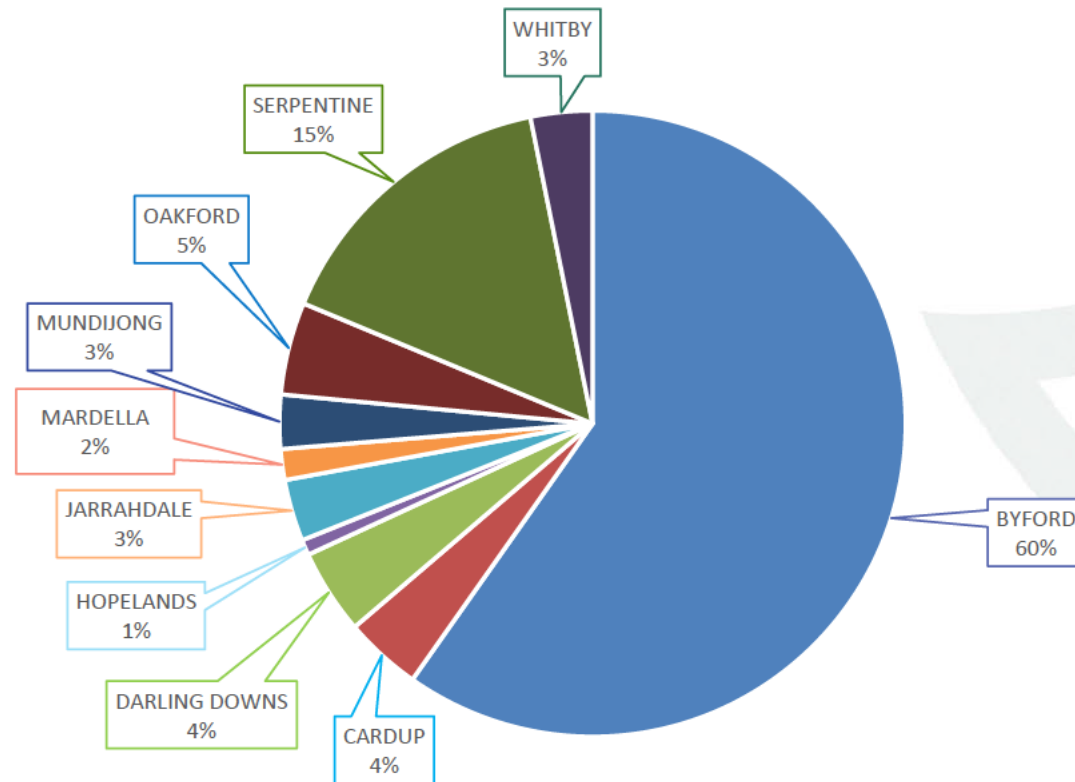




Responses from Your Say SJ

2024/2025 Differential General Rates



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After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:	Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons
Object to the proposal	With everything go up with regards to the cost of living, it would be nice to see a shire no increase rates, with all the young families moving into the area/shire, they probably already struggling to make end meet, children missing out on things.
Object to the proposal	We pay enough in rates for bare minimum, we pay for a tip that can no longer be used, we have been given no support on road repairs or tree maintenance. Expecting an increase in rates to start other projects before actually finishing a task which needs actual attention is disgraceful. Our rates are extremely high especially in the cost of living crisis we are currently in, maybe if the council thought about the people struggling to make ends meet instead of trying to get more money out of the families that are struggling to feed a family than starting more projects that aren't beneficial right now. I believe we should be getting money back for the council not providing what we pay for not an increase.
Object to the proposal	I have been a resident for 18 years and have paid our rate unfortunately this shires rates is out of people reach give us a break.I've dealt with a Shire before and have got the run around of things to be done in a reasonable matter of time not good enough. The Shire of Serpentine jarradale looks disgusting take a drive, but always looks amazing around the Shire offices works take too long or never get done.So this is why so many residents are up in arms about our high rates.
Object to the proposal	<p>The shire have continued to raise rates over the 10 years I have lived here and continued to promise to lower them. The services we have been provided are very basic and do not warrant a rate rise. WAGES AND SPENDING within the shire need to be cut to realistic levels to raise capital. The shire have been proven to be corrupt in this area and need to be held accountable. Any other business or workplace, people would be dismissed for the same behaviour.</p> <p>A rural property should not pay high amounts of rates when all we are provided is a bin collection. Hire a good accountant and spend the money where it is needed. Take a drive around and look at all of the shires own properties and assets and you will see that they are not maintaining their end of the deal and that the residents continually pick up the slack of the bad decisions made by the shire.</p>

Object to the proposal	<p>NO NO NO NO 100x NO. Are you kidding???</p> <p>No one can afford to pay this stinking Shire any more in Rates. How out of touch are you all? Fringe suburbs are meant to be cheaper to live in. That's why ppl come to the fringe suburbs. You have rates higher than Dalkeith and Applecross here. What price do you think is enough? Where are you going to stop for the average 4x2 family home? \$3k \$4k a year..... Rates are not meant to go up EVERY year. Suggest you find a way you can use the current budget you have for next few years and stop contributing to ppl's misery and homelessness and causing domestic violence.</p>
Object to the proposal	As a single parent and home owner I can not afford my rates as it is let alone an increase, rates need to be reduced or increased
Object to the proposal	Please don't raise the rates. There are so many families doing it tough with the cost of living. This shire brings in a lot of revenue as it is and given the state of some things I'm surprised we are up for another rise. If legislation is correct, we shouldn't be due for a rise for another 2 years. Old shire president raise the rates so much and every year, with very little to show for it.
Object to the proposal	We are going through a cost of living crisis. Ans you want to put up the rates? Are you serious?
Object to the proposal	Rates should not be increased. Due to cost of living increases its hard enough for people to afford food and electricity let alone an increase in council rates!
Object to the proposal	Not happy about the zone costing on gross rental value or people paying whether land is vacant or not. We had rate rise in 2023 and the shire wants to impose a higher rate. Definitely oppose.
Object to the proposal	There has been minimal communication around a rate increase, nor opportunities to voice our disagreement via posts on social media as comments are turned off. Very disappointed that with the cost of living increase our shire is not doing more to reduce our rates and instead are increasing them. I completely object to this increase and I am sure a significant majority of byford residences would voice this displeasure if they were aware.

Object to the proposal	<p>I respectfully disagree with the proposed rate rise for this financial year. Given that we should be exempt from rate rises for another three years, this increase feels unwarranted, especially considering the previous rate rises we've already experienced. The current cost of living is almost unsustainable, and this additional burden is particularly difficult to bear.</p> <p>Furthermore, the ongoing unresolved issues with our local tip, which have persisted for a long time, add to the dissatisfaction. The state of our local roads and other amenities also continues to be a concern. This shire is one of the most expensive places to live, yet at times, it does not live up to the expected standards.</p> <p>I urge the council to reconsider this decision, address these longstanding community issues, and provide relief to residents by not implementing this rate rise.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I believe we were promised lower rated when voting for our shire president! And just because we are shuffling things around doesn't mean it's ok to slug us more and more and more! We are among the highest rate payers for where we live and what we get for that, and not to mention the biggest problem is how confusing it is! It actually feels like you make it so hard to understand so we can't argue. I understand the cost of everything is going up, but that is the exact reason we can't deal with more! Families are stretched, rental values are beyond ridiculous that it's unreasonable for anyone with 1 income to afford to rent and interest rates on the up and up means home owners are not affording their mortgages. What this community needs is a break! If you ACTUALLY care about this community, you need to make the rates decisions easier for us to understand instead of adding more division and to NOT put the cost up! We are an amazing community if we can just be allowed to catch up for a moment. Listen to the people when it comes to issues in the community and stop making it feel like we are just slugging more money for what feels like the world's slowest progress and nothing really happening! We are human beings, seniors, families, the backbone of the next generations, let us give them a community we can be proud of backing, and for our kids not to see and hear how rates are one of SJ's biggest challenge! Do better so we can do better!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>This is not right to go back on committing to not rising rates, next financial year.</p> <p>You do very little for the money paid.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>This is a disgusting misuse of trust. We already had an increase last year with nothing to show for it, and yet again GREED has taken part in increasing; and for what? NOTHING . If I knew how greedy this shire was I would have never moved here !!!!</p> <p>There is graffiti everywhere, the drainage doesn't work correctly resulting in flooding, there is cracked and displaced side walks- POT HOLES EVERYWHERE. This suburb is a dump.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Funding based on current system must be used appropriately in the correct areas where it is needed. The system cannot be changed due to poor management where we are charged more to compensate for poor budgeting.</p>

