't know how to use it properly and some don't care. We shouldn't pay more for this. The state gov isn't serious about the environment, they just extended Burrup Gas Project! So they need to stop putting the burden on the little guys and start holding powerful corps to account. Why are we forced to fogo, but Woolies still wrap fruit in unrecyclable plastic?

045.2025.00060282.001**Ms N Sergeant****4/06/2025 11:15:00PM**

I do not agree with this proposed rate rise, with the cost of living and crisis going on it's unacceptable to raise the rate price this much at this tough time. I personally work 2 fulltime jobs already to ensure that I can provide for my autistic daughter and as a single parent with absolutely no hand outs from government or financial support such a large increase will put significantly more financial pressure on my already strained life. I am not opposed to there being a rate increase if that is an absolute need for the council, but it should be at a much lower rate to show the residents within the council that there is compassion and understanding of the financial pressures everyone is experiencing with the cost of living crises. Kind regards

045.2025.00060284.001**Mr A Kelleher****5/06/2025 12:05:00AM**

How many years in a row now have our rates increased, whilst the services we receive decreases? We get less bins, less often, you want us to recycle but only provide a recycling bin once a fortnight. It should be every week! Our verge collections skipped a year, cost of living skyrocketed and now we have to pay even more? Crazy.

045.2025.00060286.001**Mrs A Anable****5/06/2025 2:06:00AM**

I think in the grand scheme of things with the cost of living crisis a massive increase of 3% is highway robbery. When families are drowning in bill increases to the point we are being driven to either visit food banks or afterpay gift vouchers to buy food it makes it very concerning that our community is in dire condition... Why is it the council needs to increase rates every year? If you can't balance the books with what you are getting already with the rates then maybe the problem isn't with the money coming in, more about what you are spending it on stop the waste!

045.2025.00060287.001**Ms L C Hassett****5/06/2025 2:45:00AM**

While a rate rise may be necessary, the proposed rate of 3.9% is unnecessary. At a time when families are struggling with the cost of living in every way.... This is just a greedy cash grab. Council should be looking at ways to cut costs that are manageable and effective, including cuts to Councillor perks. Council should be providing more information in regard to the method used to determine the rate of increase. With the amount of homes and businesses that fall under Rockingham Council, this amount is staggering.

045.2025.00060288.001**Mrs M M Krpez****5/06/2025 5:07:00AM**

3.9% increase in our rates. Are you actually serious with this increase? There are people who are actively choosing between food and bills at this point, and the number of people who are going without food is actually worrying. Here's my suggestion... increase the rates and do away with the interest charges on the rates smoothing. You are double dipping on payments made by your constituents.

045.2025.00060290.001**Miss K Chapman****5/06/2025 5:51:00AM**

Why has Rockingham council purposed a rate increase over 1% higher then CPI? Would love to hear justification particularly where the cost of living is so high and many families are struggling just to eat.

045.2025.00060294.001**Mrs N L Carey****5/06/2025 6:16:00AM**

This increase will put additional pressure on ratepayers. The % does not align to reality - how many households have received a pay increase to the tune of 3.9% to cover these additional costs? Stop wasting money on unwanted initiatives, listen to ratepayers and do the right thing!

045.2025.00060293.001**Mrs D K Russell****5/06/2025 6:16:00AM**

I want to know what and where all my rates are contributing too! A Waikiki resident that gets zero upgraded local facilities while all our rates (that are continuously increasing) are paying for every other suburb's subdivisions are upgraded facilities and parks. Not once in the 8 years I've lived here have we seen any upgrades within my area.. why should I pay for baldivis parks and facilities that are too far away to use! The council needs to get a really grip on what actually needs doing and not what they feel makes then look better. Time for a refresh of council!

045.2025.00060388.001**Mrs F C Thatcher****5/06/2025 8:49:00AM**

Objection to 3.9% Rates Increase for 2025/2026

045.2025.00060392.001**R Unknown****5/06/2025 8:56:00AM**

I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% increase in rate revenue for the 2025/2026 financial year, as outlined in the City's recent rating strategy. While I understand the City's need to fund services and infrastructure through rate revenue, I am concerned that a uniform 3.9% increase across all differential general rates, including GRV - Residential, places an unfair and disproportionate burden on ratepayers-particularly in the current economic climate where many households are already under significant financial strain due to rising living costs, interest rates, and utilities. Moreover, the statement that this increase is necessary to "meet the shortfall from other revenue sources" raises further concern. Rather than shifting this shortfall entirely onto ratepayers, I urge the City to explore alternative revenue streams, cost-saving measures, or more equitable ways to distribute the financial load-especially across non-residential or high-value land categories that may be better positioned to absorb such increases. Additionally, the rationale for using GRV - Residential as the base for calculating other rates underscores the need for careful consideration of fairness and equity in the overall structure. Increasing this foundational rate by 3.9% risks compounding inequality across rate categories. I respectfully request that the City reconsider this proposed increase and engage in further consultation with the community to develop a more balanced and sustainable approach to funding. Thank you for considering my submission. Kind regards Ray

045.2025.00060414.001

Miss E L Ramsay

5/06/2025 9:07:00AM

Youre taking away my weekly general rubbish collection and making it fortnightly AND increasing our rates. Absolutely disgusting. We cannot afford it! The council dont do anything for our benefit but keep asking for more money. Please stop. The general public are struggling.

