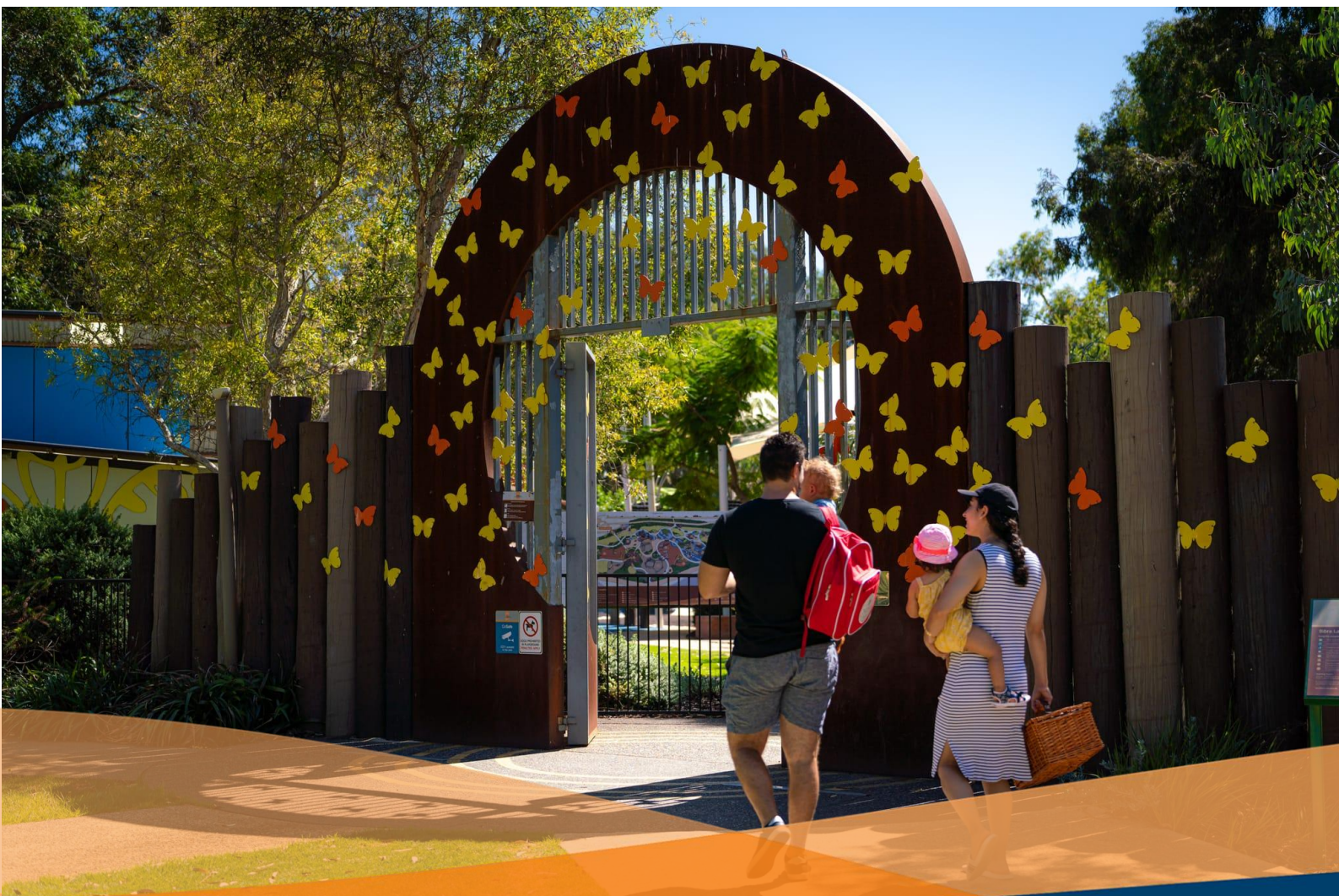


Public Questions and Submissions Received

Notice of Differential Rates –
Objects and Reasons 2026-27



Process

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the City of Cockburn advertised their intention to adopt rate increases in the dollar, and minimum payments for each rating category in the 2026-27 financial year.

The City's Draft Capital Works Budget for the 2026-27 financial year, was advertised for community comment alongside the Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates.

Between Wednesday 13 May 2026 and Friday 5 June 2026, the City invited participants to provide feedback in the following ways:

- Online survey
- Hardcopy survey (available at Main Administration, Spearwood, Coolbellup, and Success Libraries, and on request)
- In writing
- Phone call
- Email.

To raise awareness and encourage input, the City distributed the following communications about the project:

- Project page on the City's Comment on Cockburn website
- E-newsletter to all Comment on Cockburn 11,440 newsletter subscribers
- Notice and hardcopy surveys available at the City's Main Administration Building, and Spearwood, Coolbellup, and Success Libraries
- Promotional tile on the main City of Cockburn website
- Social media
- Presentation to local Residents Groups.

During the comment period, the email notifying subscribers of the submission period was opened by 5,594 people and the Facebook post was viewed by 13,394 people. The project page on the Comment on Cockburn website received 1,931 visits and 110 contributors provided comment via the online survey. Respondents were able to provide a submission related to either Differential Rates, the Draft Capital Works Budget or both. Of the 110 online contributors, 109 submissions were received regarding the proposed Differential Rates and 65 submissions were received pertaining to the Draft Capital Works Budget. 27 written submissions were received regarding Differential Rates; however, some of these submissions were duplicates received by the same people via various channels and have been collated as such in the table below. One person provided a written submission regarding the Draft Capital Works Budget 2026-27. Total submissions received were 132 for Differential Rates 2026-27 (plus one late submission which has been included below) and 66 for the Draft Capital Works Budget 2026-27.

Participant Submissions and City Responses

Responses are shown as received, and therefore some spelling and grammatical errors may exist. Some participants lodged multiple submissions in multiple ways and these have been grouped accordingly.

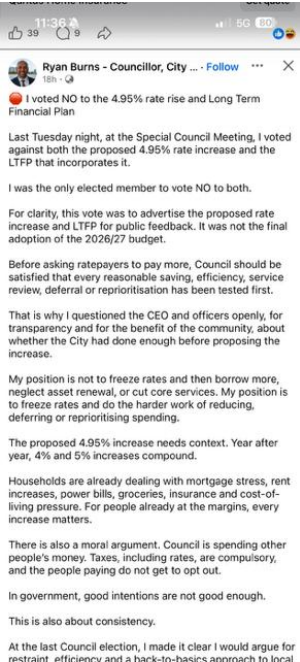
Respondents were advised on the Comment on Cockburn page that all submissions will be compiled, and the overall feedback themes will help inform the decision at the June 2026 Special Council Meeting. We do not send responses to individual submissions during this process, rather all submitters will be notified on the inclusion of the schedule of submissions in the Special Council Meeting Agenda.

The City received 133 submissions objecting to or querying the rate rise.

For the past five years, the City of Cockburn has continued to be one of Perth’s lowest-rating Councils, consistently keeping annual rate rises below Perth’s Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation. In total, the City’s rates have increased by only around 16.5 per cent over that period (2022-2026), while local costs (CPI) rose roughly 24 per cent. This approach helped keep rates affordable for residents, but it also created a gap between rising service delivery costs and the revenue from rates. Now the City needs to increase rates to ensure it has enough funding to continue providing the essential services that our community relies on.

Please provide your submission on the Differential Rates for 2026-27			
#	Date	Submission	Officer Response
1.	13/05/2026 Online submission	I would like to propose that the council first review its own expenses and make efforts to reduce them significantly before it looks to increase rates. From what I have personally observed, I have concerns around the councils procurement processes and cost control measures. For a specific example, in 2025 the council chose to spend over \$549,000 Ex GST on a provider based in Melbourne when local based options that are used by neighbouring councils were available with one option that was actually based within the City of Cockburn for a price that was 18 times cheaper! (see Tender No. RFP/2024) I observe that this is a considerable price difference for the same service and in my opinion choosing to support a significantly more expensive eastern states provider over more affordable local founded businesses doesn't make sense. I believe the council should be supporting the local community and local businesses first and foremost, especially if they can deliver more cost effective services that save rate payors significant money. I have concerns this is a more wide spread cost blow out issue across the council procurement practices and I would like to recommend that the council make efforts to show it has tried to reduce its own costs first before asking rate payors to pay even more in rates. Thank you.	Feedback noted. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City is committed to delivering best practice in the procurement of goods, services and works in accordance with Council Policies and applicable statutory obligations. All procurement activities over \$250,000 must comply with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and the <i>Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996</i> in respect to all purchases, contracts and asset disposal decisions. The City is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical behaviour, accountability and probity, with tenders and tender exempt procurement undertaken in a fair, impartial and transparent manner supported by appropriate documentation and audit controls. Value for money underpins all procurement decisions and is assessed through a balanced evaluation of both cost and non-cost criteria, including quality, safety, fitness for purpose, timeliness, functionality, sustainability, and broader economic and community benefits. This ensures that the most advantageous and appropriate tender is selected, rather than solely the lowest priced submission.