Object to the proposal	Local residential rates were already increased in the 2022/2023 financial year. Considering we do not have a functioning waste disposal (tip), are without a sufficient alternative, and are still paying for it in our rates, it is unreasonable to increase them again.
Object to the proposal	It's an unnecessary increase based on last year's increase and the current cost of living crisis. Families in this area are forgoing necessities as it is, increasing rates is absolutely not in the best interests of the people of the Shire .
Object to the proposal	Rate increases should be every 3 years. The cost of living is already ridiculously high and the rates are already through the roof. A lot of people struggled immensely (us included) to pay rates last year.
Object to the proposal	We have already had last year's rise in rates. Families are struggling enough without our rates needing to go up. Also with the rate rise we have also since lost the watkins tip with little to no support for a decent replacement service.
Object to the proposal	I object to increasing the shire rates. Ratepayers are under significant pressure with cost of living increases and further rate rises will create significant financial hardship for many people.
Object to the proposal	I find it disheartening that rates are increasing considering the economic condition. With rates increasing, this puts a financial burden on families. Considering the conditions of Warrington Road, Turner Road and Orton Road, it's disappointing that our rates are increasing yet these roads are not getting fixed or upgraded. We pay higher rates than other shores yet the quality of the suburbs is disappointing.
Object to the proposal	Times are getting tougher for more families I agree that it's costs more for the council to fix things and pay workers now. But I'm sure the council has been in profit year after year.
Object to the proposal	Last u guys increase rates no bloody footpath no proper roads yet asking for raise again
Object to the proposal	<p>With the entirety of cost of living this would be an absolute cruel thing to put onto the residents that fall under this shire!!</p> <p>Rates keep going up yet we get things taken off us like kerbside collection being one of the hot topics, the waste station was great when it first opened as residents could dispose off nearly all suitable things then there started being payments to dump certain things then some things were not accepted. Maintenance of parks/dog parks etc don't get done regular enough.</p> <p>Maintenance of landscaping isn't maintained to even a decent standard in most areas.</p> <p>Maintenance of roads, the list goes on.</p> <p>So no I do not agree to any increases as the shire does not provide enough to warrant any of the residents support!!</p> <p>We have all had enough.</p>
Object to the proposal	I do not support this, we are struggling to live as it is being new parents, interest rates going up, cost of living going up everything is getting ridiculous. People are loosing their homes 👍

Object to the proposal	<p>The very idea of further increasing what are already very high rates charges is a complete disregard and lack of touch for the residents of the shire and many families who are already struggling to cover the ever increasing cost of living. No tip. Trees on council land that have not been maintained and broken some of my fencing as a result Parks and open spaces poorly maintained No tip anymore</p> <p>This can not go ahead</p>
Object to the proposal	Times are getting tougher for everyone. Shire not give enough back to warrant these rises
Object to the proposal	You provide nothing to the community. No transfer waste station, give tip passes for Armadale but rate payers still have to pay extra \$\$ to use this tip. There is no way in justifying this except bull crap excuses.
Object to the proposal	<p>Rate rise last year so not applicable No value for any further increase and rorting the community Highest rates and yet no substantial infrastructure support - roads, maintenance, community facilities. This motion is extremely unpopular within the community - view social media pists</p>
Object to the proposal	If you put the rates up you may have have a few people committing suicide due to cost of living.
Object to the proposal	I don't believe there should be any increase in rates to ratepayers as the services and improvements offered by the shire for the amount we already pay is substandard compared to many other shires....these shires ratepayers are also paying significantly less in rates for better outcomes and services. I feel given the current cost of living crisis and the fact ratepayers already pay one of the highest yearly rate amounts from any shire in close proximity that it would be unjust to increase rates at this time.
Object to the proposal	Stop raising our rates. The shire destroyed our privacy on the southern side of our property widening the road and removing the trees and nothing has been done to replace them. We are subject daily to abuse from people who moved to and ruined this area and have no consideration for the equine community.
Object to the proposal	<p>The rate rise idea sounds ridiculous, can barely see what we have even paid for, our footpaths are almost non existent in parts, the trees on every street are not maintained,the rates we pay for the front verges to be maintained are never ever touched, I see no government workers doing any up keep in our area.</p> <p>The roads a terrible and in some parts they are completely unsafe , there has been no change or improvement in this area except for roads being blocked off for a train line to go through and a bridge to go over a train line.</p> <p>Very disappointed that we can't even take our stuff to the serpentine tip anymore.</p> <p>What are we paying for exactly?</p>

Object to the proposal	<p>I don't believe the rates should go up this year.</p> <p>Just considering we haven't actually received anything new, the tips gone, the gardens and graffiti around the glades is atrocious. We already have people struggling.</p> <p>Where are the community things for young teenagers to do, not all our community are young kids who play at the many parks we have</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Our rates go up ever year!! And nothing in my area has been improved. There is bush all around me...its a fire danger and the local park is always trashed.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I don't want my rates to go up. There are no new facilities provided by the council. No swimming pool, no water play at all for kids. So much traffic during certain times of day, not enough street parking.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I am more than happy to pay more rates but seriously, do something with out streets, side walks trees and plants in our area, nothing is maintained except the parks, which are sup par at best.</p> <p>I already pay more than my mother does in her area and it is well shown what they do with the money, well maintained area and it's in Gosnells, why are we paying more for less of a result?</p> <p>Pathetic</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>With the cost of living continually on the rise along with interest rates and no pay rises on the horizon, its hard enough to live a decent life let alone pay the continual rate rises as well as the utilities and car registration.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I think if you are to raise the rates, alot of families will not be able to afford to live. This is too much and not needed. I am not a rate payer, but this affects the owner of my house and me. Bank rates go up, my rent goes up. I am a single income and not the only one who will be greater affected. Have a look at all the families who work their butts off to put food on the table, both work, pay day care, bank hikes rates up, Shire puts rates up, supermarket puts food prices up. Please keep it as is.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>We had a rise in Shire rates last year, we should not be having another one this year.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	<p>We have a closed waste station and has been closed for months, with no open date in sight. Roads are a shambles, rates are already higher than Willetton which the median sale price of a property is \$935000 there is no large shopping centre hardly any dinning options there is literally no justification for a rates rise considering all the current short falls and already extremely high rates comparatively to suburbs with much higher property values.</p>

Object to the proposal	<p>Our rates were already amended last year. We cannot afford to pay any more. And we don't get much for our rates anyway. We don't even have lights in our street. We are in horse area and people zoom through the stupid slow down spots you put in that made people go even faster. You need to make the horse area of malarkey road, one way in. One way out. Because we know you're going to open up malarkey road to Thomas road when the development is finished. And that's going to make it even more dangerous for our horse area with people using our road to go from Thomas to abernethy.</p> <p>You are going to cause homelessness upping the rates. Our rates are huge as it is!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>We just had a rise in our rates last year! This is not to fair to the residences of the Serpentine Jarrahdale area, the cost of living has risen a substantial amount and rising the rates yet again will cause further financial strain on all. How about focusing on fixing our roads, providing lighting on our roads, cleaning up the community from all the rubbish laying around on the roads and focusing on the crime and police presents!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Rates went up last year, not due for another 3years. Pay more, get less. Very unfair, don't even even get tip passes, our dump has gone and no curbside collection and yet we are to organise our own skips. Don't even get a free upgrade of bins if we pay out rates in full. No incentive whatsoever. Why should we pay more when every family is under the pump financially.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I do not want the rates to increase. They are already very high.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Rates are already expensive. People are struggling, the gardens don't get looked after by the shire, there is no bulk waste collection, no dump ect, so where does the money go?</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>This will result in higher rates for no extra service/ improvements or amenities. The rates are already outrageous, who should pay this much just to live on a piece of land they purchased and maintain. This community is struggling.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>While seeking to make rates more equitable there is still a significant increase in cost for residential rate payers with small properties. If seeking to implement this version of differential general rates due to large previously rural properties underpaying, thus raising them to residential, existing residential rate payers should not require an additional increase in their rate assessment value as there will already be an increase in the dollar value of rates paid to the Shire.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Rates increase should not go ahead.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	<p>With cost of living rising and interest rates going up, an increase in rates would negatively impact on the families of the byford and surrounding communities</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>In this current economic climate with interest rates rising, food costs rising, medical costs rising, fuel rising, EVERYTHING rising except wages, to increase our rates when the shire provide such subpar services is ridiculous. New bottle shops and daycares on every corner but can't fix the simple pot holes, or replace missing signage on streets? No thanks.</p>

Object to the proposal	<p>The economy is towards a recession similar to that of 1991-1992. Similarly the suicide rate which was 41 people per 100k in 1992 has also been mirrored on our contemporary society despite the addition of mental health strategies. I believe this is related to the poor financial stability of our economy.</p> <p>Our residents do not need fancy parks, or refurbished footpaths, filled pot holes and new street lights. Not if it means they are unable to keep a roof over the heads of their families. Keep our rates low and give our families a chance to recover or face an inundation of empty properties and unpaid rates. Remember what byford was and what it was promised to be. A town for the people.. not the profit.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Why are they been increased when we have no rubbish tip, no green waste no hard waste collection you have to actually book it in....not heard of any other Shire doing this....then we have half our roads need fixing not to mention the cost of living at the moment aswell people are really struggling to put food on their tables.....it's a hard no from me</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>We don't even have the water park promised 2 years ago still. Holes all down the road. No waste collection. I refuse to pay more and see nothing for another year...</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Can not afford this.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I wholeheartedly object to the Rate rise we pay the highest rates for very little return and up keep of our shire.. Its quite disappointing we have lived here in Byford for 15 years and since our estate has been turned over to the SJ Shire it has become quite run down what once was a beautiful estate it's now shabby and lacking the general up keep from broken footpaths to the parks surrounding the estate.. Not to mention the roads in the town of Byford there isn't enough time to list everything!</p> <p>We Object !!!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>There is a cost of living crisis. People can't feed their kids anymore. We live in one of the most expensive shires in Perth, and not much to show for it. You are pushing people into poverty.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>The shire is not providing adequate service to residents and it doesnt justify the already over charged rates.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I object. Increasing the rates again this year when the cost of living is so high and a good majority of us are struggling to make ends meet and keep a roof over our heads is not right. The rates increased just last year and that was hard enough.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Rates went up last year. People are struggling and the shire doesn't do anything in return. Roads need repairing, open drains, minimal lighting the list go's on</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Please do not increase our rates, I am already struggling on a payment plan like so many others, I am already worried I might have to sell I don't want to end up homeless... everything has already gone up way too much!!! Anyways as it is, my bins often get missed on bin days, the tip is closed, the roads and paths aren't great I don't understand why everything costs so much!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I can't afford the cost of living already and am already under so much stress as a single parent to get food on the table. I have cut back everywhere possible. Please don't make things even harder when it is possible to put it off longer. People are already drowning.</p>