045.2025.00060436.001

Ms L M Capps

5/06/2025 9:23:00AM

When is enough enough on rate payers and what do we get from it really. I don't rent we own so why should rental prices affect everyone's rates. It's greedy and constant every single year it goes up when family's are struggled to afford food

045.2025.00060447.001

Mr C A Loreto

5/06/2025 9:33:00AM

Objection to Rates Increase for 2025/2026

045.2025.00060455.001

Mr R L Black

5/06/2025 9:36:00AM

An increase of rates again with cost of living pressures and the reverse that the city has is a joke. Listen to the people who pay rates and every single one do not believe this is justified. Any councillor who votes for this will not be getting my vote next election as you would not be my voice.

045.2025.00060464.001

Ms T L Townshend

5/06/2025 9:50:00AM

Objection to proposed 3.9% Rates increase

045.2025.00060518.001

Mr S C Brown

5/06/2025 10:45:00AM

I cannot believe that you would even consider raising the rates by any more than 2.5% which is the CPI figure as posted by the Bureau of Statistics. Anything above 2.5% cannot be justified by any means.

045.2025.00060799.001 **Mrs C J Noakes** **5/06/2025 12:47:00PM**

Council cut your own costs , don't you think we have been sluggish with high interest rates for our mortgage and soon as it goes down you of course want to take it back. You have had 3 rate hikes in the last 3 years. Surely you can get an independent auditor to help you manage your money better than continuing to screw us over.

045.2025.00060804.001 **Mrs N M Wimpres** **5/06/2025 1:43:00PM**

Just don't do it. The increase in rates last year has just about crippled your residents. Do you enjoy taking people to court and ruining their lives with your greed

045.2025.00060815.001 **Mr L J Rowley** **5/06/2025 4:41:00PM**

Almost double the inflation rate is overreach given the comparison of services to other councils and comparison of rates.

045.2025.00060819.001 **Ms H K Cash-Te Rangi** **5/06/2025 5:51:00PM**

My rates are expensive as it I can't afford to pay higher rates I can barely afford to pay my bills where I live things aren't getting taken care off by the council I have trees that haven't been pruned and fields that don't get mown or playgrounds taken care of

045.2025.00060826.001 **Mr A J Smith** **5/06/2025 7:24:00PM**

Dear City of Rockingham Councillors, I am writing to commend the excellent work the City of Rockingham Council does in enhancing our community. From maintaining beautiful parks and foreshores to providing efficient services like waste management and local infrastructure improvements, your efforts significantly elevate the quality of life in Rockingham. Your support for community events and local initiatives is greatly appreciated and makes our area a wonderful place to live. However, I am strongly opposed to any proposed rate rise for the upcoming financial year. Many families in Rockingham are struggling with the rising cost of living, including increased costs for housing, groceries, and utilities. A rate increase would place an additional and unsustainable burden on households already finding it difficult to cope financially. I respectfully urge the council to explore alternative solutions to meet budgetary needs without raising rates, such as implementing cost-saving measures or pursuing additional government funding. By maintaining current rates, the council can show its commitment to supporting residents during these challenging economic times. Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust the City of Rockingham Council will continue its outstanding work while remaining mindful of the financial pressures faced by our community.

045.2025.00060827.001**Anonymous for CRM 2025****CI-City of Rockingham Civic Boulevard 6168 ROCKINGHAM WA 6168 5/06/2025 8:18:00PM**

Do not raise the rates. It's hard enough keeping up with all of the increases in our utility bills. I can't see any improvements in the Baldivis area in the last few years that warrants any rate increases from ratepayers. And while I'm on it, do not change the rubbish collection cycles. Sure, you can add the FOGO stuff to the green bins but keep collecting the red bins weekly otherwise you're going to find people dumping rubbish in public areas because their red bins will be full every week.

045.2025.00060831.001**Mrs E French****5/06/2025 11:34:00PM**

We can't afford another rate hike, for what seems like decreasing council services each year. How is this being justified when other councils have been able to implement a rate freeze at some point over the last 3-4 years? We do not approve of this 3.9% increase.

045.2025.00061191.001**Mrs B Clark****6/06/2025 1:22:00PM**

I don't agree with the rate increase. Especially since you have reduced our general waste collections to fortnightly against everyone's will which should have reduced waste disposal expenses, so why are our rates going to be costing us more when our services are less?