			Risks associated with procurement activities are actively identified, assessed and managed throughout the procurement lifecycle, ensuring decisions are robust, defensible and aligned with the long-term interests of the City and the community.
2.	13/05/2026 Online submission	The proposed increase is excessive given it is above inflation and income from additional properties should actually be lowering required increases. There seems to be limited focus on reducing costs but instead asking for more handouts	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
3.	13/05/2026 Online submission	I oppose the proposed rate rise and do not support increases in expenditure above CPI. At a time when residents and businesses continue to face significant cost-of-living pressures, Council should be focusing on financial restraint, operational efficiency, and prioritisation of core services rather than expanding expenditure. Ratepayers are expected to manage within their means, and the same principle should apply to local government. Any increase in spending beyond CPI should only be considered where there is a clearly demonstrated necessity, strong community benefit, and evidence that all alternative cost-saving measures have been exhausted. Ongoing expenditure growth above inflation is not sustainable and places an unnecessary burden on the community.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

		Council should instead review discretionary spending, improve internal efficiencies, defer non-essential projects, and ensure existing resources are being used effectively before seeking additional revenue from ratepayers. I encourage Council to adopt a more financially disciplined approach and minimise any rate increase to align with CPI at most. The proposed 6.75% should not be adopted. <i>Second submission from same participant 13/05/2026 (written):</i> Ratepayers should not be expected to fund expenditure growth above CPI when Council should first be reducing discretionary spending, improving efficiencies, and prioritising essential services. I strongly oppose a 6.75% rate increase. <i>Third submission from same participant 13/05/2026 (written):</i> The City of Cockburn's proposed rate increase is materially higher than neighbouring local governments, which raises legitimate questions around affordability and budget discipline. In a period of sustained cost-of-living and interest rate pressures, a revised and more restrained approach to the FY26/27 budget should be considered. Recent examples highlight a more measured position across comparable councils, including City of Melville (revised to 4%), City of Kwinana (4.5%), and Town of East Fremantle (4.95%). Against this context, Cockburn's position appears inconsistent with prevailing regional benchmarks and community expectations. Given ongoing uncertainty in construction and service delivery costs, there is also a heightened risk of cost escalation and project overruns, reinforcing the need for a more conservative and disciplined budgeting approach rather than increased spend above CPI. <i>Fourth submission from same participant 22/05/2026 (written):</i> Good morning, Please see the attached example showing Councillors from other local governments publicly opposing their proposed 4.95% rate rise. Given the City of Cockburn's proposed increase is almost 2% higher again, I wanted to again express my concern regarding the level of the proposed rates increase and the impact this will have on residents already facing significant cost of living pressures. It is concerning that other councils are recognising the need to challenge and scrutinise increases at a lower level, while Cockburn residents are being asked to absorb a substantially higher rise. 	control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Council is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
4.	13/05/2026	I believe 6.75% is a huge increase in a 12 month period especially with rising interest rates and energy costs.	Feedback noted.

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5.	13/05/2026 Online submission	I personally think that increasing our rates is just running salt into wounds. We are already struggling with the increase in cost of living and are already making adjustments to reduce spending without it impacting on ensuring the food is kept on the table and a roof over our heads. We had already seen a \$5 increase in rates and now you are wanting to increase it again. This is causing extreme stress and pressure on us who are already struggling and already on a hardship arrangement for our mortgage. Even paying in fortnightly repayments is a struggle, my partner is currently the sole income earner as I have had to resign from my work to look after my son. Everything is currently increasing and our paychecks aren't. Maybe there should be a pause on certain projects for example the painting of the mural on Beeliar drive. The markers you installed along Mayor road does not do anything, the second day after it was installed it had already been knocked down, it doesn't slow anyone down from coming around that bend. The resurfacing of the foot path crossing onto Atwell close was completely a waste of money. The path was perfectly fine, I use that crossing everyday and I see no difference or the need for it to have been resurfaced.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

		I would like to see the rates remain the same and a pause on unnecessary spending on projects that can wait till the economy is more stable. The money can be better spent to help rate payers.	The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
6.	13/05/2026 Online submission	No comment	Feedback noted.
7.	13/05/2026 Online submission	The changes being higher than CPI and average wage increases is an unfair burden on the ratepayer. Cost of living is a major issue at the moment and it seems out of touch for the council to impose this sort of increase on the ratepayers.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including

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8.	13/05/2026 Online submission	Once again I see that a blanket approach is taken for increasing rates across the community regardless of improvements to suburbs in which we live. As a non user of council related large cost items within the Cockburn area, the increase in cost is disproportionate to the benefits. Much of this proposed budget could be postponed until improvements in the economy are realised rather than kicking people whilst they are on the floor and worried about survival. Not sure on your priorities in life as a council, however not consider the broader economics of the country and expected recession once again indicates you are very out of touch. Spend less, save more now and spend it when prices come down.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Council is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
9.	13/05/2026 Written submission	Thank you for providing the opportunity to share feedback on matters affecting Cockburn. I would like to express my strong opinion that this year's rates should not increase. The current inflation, which is causing significant hardship throughout the community, is largely a result of government and council mismanagement. I urge the council to reconsider its approach, ease the financial burden on the community, and refocus on core responsibilities. Traditionally, councils are expected to:	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

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10.	13/05/2026 Written submission	I believe I stand with everyone else, do not increase the rates. We're all struggling enough	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

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11.	14/05/2026 Online submission	Vacant land Should increase more for people who bough the land but never build a house. Residential Improved properties – an average yield increase of 6.75 per cent including the minimum payment” 6.75% increase is unreasonable as it is higher than inflation and it is much higher than everyone else of the annual salary increase.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
12.	15/05/2026 Online submission	With current cost of living challenges, and interest rates not slowing, an average on 6.75% would be another challenge for Aussie in the community.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

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13.	15/05/2026 Online submission	Na	Feedback noted.
14.	15/05/2026 Online submission	6.75% is too high a jump. Wage increases are only around 4% and just because my property value on paper may increase I do not have 6.75% realised increased earnings from my property. Its size has not increased or number of occupants either. In this cost of living crisis a 5% increase is warranted only to not outstep CPI, WPI or other inflation markers.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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15.	15/05/2026 Written submission	Notice to the Council, Attention CEO and Mayor Councillors and Rates staff Cease and desist as a 3rd Party Interloper accessing Landgate Records whom are also on NOTICE the illegal use of a Copyright NAME! To CEO and staff Rates increase and Forced acceptance revoked! 1. The Council has been previously notified as a Foreign Agency it is illegal for an ungazetted Council Entity, to act as a third party forced charges on a noted Primary Residence Tax Exempt land! 2. Third party interlopers, using The Merchant of Venice, NAME on bonded birth certificates sold, or deducted funding paid to Foreign Agencies, is illegal for any third party to copyright © The illegal Dogma persona, a Death/not birth or berth [Maritime] legalese undoing of Universal Law. Any 3rd Party or other copyrighting the NAME is guilty of Copyright fraud and and or illegal securities trading! The NOTICE is to cease and desist and to provide an inner-standing, by one's participation may be aiding and abetting a crime being committed, including ungazetted Councils placing charges by Notice converting to a Joinder contract without Agreement! 3. Pecuniary powers and the 2023/2024 initiating Court action for the above was a dishonourable fraudulent action and reserve all rights retain for the conduct of Council and or any future action whilst Council retained a Bill of exchange, for 3 months and hiring a 3rd party Legal to do business for Council, whilst knowing the numerous requests was to return it with a valid written reason! 4. The amount was paid prior to your covert action of hearing and documents unsigned by an unknown magistrate, papers returned post payment made, diabolical Acton! 5. Again, this is a NOTICE to cease and desist and review your legalese standing, I am that I am Sovereign and living not your Fraudulent Maritime trading vessel conversion. 6. any payment will be to avoid conflict VC Forced coercion Fraud on Notice, non-compliance and avoid targeting of an individual knowing the fraud being committed, and may fall under Rico participation 7. I have formed complaints with international agencies! Payable x 10 for identification of the fraud upon The Sovereigns of The Commonwealth. i would appreciate a record of receipt of this communication no response required! <i>Second submission from same participant 25/05/2026 (written):</i>	Feedback noted.