Object to the proposal	Unrealistic in todays economy why should we pay more to live in a suburb where the crime rate is getting higher and our voices are not heard I believe there should be a voting poll like our elections held by a third party so we know our voices are being heard. We voted no for a train line and it's still going a head which will only increase the crime rate!
Object to the proposal	Cost of living is crippling families causing mental health issues among other things. Our rates are already to high and easily cover what we get back from the council. We don't even have a rubbish tip we can use so rates should be lowered.
Object to the proposal	We do not see anything being done each year with the high rates we pay now so why the heck increase them!!!!
Object to the proposal	<p>I do not agree with this rise in rates I think its ridiculous & very unfair! With the cost of living at the moment your just going to push people out of homes and cause them to become homeless! As if we don't have enough to pay on rates at the moment let alone other bills that we need to pay to survive and providing food to live.</p> <p>We only had a rate rise last year, we are not due for another possible rise for 3 years.</p> <p>There are streets in Oakford that have NO street lights causing a concern for safety, there's multiple pot holes on our roads. I don't even see where our rate money is going. How about listening to the people that live in the shire and providing them with what they need rather than what you think will 'look good'.</p> <p>Paying for a larger sized bin for example.....bring out the option to upgrade for free. Little things like this go a long way, again as mentioned above, think about the people that make up this shire, that pay you your rate money and the cost of living, don't make lives harder and it more difficult to live. Your only putting more financial stress and pressure on families, as if there isn't enough already!!</p>
Object to the proposal	Struggling to pay the rates now, and put food on the table. No rise
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	The rates are already high in comparison to other shires / councils. We are not getting Value For Money
Object to the proposal	

Object to the proposal	<p>The rates should not be increased as cost of living in general is hard, but not only that what is the shire actually doing for us? Not a hell of a lot. I live in a new estate and to get to my estate I travel along Orton Road, Warrington Road and Turner Road all of which are single lane and if there is a car coming and going in either direction on any of these roads you have to always move your car to half on the road and half in the dirt. By doing this it is wrecking our tyres but not only that the dirt part always has pot holes or corrugated bumps from where trucks have had to go in the dirt as well. It's not safe at all. The local town centre is always looking scrappy with weeds and rubbish and no flowers etc to brighten the town up. There is no street lights along South Western Highway leading in or out of Byford. There needs to be a traffic light intersection at the Abernethy Road/Hopkinson Road intersection due to all the accidents always happening there as well as the complete lack of road safety and road understanding people have. There also needs to be a traffic light installed at the Thomas Road and Hopkinson Road turn or a round-a-bout put in as that is also another area that is prone to lots of traffic and accidents. We need more general road maintenance and garden maintenance within the whole of Byford.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>As a local teacher and resident here in Byford, I see the effects the cost of living is having on our families. Already, teachers fork out a lot of money to make our classrooms feel like a safe place for our students. Lately, we are seeing more students come to school hungry, tired and quite frankly, aware that their families are struggling finically. Personally, I have bought some snacks, fruit, water bottles and even a couch using my own money. Sadly, I'm feeling the pinch too which means I can't afford to keep doing this. It is not sustainable. Rate rises ultimately impact wellbeing of every community member: young or old. Rate rises are the last thing our families need in this community!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>As someone whom had two properties in this shire up until recently I know the rates only just increased as of the last financial year and I truely believe as one of the highest rate paying councils that the rate rise should hold off for another 2 years as per the rate rise rule of every three years.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	we are in a cost of living crisis
Object to the proposal	<p>As someone who owned two properties in this shire until recently I know the rate rise has only just happened last financial year and think you should wait the three years for other rate rise as per the rule I also would like to state that in the town of serpentine it self we havnt noticed a lot of change or work being done by the shire</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Current rates are more than adequate for the level of service we are provided roads are atrocious street lighting is not adequate and just the way the different areas are split how can some one on smaller land pay more than someone on land twice even 3 times the size pay less time to stop digging for gold where there's none to be found</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I'm struggling to feed my kids as it is. Cost of living is extremely impacting our lives at this stage I don't even think I'll be able to pay rates ok time</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>There was an increase in rate last year. Byford's rates are already higher than most suburbs. And as it is getting commercialised every year the residential rates should be coming down. To take an example Cockburn's rates are way less than Byford for the same block of land. The shire took away hard waste collection from residents making it difficult for most of us and then the rates are increased.. totally unfair.</p>

Object to the proposal	ANOTHER increase and another year of the Shire doing stuff all to better our community. Horrible roads, potholes everywhere, over grown shrubs on side walks, boring parks, rubbish everywhere. Take take take is ALL this shire does. MONEY HUNGRY THIEVES
Object to the proposal	We had a rate rise last year and therefore that should be it for 3 years. I also think that the given the financial stress due to the out of control cost of living, it would be unfair. I'd like to know more about how you spend our money, as I don't see much going on.
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	There was a promise of no rate increases during covid which there was, you are provided with all our money but you removed our rights to use the tip and get tip passes for the tip south of armadale. You have not done anything to improve the roads on orton road and the surrounding areas. Our estates park has needed repairing for the past 8 month with no attempt for improvements. Why should we pay more money for a system that does not offer any benefit to us, we are already out of pocket enough trying to make it through these tough times. Stop the bull shit.
Object to the proposal	We have already had a rise last year why again ??
Object to the proposal	The rates have already been increased in previous years. People are being charged for services that are not even being provided like the tip. There is a real cost of living crises and people in this shire are experiencing it. It would be remiss of the shire to increase rates and cause more pressure on the people in this community. Instead of paying \$3000 for cleaning barbecues perhaps the president could take that job on.
Object to the proposal	Just another voluntary RIP OFF
Object to the proposal	I don't believe that we a getting much for a our money now You took a away the rubbish tip which we had unlimited weekly access to And now we only get 2 free rubbish pick ups a year And we don't even have a green wast bin pick to replace the tip either So NO I do not believe I should be paying more
Object to the proposal	We need a break from anymore increases. Times are tough especially for us pensioners.
Object to the proposal	Rate payers cannot take another increase in rates . We pay the most rates than any other suburb and see nothing for it .
Object to the proposal	How can there be any justification for rate increases? The suburb isn't maintained and looks tired and unkept. Watkins road not up and running and no verge side, take a look at yourselves. There wasn't any justification for such high rates previously, and now theyre getting higher? Disgusting
Object to the proposal	1.why does there need to be an increase? 2. What benefits to the community have been made available in the last year that demands and increase? What's the proposed increase going to be spent on?

Support the proposal	There is no need to increase the rates as it's already very high rates . Cost of Living has gone so high on top of it we don't want this happening. I condemn this proposal .
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	We pay over double the rates that we use to pay in the Bayswater council. We had 3 free skip bins a year, tip passes, fortnightly green waste collection, honestly the list goes on. It's about time the rates reflect what the rate payers get, we don't even have a rubbish disposal facility, the streets are full of trash, we already have to pay for green waste removal every month from an outside source, this is getting out of control.
Object to the proposal	Families are struggling. We have the highest rates for the lowest returns. We have poor road quality, poor facilities quality. You cant expect us to pay huge rates for nothing. All this will do is put more stress on households causing homelessness
Object to the proposal	We pay the highest rates and get NOTHING! This shire is ridiculous and disgusting. Will become even more disgusting when people can't afford to look after their home and the homeless rate rises. Wake up. Have some respect instead of thinking about your pockets.
Object to the proposal	Why exactly are the rates going up again? In this economy right now, people are barely surviving. People are living pay check to pay check and having to find extra work to cover essentials. Mortgages have gone up, food/fuel etc have gone up. Pays aren't going up. Another rise is going to make a lot of families struggle. Please, reconsider and this year don't put them up.
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	I strongly object another rates rise. This was done 12 months ago. Families are struggling with the costs of living currently.
Object to the proposal	I object to these as they were increased last year so should not be due for another increase as well as our shire in particular our estate has suffered over the last year we have lost our tip and been left in the lurch (out of pocket) unconvinced for the last year since it has not been operating and only just now a new service has come in. Also the bore has broken and our park across from our property (as well as the surrounding parks) where our children play have been nothing but dry patches of dead grass. We are still waiting for our third bin for green waste. All these promises and yet no changes in how many years. When we see change we pay more for these things but not for nothing!
Object to the proposal	I oppose a rate rise. Our shire already has some of the highest rates in the Perth metro area. People are already struggling with the cost of living with byford being one of the biggest mortgage default areas in the state. The shire does very little in the way of providing amenities. I reported defaults in Percy Park several time before it was fixed to a safe standard, same with Tactiles on footpaths around Salvado. No as a family living in your shire I don't support a rate rise. Simply cannot afford it.
Object to the proposal	It has already gone up last year. We get nothing for the raises. We don't even get what we are meant to for the standard price. There is no reason for the hike. The housing and living crises don't need more pressure on home owners. Try and be human