045.2025.00061449.001**Mr J D Chittick****8/06/2025 9:02:00AM**

Every year you have put up rates when most other councils have put a freeze 23/24 rates

045.2025.00061479.001**Mrs S V Blackshaw****8/06/2025 1:31:00PM**

this is what I just wrote to the council..... pls copy and do the same. We must all fight back. To Whom It May Concern at the City of Rockingham, I am writing to formally object to the proposed 3.9% rate increase for the 2025/2026 financial year, an increase that is both offensive and unjustified. I have had enough. Like many ratepayers, I am struggling under the weight of rising costs across the board. Everything is going up, fuel, groceries, rent, electricity, and now, once again, you come knocking for more. Meanwhile, the City holds over \$124.3 million in "unrestrictive savings", earning healthy interest, yet somehow you still expect us to bankroll your budget. It's disgraceful. What are we paying for, exactly? Certainly not well-maintained parks and amenities, some of our parks are falling apart. Not for accessible services - most are either out of reach or buried in red tape. And definitely not for quality waste collection, because let me tell you, I'm sick and tired of cleaning up after your careless bin collection teams. They throw bins back down with no regard, scattering rubbish, damaging bins, and leaving it up to residents like myself to tidy up behind them. It's lazy, it's inconsiderate, and it's unacceptable. Now let's address what you don't want to hear, your constitutional legitimacy as a local government. Under the Australian Constitution, local councils are not recognised as a valid third tier of government. You operate under state legislation, not constitutional authority, and that authority is increasingly being questioned. You take money by force (you DOUBLED our rates last year despite our valid reasons and answers in asking not to do so), under threat, without consent - and in any other context, ". You are not a private business. You are a publicly funded body, and your job is to serve the community - not drain it dry. I do not support this increase. Your faithfully

045.2025.00061521.001

Ms B L Richardson

9/06/2025 7:09:00AM

So, the economic climate; reduction in affordable living standards across the country; employment downturn; and the fact that CPI increases in wages has remained consistently low, has clearly gone over your heads. You do realise that the government is supposed to work for it's constituents, and not the other way round? This screams, a lack of touch with reality by the Rockingham Shire. In fact, I would go as far as saying that some of the decisions coming out of that office are audacious at best. Given that nobody was in favour of having fortnightly waste collection, or attempting to use rate payer funds to impinge on the public's right to freedom of political speech, I would say a lot of people working for the Rockingham local government better start looking for new jobs. Further, I would have been expecting a reduction in my rates seeing as though our curb side collections were reduced first, and now, general wast services have been further impacted. Personally, I will be submitting a complaint for abuse of power should this not be reflected in my rates this year. Most other Shire councils have frozen rates over the last two years. However, Not good old greedy swinging pig. Baldivis should be a separate electorate. We seem to be stung with all these ridiculous cut backs, for what benefit to us? Some brass statues and a police station for more non-responsive government employees to sit in and pretend they do anything about the hoons that use our roads as rally tracks, or the next four hundred sporting complex facilities with minimal value to the residents who would prefer to minimise the noise pollution created by them. Seriously, do better.

045.2025.00063294.001

Mr D E Pettet

12/06/2025 8:09:00AM

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Grand Memorials Pty Ltd

13/06/2025 1:06:00PM

To whom it may concern, As both a residential and commercial property owner within the City of Rockingham, I am writing to express serious concern and request further clarification regarding the proposed 13.87% increase in rates for the 2025-26 financial year, particularly the differential general rate of 9.8001 cents in the dollar applied to Non-Residential Land. Given the current economic climate, many small businesses in Rockingham are already facing significant challenges. To impose such a substantial rate increase-more than triple the historical average-places further financial burden on business owners already managing escalating costs, staff shortages, and tightened consumer spending. Many non-residential property owners, including those in strata-managed commercial precincts, maintain their own land, verges, landscaping, and infrastructure without substantial support from Council. When strata companies are advised that tree or verge maintenance falls outside Council responsibility, yet business owners continue to pay increasing rates, it raises serious questions about value for money. Beyond regular bin collection and occasional maintenance of underground assets (with most pipe-related issues falling back on the property owner to rectify), it is difficult to identify a level of council-provided service proportionate to this proposed increase. The justification provided-"to assist in the cost of infrastructure and services designed to support the non-residential sector"-lacks specific detail on what tangible benefits are being delivered to warrant such a sharp rise. For context, recent rate increases implemented by the City of Rockingham have remained relatively moderate: In 2018-19, a 3.6% increase was adopted (Sound Telegraph, 2018) In 2022-23 and 2023-24, the rate increase was 3.9% in both years (Coast Live, 2022; Sound Telegraph, 2023) In 2024-25, Council confirmed a 4.2% increase (City of Rockingham Budget Newsletter, 2024-25) The proposed 13.87% increase for 2025-26 marks a substantial departure from this trend and is likely to have a compounding impact on businesses-particularly those operating in lean-margin industries. I respectfully request that Council reconsider or, at a minimum, provide a full breakdown of how this significant increase will be allocated, and in what measurable ways the non-residential sector will benefit. Business owners contribute significantly to the economic fabric and employment landscape of Rockingham, and I hope this is carefully factored into the Council's final decision. Thank you for considering this submission. I trust that business community feedback will form an important part of the review process. Kind Regards, signature_4086076879

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Mr N R Hoare

13/06/2025 3:13:00PM

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