		No but can you please provide under freedom of information what STATE funding to Council received apart from DFES paid direct for equipment to vehicles and complaints on run down equipment and facilities and charge extra to Ratepayers a voluntary contribution but can't not renege from Councils force compliance without a Contract agreement and the budget spending from the Emergency Levy when no fires were a major impact last season [REDACTED] I'd appreciate it, the increase is not warranted given the imbalance of upgrades compared to Port Coogee amenities local area is run down and no comparison. What percentage is filtered into Port Coogee vs others! You can enter that into your rates feedback I believe relevant. Look forward to Councils response or will seek the Ministers office intervention!	
16.	16/05/2026 Online submission	Excessive increases in rates above inflation are not acceptable given the current market. Spending should remain stable not increased given extra revenue is already increasing from new housing .	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
17.	16/05/2026 Online submission	I feel that the rates increase of 6.75% is excessive at anytime but especially during this high inflation and uncertain Australian and global times. The annual Australian inflation rate YTD Feb 2026 is 3.7% this rate proposal is clearly excessive as it is more than double the annual inflation rate. Communities and families are struggling as it is and now is a time for Local, State and Federal governments to work together and focus on critical needs. While Cockburn can't control the State and Federal governments from	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27, the City must raise funds through rates. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing

	spending like sailors on shore leave it can most certainly look at itself and its own spending levels. It can institute a top down audit of all expenses, projects and infrastructure spending, look at staffing levels and reducing administration costs, reduce resource expenditure or reuse resources . It has not gone unnoticed of the million dollar expenditure on food, alcohol and entertainment this council approved for itself. This is a time to help the community through difficult times not just throw out a Dickensian line " Please may I have some more money" and leave it at that. This council needs to step up to the plate and show some leadership and courage to focus on the NEEDs or the community and put a pause for a time on the WANTS of the community, unpopular as it may be to put a hold on some initiatives. It is noted the other councils sharing the Cockburn Sound coastline have proposed much smaller increases in rates, Rockingham 3.5%, Kwinana 4.5%. Perhaps our councillors need to ask them what they are doing or not doing to reattain or attain the levels of services and infrastructure that Cockburn is clearly not able to do. As strategic audit of this councils spending needs to be undertaken as mentioned from the top down. Some of the expenditure is clearly excessive, the \$1million of food and alcohol for one! but numerous other items in the Draft Capital Works Budget need to be reviewed such as the cost of; Co Safe, The WA Police and State Government should carry the overriding responsibility for community safety and if they are not capable then the funding for Community based policing should come from those entities or a substantial financial commitment made by them. I may have missed it in the budget but I can see no costings at all for Co Safe. Major Plant and Machinery, \$11.8 million for Plant and Vehicles, again no transparency as to what or why you are purchasing it. Henderson, any major infrastructure, investment, roads, coastal works should immediately be funded in almost entirely by the State and Federal governments and minor funding by the residents of Cockburn as part of the AUKUS and new Port planning process. Henderson Innovation and Research Hub, \$3 million, again maybe nice to be involved in however what is the return on investment to the City of Cockburn? The major business partners involved according to council are Perth Angels, by its own admission is a Private Equity investment group and in essence is almost an Australian "Shark Tank" who want to make money for themselves. Another partner is Business Station, not much to garnered from their own company information profile. The last evidence of a successful Business Case Study assisted by them was in 2022, hardly a worthy partner. This investment is looking to the future but this funding looks like its going into other peoples pockets and no hint of results or return on investment. Public Art, just thought I'd throw this in to the mix as it does show that you are out of touch with the financial and life situation facing many Australians right now. Only \$72K but this councils spending is the proverbial leaking tap. \$52k to fix the Beeliar railway bridge but it doesn't need a hip mural, just a good coat of paint for now. \$20k to paint a	costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. 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With safety rated as the second most important priority for our community in the PLACESCORE Service Survey 2025 and the highest priority in the PLACESCORE Liveability Survey 2024, community safety and crime prevention is a high priority for the City of Cockburn. CoSafe actively patrols the City of Cockburn 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The service provides an active set of eyes on the street with the intention to promote community safety. CoSafe works closely with local police and other authorities to maintain and promote a safer community. Our CoSafe officers engage directly with the community to address concerns and can help with a number of issues should they occur. Many of these interactions prevent situations escalating further and can have a direct impact on community safety. CoSafe is also responsible for the response to alarms, access and security concerns at City managed facilities which reduces the need for an external security provider. As they are the only City service which operates 24 hours a day, they assist with City and community with all types of requests and incidents. The City Fleet replacement program is based on its 10-year plan. Benchmarks are set for vehicle and plant types to determine how long the City will hold onto an asset. The fleet team will monitor the assets also and take into consideration if an asset is in good condition with low usage, then replacement will be held over until the following year. Assets up for replacement FY26/27 include, side arm waste collection trucks, rear load waste compaction trucks, tipper trucks used by Parks and Civil teams, road sweeper, roads repair truck, and mowing tractors. Plant assets up for replacement include front
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		mural on the toilet block at the Naval Base shacks. OMG have bothered to go down to the shacks and Challenger Beach. By all means spend the \$20k but give all the homeless people camping something they can use, something that actually helps them right now. As I said, this rate increase and Capital Budget needs to have a strategic review of every dollar being spent and by who, which department and those department heads instructed to submit a case by case need while also being asked to deliver cost savings in their respective departments.	end loader for Henderson Landfill, excavators for landfill, skid steer loader for civils, along with various trailers. The Henderson Innovation and Research Hub is set to become a catalyst for research and development, bringing together industries like shipbuilding, robotics, and advanced manufacturing. The concept is to spark new ideas, helping to turn them into real-world solutions, and boost Cockburn's standing on the global stage. The Hub, in conjunction with university research partners, will also play a big part in workforce development, supporting the next generation of skilled workers, with Australia needing thousands more people in shipbuilding over the coming decades. By focusing on long-term growth, the Hub aims to help and attract businesses to develop new innovations, build their capabilities and get ready for the future. To ensure the project is on track financially, the City has engaged an independent consultant to review the business case before Council endorses a business plan to proceed with the project. The projected funding plan has state, local government, along with industry, each potentially contributing up to \$3 million—pending formal approvals—this commitment will ensure that everyone is invested in making this project a success. The City of Cockburn allocates funding to public art as part of its broader commitment to enhancing community spaces, supporting cultural expression, and fostering local identity. Public art projects such as murals contribute to placemaking and can improve the visual amenity of public areas. Spending on public art is guided by strategic cultural or arts policies and is considered alongside other infrastructure and service priorities.
18.	17/05/2026 Online submission	City of Cockburn To the Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer, I write to formally object to the proposed 6.75% increase in residential rates for the 2026–27 financial year and respectfully request that the proposed increase be reduced to a level aligned with the current Western Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI), or 4.6%. While I acknowledge the financial pressures faced by local governments, including rising operational, infrastructure and service delivery costs, I believe the proposed increase substantially exceeds what many residents can reasonably absorb during the current economic climate. Western Australian households continue to experience significant cost-of-living pressures across a broad range of essential expenses, including: Electricity and utilities Insurance premiums Mortgage repayments and interest rates Food and groceries	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