Object to the proposal	We have had annual increases since we moved to Byford 10+ years ago but the quality of work and availability facilities has diminished in that time. We need to start seeing better value for money and return on our rates. The Shires needs a thorough EXTERNAL audit of it's processes, structure, and budget to see where it's failing it's residents.
Object to the proposal	First up, a recent report has stated that Byford has the highest number of mortgage defaulters in the state, that alone should send alarm bells to the council. Which would impact people's ability to pay any such rate rise. Also, please do not lose sight of the fact that the shire is semi rural. We don't need to over urbanise the shire with projects rate payers actually don't want or need. Most rate payers do not believe the council is spending our money in a responsible manner or has the intrest of the shire as a whole in mind. There is too many in the council in it for themselves with a short term view, just reading the questions raised by ratepayers in minutes of the monthly meeting clearly shows this mindset.
Object to the proposal	Already suffering because of mortgage and high interest rates.
Object to the proposal	It shouldn't be raised as we pay enough at the moment
Object to the proposal	They only recently went up last year, with no roadside collection for some time, to only now recently a bookable one. Constant rubbish all through the streets due to the wind after bin days, there should be a program or a volunteering program for clean ups every month or something.
Object to the proposal	Absolute do not support this, we get nothing for the amount me pay. I spent months asking for a tree to be chopped down only to be told it wasn't a danger of falling. It was..... The roads are diabolical, I'm not paying more so you can build more dog parks (fight clubs) Thatcher road is so dangerous now that the train line has been closed and poor kids walking to school almost get cleaned up down that road. If the council start improving Byford ie kids playgrounds, fixing roads, expanding halls etc then maybe I would not be opposed to it. Start showing results.
Object to the proposal	Before you look at increasing rates due to a 14.1% growth in population (which should lead to an increase in revenue of 14.1%) you need to look at your current suppliers and employees, to look at where you are paying too much and where the inefficiencies are. You will have staff that are not pulling their weight and suppliers who are charging through the nose, because some one cannot be bothered to find new suppliers. Once this has been proven that you have done all you can, the people of Byford might actually agree with a rate rise.
Object to the proposal	Rates should not be increased! They shouldnt be reviewed until 3 years this is ridiculous! Worse shire for rate rises and extremely high rates!
Object to the proposal	Everyone is doing it so tough to do a rate rise at this time is cruel. I was under the impression that rises were every 3 years not yearly.

Object to the proposal	<p>Dear Shire,</p> <p>Should there be a rate rise this year I hearby, will submit OHS reports on any and every single pot hole, tripping path hazard and will request any potentially dangerous trees to get a clearance and deemed "safe" from a professional arborist. Any overgrown dry bushes that are a potential fire threats and any blocked culverts that could be a potential flood risk will continue to make its way into you emails. I believe this could be very costly to be constantly fixing. I cringe to think of the law suits from failure to act on these potential hazards to the community. However, leave the rates at the current rate and I might look the other way. Failure to do so will incur "fees" tenfold. I have a particular set of skills. Ask my husband I am an excellent NAG. I am not above using these skills.</p> <p>Sincerely Rate Payer</p>
Object to the proposal	We are all struggling to live and feed our families. Keeping a roof over our heads is hard enough also. Don't make it even harder
Object to the proposal	<p>You gave us a rate rise last year. Since then you have had more rate payers join the list , adding more money to your coffers. Cost of living is shooting up at astronomical rates and wages have not. Have some compassion for rate payers in these hard times. I thought rates were only raised every three years. I've lived in the same address for 21 years and there's been no use of rate payer funds used on my street. We still have open drains that hardly ever are cleaned , so we do it ourselves, there's very little lighting , no footpaths or cycleways yet there's horses , sulkies etc still cutting across the road even though traffic use has skyrocketed in recent years. An accident just waiting to happen. Anyway , please leave rates as they are for at least another couple of years. Thank you.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>You implemented a GRV increase last July, the increases are scheduled 3 yrs apart. Stop gauging the home owners.</p>
Object to the proposal	Rates are already high and people can not take anymore increases after rates were increased last year.
Object to the proposal	I think the rates are high enough if not need to be lowered if anything what exactly is the rates been spent on.
Object to the proposal	A increase in rates is not acceptable this year. The shire needs to look at its spending, and balance the budget without increasing rates.
Object to the proposal	<p>We've only recently had a rate rise, and this economic recession fueled by rate hikes nobody has the money. Especially considering most of us already need food bank support. And for all that money the shire doesn't even cover basic shire services like hard rubbish collection. Stop being greedy, we're already bleeding out.</p>

Object to the proposal	This is yet another money grab, the community are barely keeping a roof over their heads and food on the table, along with the fact that nothing of any real value has been contributed by the Shire, nothing promised has come to fruition and our roads are some of the worst in WA. Give us a break.
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	<p>After being in the Shire 7 years now. Seeing year after year after year of increases. It's disappointing to see the new council look to increase again. My parents block in redcliffe, 1100sqm is \$1900 a year. No concessions. Mine in SJ \$2700 for 540sqm. Same size houses. Utterly ridiculous. Parks not maintained, shire covered in graffiti, potholes for days.</p> <p>Simply can't justify it...</p>
Object to the proposal	Rates went up last year. Promises by new president they wouldn't rise. Most families are struggling already and your increase is inappropriate
Object to the proposal	We don't need another rise, people are at breaking point, especially those with mortgages
Object to the proposal	Cost of living pressures are well known and many people are struggling to get by, particularly those with huge mortgages due to exorbitant property costs. I can't believe the shire is even considering raising rates in this environment.
Object to the proposal	<p>Byford is number 1 in the countries highest suburbs for mortgage delinquencies, with stats only just posted in September 2023. Cost of living has increased since September. Byford is an up and coming suburb with a main demographic of young families. With the GRV minimum rate at almost \$1500, city's like Canning and Gosnell's GRV rates are a minimum of \$1000. People can't afford these, there living week to week on pay checks with high debts. Make rates more affordable and people will be able to pay them. If you want to increase money, increase gym fees \$1 a week per person. We have so many roads that need fixing which we don't see ever happen, Where does our money go when we don't have kids, because that seems to be where a lot of the money goes to, kids groups. How about a proper local swimming pool for adults to swim in all year round.</p> <p>If rates were affordable people wouldn't have an issue paying them.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Please consider that we are in a cost of living crisis, people are struggling.</p> <p>Please consider cutting costs with the shire first before making another rate rise.</p> <p>M</p>

Object to the proposal	<p>As rate payers in this shire we already pay more than other local governments, with a base rate markedly higher and just for fun, a higher rate in the dollar also, the original double dip.</p> <p>Understanding the proposed rate increase may be inline with other local governments, however in the SJ Shire we have very little to show for the rates we pay. Noting my rates are more than a \$1000 dearer than comparable property in the City of Canning or Gosnells, and look at the infrastructure they have. A bit hard to use the excuse were small, Byford is massive.</p> <p>We have one community centre in Byford where the roof leaks (gym ceiling falls in each year), which is of course chargeable to ratepayers but free to shire employees, plus the toilet plumbing has been stinking for the last 5 years at least, too hard/expensive to fix.</p> <p>I would have thought as our rates tend to increase year on year, with the shire already expensive, enough is enough. Further noting all the new homes in one of the fastest growing areas in the state where everyone pay rates, even during building and/or land acquisition.</p> <p>Seems a bit greedy, with no value add to ratepayers. If this was a private company, it would be looked at for overcharging, but as its a local government levying a tax, so fill your boots without accountability.</p> <p>Maybe the shire should look inwards and save money, noting all the nice new shire vehicles, which as we know will have partial or full private use. State Government tightened up on this years ago and made considerable savings, but local govt are a law to themselves.</p> <p>This shire needs to take a long hard look at itself and for once, consider the people who live here.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
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Object to the proposal	<p>We are one of the highest paying rates With the least amount of resources and facilities.</p> <p>The public cannot afford it.</p> <p>We did not have a functioning tip for waste and I as well as many objected against the waste service asking for verge collections. I have had waste in my property for months and can't get rid of it.the two tip passes did not suffice, they were only valid for a short amount of time.</p> <p>The cost of living is so high right now We do not need another increase. The pressure in families is incredible right now for those families that save up over the year to pay their rates will then be lumped with an extra few \$100 if you increase it, adding financial pressure. Which is now also increasing domestic violence and depression.</p> <p>Listen to the people!!</p> <p>We said we wanted kerb side collections, you went against us.</p> <p>Maybe you could show us some respect now and we will repay you in the future.</p>
Object to the proposal	Rate rises went up last year. Cost of living already too high.
Object to the proposal	Another rate rise? No thanks. Everyone is doing it hard as it is. If anything the rates should be lowered.
Object to the proposal	<p>The people of Byford cannot afford a rate increase.</p> <p>If you raise the rates you obviously don't care about the people in your community.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	<p>Australian families are already struggling to keep a roof over their heads with the cost of living, and our rates are already expensive enough. There is no need to make them higher as we can already see our money is not being put to good use. Pull your heads out.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	<p>In today's economic climate so many people are facing homelessness by putting up rates, and adding extra Financial pressure to the already stretched family budgets just plain greedy. Some families in my village I know are living day to day and often go without food so they can afford to pay incoming bills. Everything is going expect wages. This has a flow on affect feelings of worthlessness unable to provide for your family and negative self talk. We live in Byford a lower socio- economic area and Not the ritzy Peppermint Grove..</p>