	Fuel and transport costs Healthcare expenses School and family-related costs For many residents, wage growth has not kept pace with these cumulative increases. Retirees, pensioners, single-income households, young families and low-to-middle income earners are particularly vulnerable to further financial strain. A residential rate increase of 6.75% appears excessive when compared with current CPI trends and broader community income growth. Local government rates should, wherever possible, reflect the economic capacity of the community to pay. Aligning rate increases more closely with CPI would demonstrate financial restraint, community sensitivity and sound governance. Importantly, many residents are increasingly questioning whether local government expenditure growth is being sufficiently controlled before higher costs are passed on to ratepayers. In this regard, I respectfully encourage the City to further examine opportunities for: Operational efficiencies Reduction in non-essential expenditure, e.g., events and grants Improved procurement practices Staging or deferral of discretionary capital works Greater prioritisation of core community services Shared services or collaborative purchasing arrangements Increased pursuit of State and Federal grant funding opportunities Residents understand the importance of maintaining infrastructure and community services. However, rate increases materially above inflation risk placing additional financial pressure on households already struggling with affordability challenges. I also note that substantial rate increases can create broader social and economic consequences, including: Reduced household disposable income Increased financial stress within the community Lower spending within local businesses and the local economy Growing public dissatisfaction and declining confidence in local government decision-making In the current economic environment, there is a strong expectation from the community that all levels of government exercise prudent financial management and restraint.	Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Council is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later. The City is committed to delivering best practice in the procurement of goods, services and works in accordance with Council Policies and applicable statutory obligations. All procurement activities over \$250,000 must comply with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and the <i>Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996</i> in respect to all purchases, contracts and asset disposal decisions. The City is committed to providing exceptional services that meet the needs of our growing community, whilst also evaluating services to better align with customer needs and expectations, leading to more relevant and effective service provision. The City is implementing a Service Review Program to identify opportunities to improve how resources are managed for service delivery, supporting a more efficient and sustainable use of resident rates. The review will also inform service planning and long-term financial planning, helping to ensure City resources are allocated effectively to meet the evolving needs of the community. The City actively pursues external funding opportunities from State and Federal Governments, particularly for major infrastructure and road projects that require investment beyond what can be supported through local rate revenue alone. These funding programs are highly competitive, with many local governments seeking access to limited funding pools. The City remains committed to securing additional investment for the community and continues to advocate strongly for a range of priority projects.
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19.	18/05/2026 Online submission	Why don't you stop weekly recycling - that must cost ratepayers a lot of money. With containers for change now barely anyone I know fills their recycling bin and like myself, if they do, they ask their neighbours if they can use theirs. Flights over East or abroad should be banned unless they could be justified as really value-for-money for the ratepayer.	Feedback noted. The City recognises that weekly red (general waste) and yellow (recycling) bin services are essential to maintaining public health, service reliability, and community expectations. These services will continue to be prioritised within the City's Waste Management Service Plan, which is subject to regular review and optimisation to ensure efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and alignment with changing needs and state waste strategies. Reviews will consider service performance, community demand, processing costs, and opportunities for improvement (e.g. route optimisation and contamination reduction), ensuring that essential weekly services are maintained while delivering value for money and long-term sustainability. Elected Member travel is managed under the City's Attendance at Events Policy or the Elected Member Professional Development Policy. Other travel may be claimed under the Elected Member Entitlements Policy. To maintain full transparency, all official travel is publicly reported in the Elected Members Travel Register, Register of Elected Member Training and Professional Development or the Register of Elected Member Attendance including the purpose, destination, and cost. This allows the community to clearly see how and why travel is undertaken using public funds. The City has policies and procedures that ensure employee travel for attendance at conferences and seminars is of benefit to the organisation.
20.	18/05/2026 Online submission	I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed 6.75% rates increase for 2026–27 by the City of Cockburn. Many families and households are already under significant financial pressure due to rising mortgage repayments, insurance, utilities, groceries, and general living costs. A rates increase of this size places further strain on residents who are already struggling to manage everyday expenses. While I understand the City faces increasing operating costs and ongoing infrastructure requirements, I encourage Council to reconsider the scale and timing of this increase. A	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing

		more moderate increase would better reflect the current economic conditions faced by the community. I also request that Council review and defer non-essential capital expenditure projects where possible. Priority should be given to maintaining core services and essential infrastructure, while delaying discretionary upgrades and new projects until economic conditions improve. The draft capital works program includes several large projects and upgrades which could potentially be staged over a longer timeframe to reduce pressure on ratepayers. At a time when many residents are making difficult financial decisions in their own households, the City should also focus on tightening expenditure and finding efficiencies before passing significant additional costs onto the community. I respectfully ask Council to reconsider the proposed 6.75% increase and adopt a more balanced and financially responsible approach that better supports residents during the current cost-of-living challenges.	costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Council is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
21.	20/05/2026 Online submission	Council needs to control spending, not just increase rates to fulfil their wishes. Out in Banjup, road verges, footpaths are a disgrace yet our rates continue to increase more than CPI how is this sustainable. Basically user pay for everything, rubbish, ARC etc. Out in Banjup you are putting so many conditions on the landowners which are increasing the cost of living in the suburb and wonder why people want or need to sub-divide the land. Ratepayers will be forced to sell out to big land developers who in turn remove the tree canopy. While I'm on my soapbox it is the wish of the Council to have 20% tree cover, when you consider that less than 25% of land in Cockburn is privately owned, therefore 75% is owned by the some form of government either Council, State of Federal. If you take out 10% for roads/footpaths and if the levels of Government are good to their word/idealolgy we should easily achieve the required 20% urban tree cover. Why does the Council permit big land developers to remove 100% of vegetation a question the council skirts around. Also why does all of the council employees like co-safe drive around in big 4wd's, why not electric, would like to know the % of electric vehicles the council has currently. Also I confess in not reading the paper as it makes no difference what I have to say, Council feels good in saying they let people have a say. More than happy to discuss any of the above, but I sure it will be a silent response.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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22.	24/05/2026 Online submission	It is a really tough time for families right now. If you are looking at putting rates up, please provide families with the ability to bill-smooth these payments with weekly/fortnightly or monthly payments to tie in with pay dates. Please understand how important our waste management is to residents. Regular Red and Yellow bin collections are vital. Green waste 2-weekly is greatly appreciated. Bulk Junk Waste 2 times a year is great. 1 Green Bulk Waste is also appreciated but please make it at a time that makes sense ie: start of spring through to start of summer.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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23.	26/05/2026 Online submission	To the Chief Executive Officer and Elected Members, I wish to submit my objection and concerns regarding the application of Special Area Rates (SAR) within Shoreline Estate. The commonly stated justification for Special Area Rates is that residents within a designated area receive unique amenities or enhanced infrastructure that primarily benefits those residents, while the broader community must travel to access and enjoy those facilities. However, this reasoning does not appear applicable to Shoreline Estate. Shoreline Estate does not contain any exceptional public amenities, attractions, or regional recreational facilities that would reasonably draw visitors from outside the estate. The estate contains three local parks which are typical neighbourhood parks without significant or unique features that distinguish them from countless other suburban public spaces throughout the municipality. In fact, several aspects of the estate actively discourage visitation from other ratepayers and raise questions about the value residents are supposedly receiving through the Special Area Rate. Access to the beach facilities requires residents and visitors, including families and elderly persons, to walk along a road without a footpath and past a sewer pump station. This does not present as a premium recreational environment and significantly detracts from the amenity of the area. Additionally, Bennett Avenue contains an unadopted section of roadway that currently terminates in rubble and has become frequented by antisocial behaviour, including:	Feedback noted. The City collects individual Special Area Rates (SAR) for Port Coogee and Shoreline (Cockburn Coast) precincts to fund the higher service standards including enhanced parks, streetscapes and public spaces, more frequent upkeep, and the maintenance of specialised infrastructure such as coastal assets (excluding Port Coogee Marina), including seawalls, boardwalks, and environmental systems unique to the area. Each year, SARs are reviewed through the City's annual budget to ensure they remain aligned with the cost of delivering these services. The 2026-27 SAR yield is not proposed to change, and the general 6.75% increase in rates will not apply to the SAR. Funds collected for the individual SAR are held separately from general municipal revenue and can only be used for their intended purpose, with individual SAR reserves maintained to ensure collected funds are only spent on delivery of the SAR specific purposes.