Object to the proposal	The Shire has increased rates multiple times in the past 5 years however there isnt much being seen for it. I dont agree that rates should increase every year when the rates for this shire are already a lot higher than neighbouring councils and we have to visit those councils for core amenities.
Object to the proposal	<p>I think it's disgraceful what you are doing. I've lived many suburbs and I have to say Byford's rates are the most expensive I've ever, ever have to pay. You don't think about the people of today. The struggling cost of living, people trying to survive if there loosing unemployment and trying to provide for there families. The elderly who are only on a pension and trying to make ends meet. Single parent families. People like myself trying to keep up with cost of living, rising bills. Now I work two jobs. One from 8-3 then night time 3:30-9:30 every night. The only person coming out on top are people like you with giving your self pay rises every two minutes and taking our money to develop around the suburbs. Still pot holes in the roads everywhere. No dude kerb waste collections which you get in other suburbs with lower council rates, no road cleanup or council property maintenance. And for those with council trees, yet our own water has to water them which is extra charges on my water bill. You wonder why there's so many stabbing and domestic violence incidents going on in homes. The government has a lot to answer for. Young couples trying to make it in life and can't. More and more homeless on the side of the streets. Shame on you. If anyone moved to or wanted to live in Byford I'd highly warn them of how this council operates and the charges. I seriously am thinking of leaving Byford along with others I've spoken to because if the council who do nothing for the residents. You don't support us, respect our views, show empathy to people doing it tough, or value our opinions. So why bother putting this information out. You're going to go and do what you want whether we like it or not. Very disappointed living here and would not recommend Byford to anyone. Rather of stayed in my old suburb.</p>
Object to the proposal	Rates already high enough. We are in a cost of living crisis. Stop gouging people of their hard earned money.
Object to the proposal	<p>I have been in my owner occupied home for 7 years and every year there is a rate rise and every year the shire keeps falling short to help the community. Every family is struggling but the shire keeps lining their pockets/pay checks with the money. Parks around my area are not maintained/ verge gardens are not maintained/ we have not had a waste transfer centre but where given almost expired tip pass and nothing else. If we need house items that are not for the bins taken we have to book it in but how can we be home to book it in when we need to be at work to survive this economy. Rates need to be lowered not raised</p>

Object to the proposal	Too many rate rises, so much needs doing in the shire and not much seems to get done. Where is all the money going?
Object to the proposal	In this current cost of living crisis we cannot afford for our rates to continue going up, especially when the shire isn't doing anything more for the community to support this rate rise.
Object to the proposal	<p>To the Shire Council of Serpentine Jarrahdale,</p> <p>I am writing to formally oppose the proposed rate increases outlined in the 2024/25 Budget for the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale. As a concerned resident, I find the continual escalation of our rates both unreasonable and unsustainable for many in our community. Here are the key reasons for my opposition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfair Financial Burden on Residents <p>The repeated annual increases in rates are placing an undue financial burden on residents. Many households are already struggling with the rising cost of living, including higher expenses for essential services, housing, and groceries. Increasing the rates yet again exacerbates this strain, particularly on fixed-income families, retirees, and low-income residents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Lack of Transparency and Justification <p>While the Statement of Rating Objectives and Reasons for the 2024/25 Rating Year provides some insight into the rationale behind the increases, it fails to clearly justify why such significant hikes are necessary. There needs to be greater transparency about how the additional funds will be allocated and why they are essential. Residents deserve a detailed breakdown of expenditures and a demonstration of fiscal responsibility from the Shire.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Inequitable Rate Categories <p>The differential rate categories, including GRV Residential, GRV Commercial/Industrial, UV General, UV Intensive Farmland, UV Rural Residential, and UV Commercial/Industrial, seem to disproportionately impact certain groups. Rural and residential property owners, for example, are required to pay 3-4 times higher rates for the same services as other families, such as bin collection and basic community services. This disparity is unjustifiable; these residents are not receiving any additional services or benefits to warrant such higher rates. Moreover, the maintenance and upkeep costs of these properties are borne by the owners themselves, further compounding their financial burden. It is unreasonable and inequitable to charge these residents more without providing them with proportional benefits.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Insufficient Public Services and Benefits <p>Despite the high rates, many residents feel that the services provided do not match the financial outlay. Issues such as road maintenance, public facilities, and community programs are often cited as lacking. Before increasing rates, the Shire should address existing service deficiencies and ensure current funding is being used effectively to benefit all residents.</p>

5. Ethical Considerations

It is unethical to continuously raise rates without significant improvements to community welfare and infrastructure. Many residents are now questioning the ethicality of these decisions, feeling that their financial contributions are not being respected or used in a manner that directly benefits them. Fiscal decisions should prioritize the well-being of the community over revenue generation.

Recommendations

1. Freeze Rate Increases: Implement a freeze on rate increases for the 2024/25 financial year to provide financial relief to residents.
2. Conduct a Financial Audit: Perform a thorough audit of the Shire's finances to identify potential savings and inefficiencies.
3. Enhance Transparency: Provide a detailed and transparent account of the budget and spending plans to justify any future rate increases.
4. Community Engagement: Actively involve residents in the budgeting process through public forums and consultations to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed.

In conclusion, the proposed rate increases for the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale are both unfair and unethical, placing an undue burden on residents without adequate justification or corresponding benefits. I urge the Council to reconsider these increases and prioritize fiscal responsibility and community well-being in its financial planning.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

 Byford

Object to the proposal	<p>The shire should not be raising rates this year. My reasons for this: (1) there was just a rate rise, it's my understand another isn't due for 3 years. Raising rates again now is greedy, unnecessary and not in the best interests of the rates payers particularly during a period of economic hardship. (2) SJ shire has not been providing the services that it promises on the current level of rates. One of these is the tip facility. The absence of this tip facility being available is an additional cost to rate payers outside of what they already pay in rates and services, while rate payers are still paying for this service. Substitute services (greenwaste and bookable bulk rubbish) are not suitable or equivalent services for what is being paid for. (3) the current state of the shire's facilities is horrendous and has seen no improvement in the last year since the previous rate raises. Basic facilities such as Foot paths and bike paths end suddenly forcing pedestrians and cyclists onto roads or unable to commute without a car, public toilets are permanently locked & not accessible to the public.</p> <p>The shire should instead of raising rates again, assess its current resource allocation, and address these key weaknesses and challenges, as well as assess where the money is going if basic services that other shires (such as Armadale) are able to provide on lower rates cannot be supplied before gouging more from the rate payers who live here.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Rates are too expensive, the cost of living is increasing in every aspect. Our Shire rates are some of the most expensive in Perth. We need a break.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>There should be no increase in the GRV for residential properties this year. I do not see any great improvements in services for Byford residents. The new shire president promised a rate reduction in his pre election campaign.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>There are better ways that you can be more financially viable. Before increasing revenue I would strongly encourage you to review your recruitment and retention practices for employees. In the budget this appears to be your largest expense yet you still outsource a large number of functions to contractors costing almost as much. Technical enhancements through electronic timesheet will reduce the personnel required for rostering and payroll functions as well as offering a better environmental impact. You could save a lot of unnecessary expenses by changing the way you recruit staff. Making poor recruitment decisions are proven to be a costly expense for business and these costs can be reduced by addressing and improving retention. Employing the right people with the right skills will reduce additional training costs, and understanding Values based recruitment and behaviour based interview questions would enable you to stop recruiting narcissistic personality types that are destroyed the work culture. Start by reviewing your organisation chart, removing unnecessary layers of management who are on over \$150k pa.</p>

CARDUP

After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:	Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons
Support the proposal	I support the notion that larger land owners (commercial users) should be charged more for their rates. I support the proposal as long as everyone is paying evenly and the shire is applying rate charges in a fair and just manner.
Object to the proposal	My rates increased substantially last financial year as the rating was changed on my house It is unjust to raise them again in a space of 12 months
Object to the proposal	As ratepayers we have been subjected to an increase every year. The services the shire provides have diminished. We pay some of the highest rates in Western Australia. If the shire can prove beyond doubt that an increase is necessary then that can be put forward for review. A massive increase in the cost of living is seeing more and more people move closer to the poverty line. The shire should be actively seeking cost cutting measures that can be passed onto a reduction in annual rates.
Object to the proposal	It's an absolute joke that you think raising rates is a good idea. We get nothing to show for our rates every year. Everything's a mess all of the time. It's all corrupt and obvious just lining your own pockets. It's a disgrace.
Object to the proposal	No rate changes are permitted within a 3 year gap. Cost of living and loss of property for home owners is at risk.
Object to the proposal	Stop with the fn rate rises 🤬 times are tough give us a fn break
Object to the proposal	There is no reason for our rates to go up in price, I personally do not receive enough from the shire to allow this. I don't have mains water, gas or sewerage. The trees out front of my property are dying and dropping with nothing getting done by the shire about it. We still don't have the water transfer station back. Yet you want us to pay more, for what? Maybe something good for kids like the proposed water park yeah that would be awesome shire doing something good oh wait no that was cancelled wasn't it?
Object to the proposal	Our rates are already extremely high. Where I live we have no support from the council and the GRV is already over estimated. I do not support an increase in rates