	drug use, free camping and rubbish dumping, hooning activities including racing and burnouts. These ongoing issues further diminish the attractiveness and usability of the estate for both residents and visitors. Shoreline Estate also contains an area designated as an oval which has remained unfinished for approximately three years. Rather than functioning as a recreational asset, it currently exists as a barren dust bowl with no visible indication of completion or development in the foreseeable future. Collectively, these conditions undermine any argument that Shoreline Estate offers special amenities or enhanced public facilities that warrant the imposition of an additional rate on local residents. In contrast, there are several examples across the City where substantially higher-quality public amenities exist without the imposition of Special Area Rates on local residents. These include: Bibra Lake Regional Playground — a major regional playground destination attracting visitors from across the metropolitan area, yet no Special Area Rate applies to surrounding residents. The Scramble — a highly developed recreational playground and community attraction which similarly operates without a Special Area Rate burden on local property owners. Barrow Park within the Barrow Park estate area — featuring landscaped public spaces, a lake with fountain infrastructure, and convenient beach access, again without the application of Special Area Rates. These examples demonstrate a clear inconsistency in the application of the SAR principle. If estates with regionally attractive amenities and substantial public visitation are not subject to additional rates, it is difficult to justify why Shoreline Estate residents should bear extra financial obligations for comparatively ordinary — and in some cases unfinished or poorly maintained — infrastructure. The parks and facilities within Shoreline Estate predominantly serve immediate residents and do not provide facilities of regional significance or broader community attraction. As such, the rationale underpinning the Special Area Rate appears inequitable and inconsistent with the treatment of other comparable or superior developments within the municipality. I respectfully request that Council review the ongoing justification for the Special Area Rate applied to Shoreline Estate and consider either:	
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		removing the Special Area Rate entirely; or clearly articulating the objective criteria used to determine why Shoreline Estate is treated differently from other estates with equal or superior public amenities. Thank you for considering this submission.	
24.	29/05/2026 Online submission	I do not agree with the 6.75 percent increase in rates . An increase from 3.5% last year to 6.75% is not manageable in this current climate where everyday living expenses are already becoming unmanageable.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
25.	29/05/2026 Online submission	I understand inflation of services to meet currently prices. However I have not seen any substantial progress in the parks and land areas around my home. I would like to see improvements to the playgrounds at both my local dog park Powell Reserve (for such a lovely park the playground is appalling) and also the Woodmans point playground. Both these parks are heavily used but haven't seen much improvement apart from mowing and planting some more trees.	Feedback noted. The City currently manages over \$2 billion infrastructure assets in a cost-effective manner to deliver services to the City's residential and business communities. Asset management covers roads, footpaths, buildings, drainage, buildings, signage, playgrounds, parks and environment, also fleet and plant. Various Asset Management Plans exist as part of the City's Strategic Asset Management Planning Framework to track and manage asset condition, lifecycle, expiry and replacement.
26.	29/05/2026	To the CEO,	Feedback noted.

	Written submission	I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the proposed 6.75% increase in residential council rates for Cockburn residents. Many of us have worked hard our entire lives to own and maintain our homes, only to now face constant financial pressure from increasing living costs. Mortgage repayments, electricity, insurance, groceries, fuel, and everyday essentials have all risen significantly. For many households, especially retirees and long-term residents on fixed or limited incomes, another substantial rates increase feels unfair and extremely difficult to absorb. While I understand councils face rising operational costs, a 6.75% increase places an additional burden on residents who are already struggling to keep up financially. It is becoming increasingly difficult for ordinary people to afford to stay in the communities they have contributed to for decades. I respectfully ask the Council to reconsider the size of this increase and explore alternatives that would reduce the financial impact on residents. The current cost of living crisis is affecting many families across Cockburn, and I urge the Council to take this into account when making final decisions on residential rates. Thank you for taking the time to consider.	To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
27.	29/05/2026 Online submission	I wish to express my strong concern regarding the proposed 6.75% average rate increase across all rating categories. This level of increase is simply too high for many households in our community, especially at a time when families are already facing significant cost of living pressures, rising interest rates, and increasing utility and grocery costs. The burden of a 6.75% increase will fall directly on residents who are already stretched. Many families cannot absorb another substantial rise in annual expenses. The City must also demonstrate stronger efforts to reduce internal costs, improve efficiency, and prioritise essential services before passing such a large increase onto ratepayers. I want to be clear that if the City proceeds with this level of increase, it will significantly influence how I vote in future local government elections. As a resident, I expect elected representatives to protect the financial wellbeing of their community. Approving a 6.75% increase would show that current councillors and the Mayor are not listening to the concerns of ordinary families. I urge the City to reconsider the proposed increase and adopt a more balanced, affordable approach. NO MORE THAN 3.5% RATE INCREASE.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

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28.	29/05/2026 Online submission	Good morning Council, I would like to see more visibility on how my rates are spent, being in Coogee the rates are quite high already however, im not seeing how this is being spent on the Coogee community. Im in the mind set that im happy to pay more rates provided that they are spent improving Coogee. Underground power which has been rolled out in many other Councils would be great, however this has not been looked at, the power outages we frequently have is a sign of an aging electrical grid in the area and an upgrade is in order. The Coogee community golf course near the marina has been delayed for years with no progress. Im happy to pay more rates provided these services are actioned. If not I would be asking where the money is going and how much wastage there is. An external audit of council spending may be in order.	Feedback noted. Local government rates are collected as a primary source of funding to support services and infrastructure across the entire municipality. These funds are not allocated or reserved for the specific suburb from which they are raised. Instead, all rate revenue is consolidated into a central budget. Expenditure decisions are made based on assessed need, strategic priorities, asset condition, population trends, and service demand across the whole local government area. Accordingly, investment levels may vary between suburbs over time. Some areas may receive greater funding in response to growth, infrastructure renewal requirements, or identified service gaps, while others may require less immediate attention. This model supports equitable and efficient service delivery for the broader community. The City has three underground power projects planned for parts of Spearwood, Hamilton Hill, and Coolbellup. These are listed on Western Power's network upgrades page, and there are currently no confirmed timeframes. In 2025, the City heard further community interest in underground power, including the older part of Coogee. The City spoke with Western Power in March–April 2025 and received cost estimates. The City will be meeting with Western Power in the new financial year to discuss what the next steps are. Council has recently considered the outcomes of environmental and heritage investigations for the proposed Coogee Golf Complex and has resolved to receive this information and pause any further work on the project beyond the current investigation. This work, which was previously approved in December 2025, is designed to provide Council with up-to-date information on the project's feasibility, potential costs, delivery options, and overall community benefit. Once complete, this investigation will give Council a clear evidence base to determine the future of the project.
29.	29/05/2026 Online submission	I strongly object to your 6.75% increase in rates planned for 2026/27. It is much higher than the rate of inflation. You should look at making cost savings rather than tapping ratepayers up for more funds to be squandered	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

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30.	29/05/2026 Online submission	We are already in a cost of living crisis and this feels like a kick in the guts for ratepayers doing it tough. It's things like this that people of Cockburn will remember when the time comes to vote for councillors.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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31.	29/05/2026 Online submission	This increase is way too much! The cost of everything is going up and this just adds to the pressure all households are facing. It isnt fair	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
32.	29/05/2026 Online submission	The suggested rate increase of 6.75% is ridiculous. This is substantially higher than headline inflation and even considering CPI which was recently at it's peak of 4.6%, an additional 2% higher than CPI is unreasonable. Local government can help ease household inflationary pressures by keeping rates closer to headline inflation. Unlike other residential costs, where consumers can choose cheaper alternatives or use less of a particular commodity, we do not have any other option for council rates beyond spreading the cost out over the year. The Cockburn council should be a role model for it's residents, tighten your belts, and improve cost saving measures.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for

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33.	29/05/2026 Online submission	I live in Coogee and the rates are already so high! I would rather have lower rates and live comfortably than have more homeless people living in the bushes around Woodmans point and Coogee beach. People just can't afford to live!	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
34.	29/05/2026	Having had a pay rise in over 2 years and you want to increase rates by that much, along with mortgage rates increases and cost of living, you have to be joking	Feedback noted.

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35.	29/05/2026 Online submission	Formally against yet another increase in rates. Given the cost of living pressures the city should focus on essential services. furthermore Cockburn receives huge revenue from all the business in the industrial area in Bibra lake Munster and Henderson. Also significant revenue from the ports, in licenses taxes and fees. Its outrageous that they over been able to unnecessarily overspend and acquired such a huge debt from 2024/2025	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

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36.	29/05/2026 Written submission	I wish to protest the proposed rate increase for Cockburn. I am a pensioner and I did not get a 6.75% increase. You have all these high rise units going up and you charge just about the same as a house. Some of these unit blocks are 2 stories high & others are 10-20 stories high. Each unit is paying the equivalent of a house and you have the units 15 high using the same ground space as a home. You are making a fortune on all these units. You need to cut back on your spending. You say you have kept the rates cheap for the last 5 years so now you hit us hard. So the last 5 years you were not really giving us cheap rates if you now hit us with a proposed 6.75% hike. You are just undoing the good work that you were doing. If you are short of funds then scrap some of the projects that you were going to do. (like parks etc).	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
37.	29/05/2026 Written submission	I am writing this email to oppose the planner rate hikes on the Budget 2026-2027. With the cost of living crisis, those rate hikes are unacceptable in my point of view. The focus should be on cutting costs, not hiking rates.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

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38.	29/05/2026	Good afternoon It saddens me greatly to hear that the proposal is to increase rates by 6.75% this year. Inflation is at 4.3%, people are suffering from a cost of living crisis, with interest rates rising etc. and you can not cut back on your own spending. You were voted in by the people of this area and you are here to serve them, to make their lives easier not more difficult and unaffordable. You should be ashamed if this increase goes ahead. Kindest regards ██████████ A disgruntled local resident, the quicker we vote labour out the better!	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the

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39.	29/05/2026 Online submission	I object to the proposed 6.75% average differential rates increase. Forcing this hike across all categories (Residential Improved, Vacant Land, and Commercial) ignores the severe cost-of-living crisis facing our community. A 6.75% jump is nearly double Cockburn's historic 5-year average of 3.4% and adds roughly \$101 annually to the benchmark family home. This steep increase will trigger damaging knock-on effects. Increasing residential rates worsens rental stress for tenants, while raising commercial and industrial rates forces local small businesses to hike prices, further driving up local inflation. Council should protect ratepayers during an economic squeeze by capping the rate yield below this aggressive \$153.95 million target.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Council is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
40.	29/05/2026 Written submission	Dear Councillors, I feel compelled to provide my thoughts on the proposed differential rate rise of 6.75%. As a long-term resident of the City of Cockburn and as a local government employee of the City of Melville, I'm feel like I have a unique perspective on rate increases. I have to say that I am genuinely very appreciative of the way in which I've seen my rates deployed year after year, not only in the provision and maintenance of our local open	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

		space, but in the quality of our libraries and recreation centres, and the reliability of our waste services. My wife and three children feel very lucky to live in Atwell. No one in their right mind should be enthused by a 6.75% rate increase but context is key. We've enjoyed rate increases over the past few years that have been at or below inflation without any obvious drop in the quality of services, so I'm confident that 6.75% is necessary to ensure we continue to enjoy the standards that we expect as residents of such a great local government. So I have faith that the City is appropriately stewarding our money and that a rate rise of this amount is not levied lightly. I encourage you as councillors to support the City's recommended budget because I've seen what happens when Council's bow to pressure from residents who don't understand why costs have gone up. By all means do your due diligence, probe into budget line items that look bloated, query new capital spends, but if you can't see specifically where the savings are coming from, trust that an arbitrary 6% or 5.5% rate rise will cost us more in the long run, as the administration tries to do more with less. Standards will slip, staff will burnout, things will slip through the cracks, and people will notice. I've seen it from the other side and I can tell you the ripple effects are real. There will always be noise from the community, and a rate rise is a lightning rod for community criticism, but it will be short-lived. Stay the course and allow the administration to continue delivering quality outcomes for us as residents.	The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Council is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls, and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
41.	29/05/2026 Online submission	The increase in rates is astronomical compared to output by the council. We already pay a considerable amount and I see very little return. The suburbs across the electorate are not well landscaped or maintained. Given the relatively small projects listed under the capital works budget, I fail to see where this money is actually going. I am already paying rates close to relatives in Iluka who's suburb is far better maintained.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

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42.	29/05/2026 Online submission	The increase in rates is huge compared to what we see happening within Lake Coogee. I don't see where this money is going in the area, in particular verge care and maintenance to parks and public amenity. The rates as they currently are almost the same as wealthier suburbs that family members live in however you can see the money is being invested back into the local community where that is not the case in lake Coogee.	Feedback noted. Local government rates are collected as a primary source of funding to support services and infrastructure across the entire municipality. These funds are not allocated or reserved for the specific suburb from which they are raised. Instead, all rate revenue is consolidated into a central budget. Expenditure decisions are made based on assessed need, strategic priorities, asset condition, population trends, and service demand across the whole local government area. Accordingly, investment levels may vary between suburbs over time. Some areas may receive greater funding in response to growth, infrastructure renewal requirements, or identified service gaps, while others may require less immediate attention. This model supports equitable and efficient service delivery for the broader community. All decisions take direction from the City's Strategic Community Plan objectives and specifically deliver upon commitments contained within the City's Corporate Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). A number of other plans and strategies feed into these including: • Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) • Public Health Plan • Integrated Transport Strategy • Bicycle and Walking Network Plan • several site-specific master plans (e.g. Coogee Beach, Manning Park) • various asset management plans and strategies (e.g. roads, footpaths, drainage, parks & environment, buildings).
43.	30/05/2026 Online submission	Cockburn has prided itself on keeping average increases low—averaging around 2.7% to 3.5% in recent years. Jumping straight to 6.75% is an overly aggressive "quick-fix" to address budget shortfalls, which goes against previous council assurances the \$12.3 million slated for entirely new assets could be deferred. during a cost-of-living crisis, massive recreational overhauls (like certain components of the park expansions) should be staged over 3–4 years rather than funded via an aggressive, single-year rate spike.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic

		State and national wage growth averages roughly 3% to 4%, meaning a 6.75% council hike far outpaces household income growth. Ratepayers cannot simply increase their "revenue" to match inflation Homeowners are already battling elevated mortgage interest rates, rising utility tariffs, and increased insurance premiums. Layering an above-inflation council hike strains vulnerable households. Happy to reconsider if further information is provided alongside other cost cutting initiatives that Council has taken	climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
44.	31/05/2026 Online submission	To Whom It May Concern, I wish to formally submit my concerns regarding the City of Cockburn's proposed Differential Rates for the 2026–27 financial year. Like many residents across Cockburn, I acknowledge that councils face increasing operational costs and the challenge of maintaining community services. However, I believe the proposed rate increases place additional pressure on households and property owners during an ongoing cost of living crisis, without sufficient evidence that these increased charges are translating into meaningful improvements within our suburbs. Over recent years, many residents have observed a lack of visible investment into projects and infrastructure that genuinely improve the appeal, functionality, and liveability of our local communities. There appears to be limited progress in areas such as: * Upgrading ageing streetscapes and public spaces * Improving local parks and recreational facilities	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

		* Enhancing verge maintenance and landscaping * Delivering meaningful traffic and parking improvements * Improving community safety initiatives * Maintaining suburban presentation standards across all areas equally Many residents are tightening household budgets due to rising mortgage repayments, insurance costs, utilities, groceries, and fuel expenses. In this environment, it is difficult to justify additional rate burdens when there is a perception that council spending priorities are not aligned with the immediate needs of ratepayers. The proposed differential rating structure also risks creating the perception that ratepayers are being asked to contribute more without receiving proportional value or measurable improvements in return. For many in the community, this feels less like strategic long-term planning and more like a revenue-raising exercise. I encourage the City of Cockburn to instead prioritise: * Greater transparency regarding where ratepayer funds are being allocated * Clearer reporting on incomplete or delayed community improvement projects * Stronger financial restraint and efficiency measures within council operations * Increased focus on visible suburban improvements and maintenance * Practical initiatives that directly support residents during the cost of living crisis Council rates should reflect both responsible financial management and genuine community benefit. At present, many residents do not feel this balance is being achieved. I respectfully request that the City reconsider the extent of the proposed increases and place greater emphasis on delivering tangible improvements that residents can clearly see and experience within their local suburbs. Thank you for considering this submission.	The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. Expenditure decisions are made based on assessed need, strategic priorities, asset condition, population trends, and service demand across the whole local government area. Accordingly, investment levels may vary between suburbs over time. Some areas may receive greater funding in response to growth, infrastructure renewal requirements, or identified service gaps, while others may require less immediate attention. This model supports equitable and efficient service delivery for the broader community. All decisions take direction from the City's Strategic Community Plan objectives and specifically deliver upon commitments contained within the City's Corporate Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). A number of other plans and strategies feed into these including: • Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) • Public Health Plan • Integrated Transport Strategy • Bicycle and Walking Network Plan • several site-specific master plans (e.g. Coogee Beach, Manning Park) various asset management plans and strategies (e.g. roads, footpaths, drainage, parks & environment, buildings). The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
45.	30/05/2026 Online submission	I do not approve of the proposed rates increase at all. In the current cost of living crisis it seems very short sighted to be upping council rates by that huge margin for the community, who are already struggling with fuel/groceries etc, instead of looking at what you could do with the rates we already pay.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

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46.	30/05/2026 Online submission	I wish to express my concern regarding the proposed 6.75% average yield increase for Residential Improved properties in the 2026–27 budget. In my view, this level of increase is excessive, particularly given current cost of living pressures and the cumulative rate rises applied over recent years. Many households are already experiencing significant financial strain, and an increase of this magnitude risks placing further burden on residents without clear justification or demonstrated efficiency gains. I ask the City to reconsider the scale of this increase, provide greater transparency around the drivers of the proposed rise, and explore options to reduce the impact on ratepayers—such as staged increases, internal cost savings, or reprioritisation of non essential capital works.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the

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47.	30/05/2026 Online submission	With all the cost of living pressures families are experiencing I would like to see a more empathetic way forward for your constituents. The council is here to look after their electorate. There are many events and projects that are nice to have. Focus on the basics, safe roads, footpaths, underground power. I will be outraged if you think that increasing the rates so much and adding even more financial pressure is good for the community.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.