<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>We have had constant rate rises over the last few years !!! People are already struggling to survive in the economic climate as it is . We do not need another rate rise! People voted for Rob Coles as president in the hope that he understood the importance of not ripping off the shire rate payers like the last president . Obviously this is not the case . People in this shire need a break from rate rises to get on top of the inflation trend that occurred for the last few years under the corrupt leadership of the previous administration</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>How about you address your shortfalls and take accountability for them instead of passing miss management on to you rate payers, im in uv rural residential we got the least amount services but appear to be having to make up more then our expected GRV residents \$50 uv rural \$74 increase from last years, please explain how this is a fairer more equal system ?</p>

DARLING DOWNS

<p>After considering the Shire’s 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:</p>	<p>Please provide your comments regarding the Shire’s 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>Lower rates! Don’t increase them! Shire president promised lower rates if he was elected....?!</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>Current president promised to NOT raise the rates as their campaign slogan!</p> <p>The Claire morris estate gets left in the dark when we ask for something.</p> <p>The Claire morris estate has always voiced their concern about the estate which always falls on deaf ears & im sure our voice for the objection will too!</p> <p>Rob coals. You let us all down.</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>Bernborough way has no lights Masters road isn’t even viable for cars We don’t even get normal size bins for \$3700 a year Surley they can’t go up again!!</p>

Object to the proposal	We pay enough as it is and what do we get for that nothing, no tip roads are shit footpaths falling apart, intersections that are dangerous not getting looked at. all so use can have a pay rise
Object to the proposal	The shire keeps taking away services and charging us more for it! The footpaths and parks snd verges aren't maintained. This extra cost will push many many people over the edge.
Object to the proposal	We pay huge rates already and get practically nothing in return, street sweeper once a year,grass and trees done once or twice a year, no playground like other areas. The cost of living is already high enough and wages have not gone up as much as inflation has.
Object to the proposal	I have lived in the shire for 30 years, & find the level of service received from the council to diminish every year. We don't have footpaths, streetlights etc, we have to maintain our own verges & Masters Rd is in a dangerous condition for the amount of traffic that now uses it, & we also had a rate rise last year so are not due for another so soon, it's about time you were held accountable for wasting time and money.
Object to the proposal	A 3.4% increase is simply way to high with all of the other costs of living going up. Our rates in this Shire are already well above other comparisons. I completely understand that you need to cover costs but the shire also needs to tighten its belt. For the sake of all of the residents living in this shire please reconsider this rate hike.
Object to the proposal	You up the rates every year ... time to leave them alone you'll get more money with rental change
Object to the proposal	I dont believe that with the imposition of the "road over rail" works which have greatly impacted our lives, there should be NO increase in our rates at all!!
Object to the proposal	We just had a rate rise last year and this was supposed to cover the next few years. Now you want more money

HOPELAND

<p>After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:</p>	<p>Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>I strongly oppose any form of a rate rise considering we of hopelands don't see any spending in our area for roads hopelands rd is a disaster for us , I don't see any benefits in previous Rate rises for our area also no tip and cost of living is out of control</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>This is an unfair rise proposal at a time when people are doing it tough. More thought needs to be put into the allocation of funds te shire already receives.</p>

JARRAHDAL

<p>After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:</p>	<p>Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>I just outright object to rises times are hard and we are struggling enough Something has to give</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>3 years of no rate rise We are struggling enough as it is with mortgage rises and cost of living We need a break</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>This is such a huge increase in rates and with the cost of living being so high I don't think many of our community can afford</p>

Neither support or object	<p>Jarrahdale again this year has lost public areas and not had any work of worth done in the area. We lost the local oval and half of the playground next to the rec centre. The replacement bbq area at the rec centre reduced the children's play equipment and has had little to no use for the local community. Forrest green is a largely unused area due to lack of maintenance and upkeep. It is the perfect site to have much better children's playground built and green area established now the oval is gone. Most work done over the past few years in Jarrahdale unfortunately seems to be of benefit to tourism and to bring in people from around the Perth area and not of direct benefit or use for the local rate payers and residents. Water Corp has commenced building a children's activity/playground at the Cafe by the dam which we are hoping will be a nice area for our children to play, however this is not close to Jarrahdales main township as far as access for children to ride or walk to easily or daily. I don't believe the rates should go up if we are continually being offered less. We no longer have verge pickup or green waste collections or bins and the tip has been unusable for an extended period I don't believe the rates should go up if we are continually being offered less. I don't believe the rates should go up if we are continually being offered less in our particular suburb and are having to travel to other areas for services and amenities, there is a disproportionate amount of community areas in the Byford area as compared to any other area in this LGA. If true, Alcoa has apparently for years been offering to spend money in the local Jarrahdale community but has been refused, seeming they use our region we should have them add to it if that aids the locals financially or with better facilities and services to the area. Happy for rates to reflect extra work in our area should we receive it but am not happy to pay more to see other areas of our LGA get most of the benefit from.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>The rates we receive in jarrahdale are among the highest and hard to pay as it is, throw in a cost of living crisis and it's barely doable and you want to make them higher?????</p> <p>I believe we receive the least of the shires help in comparison to our neighbouring suburbs especially when it comes to landcare, basic maintenance of public facilities & funding truly it is hard to justify why our already over inflated rates need raising.</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>Ridiculous, we get less now than we did when we first moved here and in this crisis of living you intend to put rates up ! Have a look at yourselves your supposed to help the community you live in haven't seen much of that in the last decade !!</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>I have no gas , no street lights, no foot paths , no tip passes , no water and I've seen no pest nor w ed control for the \$30 I pay to the shire . We have one road in to a high fire danger estate . None of these things are about to change either . These rate increases need to be based on services provided and to where . It can't be based on rental value when my property is not a rental property . It is a family home for a lady widow on one wage with a mortgage of \$3200 a month. What am I supposed to feed my kids and my pets if the council sees fit to increase my rates as well . Please for the love of humanity stop making life harder for people like me .</p> <p>Regards</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED]</p>

Object to the proposal	You have got to be kidding!!! Why is a 3.4% increase being proposed? What services are being provided that supports a 3.4% increase? As we all know times are bloody tough and still the Council proposes a 3.4%.
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MARDELLA

After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:	Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons
Object to the proposal	<p>With increasing cost of living and shire rates rising last year there is no reason to hit residents with more stress of living costs by increasing rates that are already excessive.</p> <p>Perhaps a better option would be shire looking at reducing staff and outgoings instead of continually expecting residents to support their inability to manage finances.</p> <p>We no longer have a tip or tip passes and verge side pick ups have been changed to an on demand system that is quickly going to be unattainable and many residents don't even have decent local roads.</p> <p>Another rate rise from this shire would once again highlight how out of touch they are with local residents.</p>
Object to the proposal	Increase happened last year despite the closure of the top and insufficient replacement.
Object to the proposal	<p>I oppose the rates rise not just for us (are pensioners) but for all the families in the shire struggling to keep Up with bills this rise will just add to this pressure</p> <p>our shire has had rate rises the last two years in a row please don't do it again this year</p>
Object to the proposal	<p>We pay too much already in comparison to other Shires, waste management is poor and access to tip and other facilities limited, roads are in terrible condition with potholes, dips. Street lighting is poor. Overhanging trees are showing signs of potential problems such as falling on traffic. Need we go on?</p>

MUNDIJONG

<p>After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:</p>	<p>Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>Families in our community is struggling. My family works hards and earn good money though are not able to save. Everything is increasing we don't need our rates to increase too.</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>You have provided less to this shire then last year. No tip to start with. No solution in sight for the tip.</p> <p>The road conditions through out the shire are terrible.</p> <p>How about a green waste bin the gets picked up fortnightly.</p> <p>Open the hills up the you've allowed Alcoa to destroy to 4wd enthusiast creating dedicated trails and actually look after it</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>Rates are already too high. Putting them up again this year is highway robbery</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>The cost of living is already increasingly high and family's are struggling with mortgage repayments and keeping food on the table .I have lived in various different shires across Perth and honestly this one is the worst for services provided to its rate payers.</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>Do not change or increase the rates for the 2024/25 year.</p> <p>You had the valuer general change the rating last year so that you could hike up the rates of the majority of the properties, so that you could increase rate revenue. On top of that you increase the rates % also to increase the revenue generated by the rates.</p> <p>You drag out and bury property development in red tape, rather than making it easier and quicker for development to occur. If you stopped making brick walls for property development , and commercial development then you would have better returns in rates.</p> <p>Do not make your current residential residents pay higher rates because you FAIL to approve commercial developments from occurring.</p> <p>Perhaps the shire Councillors should take a massive pay cut in leiu of bad management and self gain.</p>

Object to the proposal	I object to the proposal as set out above. I think the proposed 3.4% increase is not fair to ratepayers. The closure of the waste disposal facility along with the condition many roads are in the shire proves to ratepayers that they are not important. We already had a rate increase last year and would request that the shire hold off on any further increases for the next 2 years.
Object to the proposal	People are struggling , I don't agree with a rate rise

OAKFORD

After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:	Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons
Object to the proposal	Our street only receives weekly rubbish collection. We have 1 street light at the end of the road. We have to maintain your front verge and drain and you, the council, do no maintenance at all. Occasionally you may check the bridle paths in the area but that is not a regular thing. Why should you charge us more when you give us less. We don't even have access to a rubbish tip anymore. We have no curbs, footpaths or playgrounds in easy access. We don't rent our place out as it is our home so it has no rental value to us. Maybe charge those who are making a large rental rate a higher council rate but not every day families. We maintain out fences and fire breaks and keep our block tidy. We should not be a small majority that is penalized for the greater populated areas. Look after us and then you can discuss a rate change.
Object to the proposal	We had a rate rise last year over \$800 dollars. I do not feel that it is in the right interest of rate payers to have another rate rise with in a three year period. Not to mention I am now 4 years in into a work order to cut trees down that are your trees hanging into our property causing a hazard to my property and I still haven't seen anyone even after over 10 phone calls over the last 4 years. I don't feel you have added any value to this community and or up keep of the roads, verges, lights maintenance in general, i could keep going really we do not need a rate rise to the rate payers of this shire.
Object to the proposal	I object the proposal due to the fact this could increase rates which is ridiculously considering we get nothing for our rates at the present time except for bin services. Our local drainage system is terrible causing flooding every winter, our roads are terrible, you have just approved a new school in the rural area after everything pointed towards a no for the school.