48.	30/05/2026 Online submission	Do not agree with rate increase. The current cost of living crisis does not support a rate increase. If the true intention of the council is to support the residents an additional cost increase is not it. I would prefer to have temporarily less development than a rate increase.the budget also doesn't warrant a 6.75% rate increase. The budget activities do not have any significant or stand out projects that would warrant this increase, these are all tasks the council should be doing anyway, nothing above and beyond that would warrant this increase.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
49.	31/05/2026 Written submission	Submission – Differential Rates and Draft Capital Works Budget 2026-27 1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the City of Cockburn's proposed differential rates and draft capital works budget for the 2026-27 financial year. The City has proposed an average yield increase of 6.75 per cent across all rating categories, with the objective of raising \$153.95 million in rates revenue to fund services and infrastructure. While I appreciate the cost pressures facing local government, I write to suggest a specific, actionable measure that would meaningfully reduce the burden on ratepayers: the closure of the Coolbellup Public Library. 2. This submission is not a general complaint about rates. It is a constructive proposal directed at a discrete line item in the City's operating expenditure. The	Feedback noted. Libraries are vital community assets that contribute significantly to social, cultural, and economic wellbeing. Far beyond being repositories of books, modern libraries serve as inclusive, accessible spaces that support lifelong learning, community connection, and digital participation. At their core, libraries promote equity of access. They provide free resources in books, digital materials, internet access, and learning programs, ensuring that all members of the community, regardless of income or background, can access information and

	question I pose is a simple one: in 2026, does the City of Cockburn need three physical library branches? The City's library network 3. The City operates three public libraries: Spearwood (at 9 Coleville Crescent, within the City's Administration Centre), Success (at 11 Wentworth Parade, within the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility), and Coolbellup (at 90 Cordelia Avenue, within the Coolbellup Community Hub). Each offers physical collections, internet access, free Wi-Fi, study desks, children's areas, and community programming. 4. Of the three, Coolbellup is the smallest and serves the smallest catchment. The suburb of Coolbellup has an estimated resident population of fewer than 7,000. It sits within a few kilometres of both the Spearwood and Success branches. Residents who currently use the Coolbellup Library would not be without library services if it closed — they would simply use one of the two remaining branches, both of which are modern facilities integrated into larger community and civic precincts. The changing role of libraries in the digital and AI age 5. The role of the public library has changed fundamentally over the past decade, and the pace of that change is accelerating. The internet, smartphones, and now artificial intelligence have transformed how people access information, education, and entertainment. The traditional rationale for a dense network of physical library branches — that residents need proximity to a building to access books and information — is increasingly obsolete. 6. Nationally, while physical library visits recovered somewhat after the COVID-19 pandemic, the long-term trajectory is clear. Digital borrowing continues to grow significantly. The Australian Library and Information Association reports that Australians now borrow an average of six books per year, with electronic and digital collections making up an increasingly large proportion of total lending. Platforms such as Libby and BorrowBox allow library members to borrow ebooks and audiobooks from their phones without ever entering a library building. In 2026, the Libby platform has integrated generative AI-powered recommendation features, further reducing the need for in-person browsing. 7. The broader information landscape has shifted even more dramatically. A decade ago, a resident who wanted to research a legal question, a health concern, a government benefit, or a school assignment might reasonably have gone to the library. Today, that same person is overwhelmingly likely to search online, consult an AI assistant, or access a government portal. The rise of large language models and AI-powered search tools means that the informational function once served by libraries is now available, at no cost, to anyone with a smartphone — which, in Australia, is effectively everyone. 8. This is not to say that libraries serve no purpose. They do. But the purposes they serve in 2026 are different from those they served in 1996, and the infrastructure required to deliver them is correspondingly different. A city does not need three physical branches to deliver digital lending, community programming, and internet access. Two well-resourced branches can do the same work more efficiently.	opportunities. This is particularly important in reducing barriers for disadvantaged groups, including students, job seekers, and seniors. In today's digital world, libraries are essential for bridging the digital divide. They provide access to computers, Wi-Fi, and digital literacy training, helping community members who ordinarily would not have access to digital platforms, to develop the skills needed to navigate online services, employment platforms, and communication technologies. Libraries also play a critical role in education and literacy development. From early childhood storytime programs to adult learning workshops, they support literacy at all ages. These services help build foundational skills that contribute to improved educational outcomes and greater civic participation. Equally important is the library's function as a community hub. Libraries offer safe, welcoming spaces where people can meet, collaborate, and participate in programs and events. These activities foster social inclusion, reduce isolation, and strengthen community connections. Whether through book clubs, technology training sessions, or cultural events, libraries encourage engagement and belonging. This is highly evident in Coolbellup, where the library plays a significant role in supporting residents through accessible services, targeted programs, and inclusive spaces, and contributes to social cohesion and community development, offering a welcoming environment where people of all ages and backgrounds can connect. The City is committed to providing exceptional services that meet the needs of our growing community, whilst also evaluating services to better align with customer needs and expectations, leading to more relevant and effective service provision. The City is implementing a Service Review Program to identify opportunities to improve how resources are managed for service delivery, supporting a more efficient and sustainable use of resident rates. The review will also inform service planning and long-term financial planning, helping to ensure City resources are allocated effectively to meet the evolving needs of the community.
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	The financial case 9. Operating a public library branch involves significant ongoing expenditure: staffing costs (including librarians, customer service officers, and casuals), building maintenance, utilities, cleaning, security, insurance, collection acquisition, technology maintenance, and programming costs. While the City does not disaggregate library operating costs by branch in its publicly available budget documents, it is reasonable to estimate that a small branch library of the kind at Coolbellup costs the City in the order of \$500,000 to \$800,000 per year to operate, and potentially more when building maintenance and depreciation are factored in. 10. Even at the conservative end of that estimate, closing the Coolbellup Library would generate annual savings sufficient to offset a meaningful portion of the proposed rate increase. The City's consultation materials note that approximately 60 per cent of the budget is funded through rates, with the remaining 40 per cent from fees, grants, and other income. Every dollar saved in operating expenditure is a dollar that does not need to be raised from ratepayers. 11. There is also a capital dimension. If the Coolbellup Library site (or the portion of the Community Hub it occupies) could be repurposed, leased, or sold, that would generate a one-off capital return or an ongoing revenue stream. The Coolbellup Community Hub site, located across from the Coolbellup Shopping Centre, has potential for alternative community or commercial use that would benefit both the City's balance sheet and the local area. Addressing the community impact 12. I acknowledge that any proposal to close a community facility will attract opposition, and that libraries hold a sentimental place in public discourse. However, sentiment alone is not a reason to maintain a service that is underutilised, duplicative, and increasingly redundant. 13. The residents of Coolbellup would retain full access to library services through the Spearwood and Success branches, both of which are a short drive away. The City's Home Library Service already provides free delivery to residents who are unable to travel to a library due to illness or disability, and that service would continue. Digital library services — ebook lending, audiobook lending, online databases, and free Wi-Fi at other City facilities — would also continue unaffected. 14. To the extent that the Coolbellup Library serves a social or community-gathering function distinct from its library function, that role could be preserved by retaining the broader Community Hub while reallocating the library space to other community uses — a neighbourhood centre, a co-working space, additional community meeting rooms, or services better matched to the suburb's current demographic needs. 15. It is also worth noting that Coolbellup's population of fewer than 7,000 is modest. The suburb's demographics — a median age of 37, a workforce employed predominantly in professional occupations, and high rates of internet connectivity — suggest a population that is well placed to transition to digital library services and to access alternative branches when a physical visit is preferred. A question of governance	
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50.	31/05/2026 Online submission	Council needs to provide transparency on increase in revenue, justification for new capital projects and cost saving initiatives and programs before passing the above market rate increases on to ratepayers fund new activities or capital works. The Council should first cut fiscal waste and challenge new ways of working to reduce operating costs. This is basic governance and ratepayers should not bear the brunt of lack of fiscal discipline by the Council.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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51.	31/05/2026 Online submission	Cockburn rates are already very high for services many of us would rather go without. They shouldn't be increasing in this environment, especially at 6.75%! Wages aren't increasing by that much. CPI isn't that high. Find ways to cut spending and help WA's out in a cost-of-living crisis. You don't need to redesign playgrounds every few years for starters. Look at country towns where they have stood for 30 years!	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without