Object to the proposal	Not seeing any benefit or improvement in surrounding area despite rates increasing significantly each year.
Object to the proposal	<p>Our rates have risen by \$800 last financial year. And we have no added extras for the money. I have 1x street light, no footpath, no help with trees growing in council drains, no road sweep.</p> <p>The council has not provided help with main roads taking a portion of our land. Or the design help with upgrade of Thomas road. There is traffic accidents close to my home nearly every day. And we had a fire go through the back of my property because the council didn't slash or maintain the drains.</p>
Object to the proposal	i'm just wondering why the rates are increasing. nothing gets done around our property. we have to take care of the council area outside our properties. the road done wasn't for us, it's for all the extra traffic you'll be funnelling down there. and youve had block spot funding for the unsafe corner since 2013 and did nothing. so after 20 plus years not sure why they would be going up. thanks ann
Object to the proposal	With significant increases in EVERYTHING lately. I feel any increase in rates is just adding to the very real struggle families are feeling everywhere at the moment.
Object to the proposal	The shire needs to live within its means without relying on the ratepayers to solve their budgeting problems. Focus on the roads, rubbish and parks and gardens and implement budget cuts to unnecessary programs until their financial position improves, just like households.
Object to the proposal	An increase in rates needs to be justified with at least an equivalent provision of services and maintenance of existing services and amenities provided by the shire. In the case of Oakford, this is not the case. The suburb roads which are NOT main roads remit, are in worse state then they ever have been? Verges not being maintained creating a greater fire risk to have a fire brigade still not have a permanent station in Oakford after years and years of delays and lies to the community. Please explain how an increase in shire rates is justifiable with such lack of transparency and commitment to the actual community? Seems the shire is a commercial business rather than a rate payer funded body who serve to act on our behalf?
Object to the proposal	They are already too expensive rate has already been increased so can't for 3 years. We also don't get any value for money with our current rates so why should we give more.
Object to the proposal	An increase in rates is unjustified when the shire does so little to support / maintain the area.
Object to the proposal	There is NO reason to increase rates. Explain the waste Council has been a part of for years and recently. \$70,000 just to consult on what entry statements to the shire should look like is disgusting. Then the cost of erection and production of these. \$3,000 for a breakfast to inform us of the budget, hire of white plastic

	<p>chairs, white table cloths, \$500 for a coffee van parked out the back of the chamber and food. Most that attend these breakfasts are business people, you will find very few if any run of the mill ratepayers. Cost of air fares and accommodation for the President and CEO to go east for the NGAA meeting. The Presidents claim that being in front of a politician to ask for funding is the way to go doesn't make me feel all warm and fuzzy. You can be face to face with a snake and when it slinks away grumbling that was a waste of ten minutes of my life. Zoom would be much cheaper and just as productive. How about Councillors bring their own meal to meetings or if ordering take away they pay for it. I am sick of particular people having their exercise program paid for by the ratepayer, selected women having their coffee mornings (\$60.00) paid for so they can discuss whether they want to become a writer. ALL groups seeking funding from the Shire must produce their minutes and financial statements for public perusal and at this time funding for anyone should be seriously curtailed. Why was around \$6,000 spent by the Shire on the duplication of an independent demanded consultant report when the ratepayer had already provided it. At this point in time many people are hurting financially and too many are living in their cars along with their children. A rate increase will push more into a "the straw that broke the camels back" situation. How about the Councillors taking a \$700 reduction in their sitting fee! We the ratepayer need to see what the Councillors are spending their sitting fee on. Those living on small rural properties get fleeced every year how about the Shire plays fair. Forget putting in a Tafe just another white elephant. Ratepayers have had to tighten their belts so should the Shire. There is more waste on this Council than is being collected by Cleanaway. ABOLISH COUNCILS AND THE RATEPAYER WILL BE BETTER OFF.</p>
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SERPENTINE

<p>After considering the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons, do you:</p>	<p>Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2024/25 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>We get nothing from the shire but our bins picked up. We no longer have a tip or any tip passes. We get no services from the shire. We already pay higher rates then most shires, and get much less.</p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>We are provided nothing for our rates. We have no facilities in Serpentine, and limited facilities within the shire. It is an absolute disgrace the council has the audacity to once again ask for rate increases. Perhaps if we had better financial management within the shire we would not be in this situation.</p>

Object to the proposal	We pay enough in rates each year and don't see anything in Serpentine. I have been asking for years to have decent footpaths that are not a tripping hazard, a footpath to the Falls, a safe railway crossing for pedestrians over Karnup Road and benchseats and shade sails at the park next to Serpentine playgroup. Nothing gets done and it is very disappointing you keep putting up our rates to fund things everywhere else except in our own area of Serpentine. Do better!!
Object to the proposal	I do not support anything that is going to be an increase to my business. Over the last couple of years you have slammed my business with rates ... look at the businesses in this shire and tell me how many keep shutting down or don't last. It's so expensive if this continues you will push others over the edge.... we need a break a chance to catch up after COVID. we are still trying to recover I wish you guys understood this.
Object to the proposal	We have lived in the shire for 10 years (previously owned for 8 years, now renting for 2 years while building all in the same shire) and the rates are ridiculous already for what is given. Family and friends in other shires have amazing facilities (parks, tips/skip bin hire, events) and we have barely anything to show for our exorbitant rates. Besides Byford no other suburbs within the shire have anything worth noting, maybe a pathetic tiny park but nothing else
Object to the proposal	The Shire is failing to deliver, excepts ridiculously over priced quotes, and offers nothing to the majority of the Shire unless you live in Byford. If you require funding I suggest Alcoa, the destruction they are doing in our Hills is absolutely disgusting and should not have been approved so close to the serpentine dam and surrounding areas. As a mining company they are making millions of destroying our forests and land offering nothing in compensation to the community. Grow a pair and have them cough up the funds needed and if they don't then shut them down, they can bulldoze our forests and we can't even collect firewood from the area to help remove the fuel on the ground to protect the community from bushfire.
Object to the proposal	Would be acceptable if the council was willing to actually spend money in serpentine.
Object to the proposal	No increase for 3 years since last one, waste of our money no tip
Object to the proposal	No tip no increase needed
Object to the proposal	We had a rate rise last financial year. We can not take another one to meet your budget. You are having new properties added to your rate book with the new developments. That should meet your budgetary requirements. Stop ripping us off.

Object to the proposal	As a single parent, with the cost of living, I cannot afford a rise in rates especially considering Serpentine residents get very little for the rates we pay.
Object to the proposal	Increased rates are a joke. So much money, for so little return in Serpentine. Rates are out of control and need to be stopped from increasing. The Shire is becoming unliveable. Roads are a disgrace, verges don't get looked after.
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	We received a rate rise last year, why again this year? Our town is not maintained, we have half finished roads, no foot paths, no street lights, one way streets. We pay a phenomenal amount just to keep our home. Your rate rise will force me and my family to sell as it's just too costly to live here anymore. My husband and I work full time with three children and are just making ends meet. We want to keep our acre so our kids have the freedom to be kids, not locked up in a concrete jungle but you will force us to abandon that life style, and for what? So you can build a train line, or get pay rises? Think of the community and the families. Assess the business using the correct method and you'll have the "funds" you apparently need. You will send family's broke, and this will be a ghost town before you know it. What everyone is so frustrated about is the lack of explanation. Would you be willing to show us your budget, line by line? We should have the right to know where our rates and being spent.
Object to the proposal	20years living here and Hall Rd drainage still a hazard in the wet. Limited footpaths and street lighting 5kms from local PO. Clem Kentish Hall not properly utilised.
Object to the proposal	
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Object to the proposal	Stop increasing the rates!! I am yet to see any improvements on anything in the town that I live in and until then and there is physical prove of improvements happening with our rate money they should not be increased! Start with widening our road and cleaning out the drains on our front verge. Would be a good start

Object to the proposal	There is no way our rates should be going up in Serpentine. We get nothing, Our verges aren't maintained, We have our tip taken away. Honestly what are we paying for.
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	It's already way too much for how little we get
Object to the proposal	<p>Why are the rates going up? To cover costs in Byford? Serpentine is so far left behind, we get nothing to justify the rate rise. No resurfaced roads, no road widening, no replaced footpaths, no updated playgrounds, weeds along roads, no tip, bins get thrown into drains by the bin truck weekly.</p> <p>It's an absolute joke... there is no justifiable reason for the hike, maybe Byford should join back to and then maybe we might get some money spent in serpentine/jarradale to improve an area that is growing at a rapid rate.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	With the lack of services and support supplied by the shire. Such as no rubbish tip, lack of road maintenance, inadequate tree pruning at intersections etc. I do not support another rate rise for the 2nd or 3rd time in as many years.
Object to the proposal	A rate increase with less amenities and services provided to the community than the last financial year is extortion. We have fewer waste services, aging and substandard public facilities such as halls and community centres. The minimal verge side clean up offered and the bare minimum waste services is already subpar for the amount residents currently pay. Stop being so greedy, provide the community some services, then consider charging us more. We are all already struggling financially and this would be a slap in the face for a community that has already put up with so many excuses from your shire.
Object to the proposal	We are already paying enough to get next to nothing in Serpentine
Object to the proposal	I don't agree on putting the rates up. We are in a small town but nothing happens. Roads are shit, no lights at the oval, no lights in toilet blocks at the oval, verges look like crap. You have take away the tip and verge collections are one big confusion. We should pay less, not more. Think about the people in your towns. We work our ass off for what we have and get punished with higher bills.


Object to the proposal	I disagree with a rate rise. I have not seen any significant service delivery from the Shire in Serpentine for the past few years. I'm concerned that the majority of rates revenue, is being spent in built up residential areas and Serpentine is left to fend for itself. Verge maintenance is abysmal, waste services are seriously under delivered, road maintenance is non existent....
Object to the proposal	sj Shire is a huge shire and main focus is always on byford, there is nothing serpentine jarrahdale keysbrook etc get. nothing is maintained, we don't have public transport, footpaths and roads are broken. complaints & queries get made but nothing is done about it. multi sports venue that was promised is not happening. why should we be paying more when we don't get the services & upgrades like other parts of the shire.
Object to the proposal	Rates go up and up people just can't afford a rate rise. Serpentine always gets nothing from the shire. Roads are crap water supply is hit and miss. The town centre is a joke.I oppose to a rise to pay for other suburbs to benefit.
Object to the proposal	We pay enough for non existent services and with cost of living pressures its going to make it impossible to pay everyday bills!!!
Object to the proposal	We already pay top dollar rates in serpentine yet all your work seems to be focused on byford. We have so many things that need updating/fixing in serpentine
Object to the proposal	Perhaps you should charge the areas who use the most council money more rates and leave us who get very little alone. Or even better amalgamate with another council.
Object to the proposal	Serpentine already receives very little for the rates we pay. We are seriously lacking in upkeep of roads and pathways, common use areas are not upkept with weeding etc. Hardly any street lighting. A very lacking waste service after the closure of the transfer station. If we are already getting very little service for the rates we pay, why pay more?
Object to the proposal	I think it's a absolute shame that this is even being considered. Given the environment most people are in at the moment with the rising cost of living, homelessness, people struggling to just get by and you want more rates? Which when I look around this shire doesn't really do much for the community, infrastructure, safe roads, we can't even do what you want on your own property that we pay for.
Object to the proposal	There are many services our shire does not provide that other shires do, yet our rates are forever increasing. We had a price rise just like last year and nothing surrounding us is changing. The town has minimal facilities, our playgrounds are outdated, the roads are bad, the waste disposal an issue, we don't even have any opportunity for good food or entertainment. We have to leave the shire for all of the above and yet we continually pay rate increases. I love living here, however there's nothing really to offer for those who do and

	so I believe ongoing rate rises will further drive people away in this difficult economical state. Just in the last year majority of my street have sold up and left and it's a real shame.
Object to the proposal	I am new to the Shire and was shocked at how high the rates were. I feel the rates are already excessive compared to other shires, especially when you compare the services provided. I feel the current rates collect are not utilized in an efficient manner.
Object to the proposal	I object to any rate rise as my wages in private industry have not gone up in 2 years. We can't all work for the government or in the mines where wages seem to go up annually let the rest of us catch up with your high cost of living.
Object to the proposal	Absolutely ridiculous that there is any rate rise after last year's. The cost of rates for my 1000sqm property is Absolutely absurd compared to other shires and the great range of services that other shires provide.

WHITBY

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Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	The shire proven time and time again they can't use the current funding to do work around the shire, instead use the money to pay for useless people to run the place Don't increase the price unless you can actually prove you do more then pick the bins up
Object to the proposal	Why are we paying more to support extra services in Byford? Nothing in Whitby
Object to the proposal	As a resident, I don't currently feel our Rates are providing us much benefit that my partner and I can see. Frequently travelled local roads are often found to be bumpy (possibly due to rotting tree roots underground). The Waste Transfer Station, now closed, was one of the most beneficial things being a new resident, with

	<p>the replacement option of 2 verge side pickups a year which can be booked, doesn't help a huge amount as the verge we have is full of native plants and we don't want to squash them. It would have been more beneficial to have 2 skip bins, and we have that on our driveway and then just not park our cars in the driveway/garage during that time.</p> <p>When we have lodged CRM requests in the past, it often takes a long time to respond or if responses are given, it looks like the work has not been done. (i.e. a tree that interferes with a Give Way sign on Sawmill Road).</p> <p>Can the Shire hold a webinar or the like, after hours, to show the benefits of what we are getting for the Rates that we pay? Show us where the \$2673 we currently pay goes towards in the community (and I am aware it is not necessarily directly to our area, but is across the Shire). This would at least give us a better understanding of what is happening, where the money is going and how it is being used. Giving us a better understanding could go a long way to helping this type of change be accepted by the Community.</p>
Object to the proposal	
Object to the proposal	I don't think we should endure another rate rise for the items outlined in the statement due to minimal infrastructure and activities already being conducted on the funds we already pay.
Object to the proposal	<p>We do not receive tip passes for our hard waste and/or Green waste, neither do we have a facility to dispose of our waste. Collection of waste is minimal.</p> <p>The Planning and infrastructure for Whitby and surrounds to provide schools and Child Care is behind, as well as these much needed resources for our community being needed.</p> <p>Our local roads are in desperate need of maintenance and repair. We had to have a partition signed, and had to push to have an extension added to the sidewalk near the train tracks, we still do not have a safe crossing, or foot path for our children to walk or ride to school (Mundijong Primary and Court Grammar)</p> <p>Again, we had to push for a second Emergency evacuation Exit out of our estate (Whitby)</p> <p>Unfortunately for our community, we seem to have to push and fight for basic upgrades or additions to our facilities.</p> <p>We no longer have a local Library, as this was moved to Byford.</p> <p>Our parks are lovely, but not maintained.</p> <p>This 3.4% rate rise will further financially impact families negatively, as we are already struggling to meet our current inflated costs of living, not to mention the at risk community who are struggling to get support from those who would normally be able to support, whether financially or by volunteering their time, as they're</p>

	<p>either financially struggling to meet their own obligations by working longer hours, this increasing their costs in Child Care, fuel, vehicle maintenance (never mind the suggested new taxing of diesel vehicles or four wheel drives, which will further impact rural residents and a like)</p> <p>And to make matters worse, we do not have reliable and consistent public transport to use as an alternative to our vehicles. Our young residents struggle to maintain weekend jobs without public transport, as we ourselves, their guardians are working overtime and can not drop them off or pick them up.</p> <p>Rural communities are at a loss. We are always waiting for an increase in residence to meet a quota for upgraded facilities and resources, but how are we to meet this quota if our facilities and resources underwhelm potential new residents.</p> <p>Build it, and They will come.</p> <p>Kindest regards </p>
<p>Object to the proposal</p>	<p>More money required from the ratepayer for less services from the Shire. No tip/transfer station, no tip passes but plenty of rough roads and lovely new admin building.....Boooo</p>



Responses received by email

2024/2025 Differential General Rates



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Info Shire](#)
Subject: Shire rates increase
Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 9:52:12 PM

To whom this may concern,
I would like to oppose the increase on rates 24/25. Times tough and people are struggling.
People don't even have access to a rubbish tip internet area.
Sorry but maybe it's time to not add extra burdens on people

Regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Info Shire](#)
Subject: 2024/25 Differential Rates submission
Date: Friday, 7 June 2024 8:48:02 AM

Dear Team,
It seems to be misleading in terms of our recent electoral promises stating no rate increases, yet now we are being asked for feedback on the proposed rate increases for 2024/2025.
We had a rate increase last year and were promised no more for 3 yrs.
Now in this last 12 months our "waste management" facilities which we pay for in our current rates has been closed independently due to Asbestos. Which is surprising as Asbestos clean up should only take 1 or 2 months to sort out. Tip passes to Armadale while gave brief support, it was very time and load limited. And there are still no dates set for bulk waste collections.
Since this closure the fly tipping around the shire has left the shire looking like the new tip. There has been very limited on going tidy up of this fly tipping. I have seen some recently leaked expenses on social media with \$3k to have the community barbecues cleaned in 2023. Seems a bit excessive.
The shire's responsibility for the poor roads and maintenance of the verges/drains are questionable at least.
We recently moved to the shire 2 years ago and our rates are nearly double that of Rockingham shire and one of the highest in the country not just the state.
We currently really only have our bins emptied. We don't have children, we don't use the community centres, library etc so effectively paying excessively to have our bins emptied.
I am totally opposed to yet another rate increase to the shire until we actually see some action and election promises fulfilled.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
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