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52.	31/05/2026 Online submission	the increase in my rates due to the differential rates system means I will be paying an extra \$400 per year, to subsidise decreases in other residents rates. I'm a single mum of 2 kids, living in Yangebup. I work full time and my salary certainly isn't going up 6.75%. I am barely making ends meet at the moment. All basic living essentials are going up exponentially. It's like being in vice that doesn't stop turning. I'm an owner occupier, my mortgage payments are going up - I'm not getting more rent! Given that the CGT is being changed to give homeowners a fair go, perhaps differential rates should follow the same path. Rental potential of your house does not determine your ability to pay. I certainly can't upgrade anything in my home, but i'm paying for upgrades to flooring and lighting and white goods and furniture at many of the Cockburn Facilities, including the adminstration and works facilities. Of particular note is the external rendering of the change rooms at Nicholson reserve to allign with the community center. I love the idea, but this is not the economic climate - your rate payers are really hurting out here.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later. The Gross Rental Value (GRV) used in rate calculations is an independent valuation of the estimated annual rental value of your property, as determined by the Valuer General. Council uses this valuation as part of the process to calculate property rates. GRV assessment of Cockburn properties was conducted 1 August 2024, to be applied to rates effective 1 July 2026. A change in your GRV does not automatically result in the same change to your rates. Rates are based on your property's GRV <i>relative to other</i>

			<i>properties</i> in the City, not on GRV alone. Houses that have undergone renovations and improvements could yield a higher rental income, hence their GRV reassessment will be greater than their neighbours, who have not undertaken improvements. The Valuer-General determines the GRV for all rateable properties in WA. Landgate provides GRV figures to local councils and other rating authorities, who use them to calculate rates, service charges, and levies. Council is required to use the GRV provided and cannot amend valuations. Objections to Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV) are governed by the Valuation of Land Act 1978 (WA) and managed by Landgate (Valuer General). Local governments do not handle objections; they rely on the valuations issued by Landgate. You can lodge an objection after receiving your Annual Rate Notice issued by the City. You have 60 days from the issue date on the Annual Rate Notice to lodge your objection to Landgate. Visit Landgate to learn more about lodging an objection.
53.	31/05/2026 Written submission	To the Chief Executive Officer Just in detail your draft of the above, although the Council has kept rates on or slightly below inflation over the past years, your timing couldnt be worse regarding the proposed 6.7% increase, as seniors, our pensions have barely moved over the last few years but our everyday expenses have skyrocketed. In these high inflation times the Council should be prioritising the necessary works not what you would like to achieve, the coastal erosion along the coast should be a priority along with footpaths, roads and major recreation areas, new infrastructure should be delayed until inflation subsides to a manageable level. Kind regards	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.

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54.	31/05/2026 Online submission	I write to formally object to the City of Cockburn's proposed Differential Rates for the 2026–27 financial year. According to the City's public consultation material, the proposed rates model would result in an average rates yield increase of approximately 6.75% across residential, vacant land, rural and commercial categories. The proposed Residential Improved (GRV) rate would increase to 0.05956 with a minimum payment of \$1,698. While I recognise the importance of funding essential local services and infrastructure, I do not support the proposed increase for the following reasons: Cost of Living Pressures Residents continue to face significant financial pressures arising from increased mortgage repayments, insurance premiums, utilities, groceries and other household expenses. A 6.75% increase in rates exceeds wage growth for many households and adds further strain to family budgets at a time when many residents are already experiencing financial stress. Lack of Demonstrated Efficiency Measures The City's consultation documents focus primarily on the need to maintain services and deliver capital projects. However, there appears to be limited information demonstrating what measures have been taken to reduce operational costs, improve efficiencies, defer non-essential expenditure, or identify alternative revenue sources before seeking a substantial increase in rates revenue. Ratepayers should have confidence that all reasonable cost-saving opportunities have been exhausted before additional financial burdens are imposed on the community. Increase Above Community Expectations Although the City cites rising operating costs and growth-related demands, a 6.75% increase may not reflect what many residents consider reasonable in the current economic climate. Rate increases should balance the City's financial needs against the capacity of ratepayers to absorb additional costs.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.

		Capital Projects Should Be Prioritised The draft budget includes numerous capital projects and upgrades across parks, sporting facilities, roads and community infrastructure. While many of these projects may have merit, consideration should be given to prioritising essential works and deferring discretionary projects where possible to reduce the immediate impact on ratepayers. Request I respectfully request that Council: 1. Reconsider the proposed 6.75% average rates yield increase. 2. Explore additional operational efficiencies and expenditure reductions before increasing rates at the proposed level. 3. Review the timing and prioritisation of discretionary capital works projects. 4. Consider a lower increase that better reflects current economic conditions and cost-of-living pressures faced by residents and businesses. I ask that this submission be considered as part of Council's deliberations prior to adopting the 2026–27 budget and differential rates.	
55.	31/05/2026 Online submission	Increasing the rates by a substantial amount only in certain suburbs is unfair - when we bought our house in the city of cockburn one of the factors was the price of council rates as an ongoing cost. Yangebup was a cheaper area that we could afford this in but now targeting yangebup to increase these rates means our cost of living increases at an unfair ratio to others. Either raise everyone across the board fairly or dont change the rates at all	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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56.	31/05/2026 Online submission	Absolute nonsense, why would you lower some suburbs and raise other suburbs rates, it's all under the city of Cockburn, what perks will the suburbs that will be paying more receive from the city of Cockburn ? If any	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

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57.	31/05/2026 Online submission	The proposed differential rates unfairly place a heavier burden on Yangebup residents at a time when many households are already struggling with the rising cost of living. While other suburbs within the City of Cockburn, such as North Coogee, are set to receive rate reductions of around \$240, Yangebup residents are facing increases of approximately \$400, with only Beeliar experiencing a larger rise. It is difficult to justify why some communities are receiving relief while others are being asked to pay substantially more. Many residents cannot afford additional increases, especially when funds are being spent on cosmetic upgrades such as painting and new furniture for City facilities rather than prioritising essential services and cost-of-living pressures. The City should reconsider the implementation of differential rates and ensure that all suburbs are treated fairly and equitably.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing

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58.	31/05/2026 Online submission	I've just been told that rates for Yangebup residents are going up hundreds of dollars and I am aghast. I am a single parent and work hard for my money. I can only just make ends meet at the moment and it seems to be getting only harder not easier. This planning must truly be ignorant of families such as mine. What do you think I will do differently to afford this? I don't drink alcohol or smoke, I have to take multiple medications daily and see doctors regularly for my health. Something is going to have	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

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59.	01/06/2026 Online submission	Not agreeing with very high increase in rates, especially for Yangebup. It was reasonable standard increase before 6.75%.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The Gross Rental Value (GRV) used in rate calculations is an independent valuation of the estimated annual rental value of your property, as determined by the Valuer General. Council uses this valuation as part of the process to calculate property rates. GRV assessment of Cockburn properties was conducted 1 August 2024, to be applied to rates effective 1 July 2026. A change in your GRV does not automatically result in the same change to your rates. Rates are based on your property's GRV <i>relative to other properties</i> in the City, not on GRV alone. Houses that have undergone renovations and improvements could yield a higher rental income, hence their GRV reassessment will be greater than their neighbours, who have not undertaken improvements. The Valuer-General determines the GRV for all rateable properties in WA. Landgate provides GRV figures to local councils and other rating authorities, who use them to calculate rates, service charges, and levies. Council is required to use the GRV provided and cannot amend valuations.
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60.	01/06/2026 Online submission	I think it is disgraceful that there will be a rate rise. With the cost of living as it is, the extra cost of rates is going to absolutely break a lot of families who will eventually end up like so many others - homeless, due to the increases in everyday living expenses and not being able to keep on top off everything. Families will be subjected to increased debt, less money for food and living ESSENTIALS. This is another blow to everyone trying to survive- it's absolutely not fair	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
61.	01/06/2026 Online submission	I don't feel we have enough information accessible for each part of Cockburn how much rates will change however 6.75 percent seems extremely high given over the last ten odd years it hasn't been this high has it not been calculated properly for the last ten years to have a knee jerk reaction and Cockburn being the highest council rates increase for 26/27.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing

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62.	01/06/2026 Online submission	There isn't enough information however a 6.75% rise is extremely high and the council needs to look at what they are spending it on. For example we were promised trees at the back of our house 8 years ago and this still hasn't been done. Money being on art and furniture is not required. The Cockburn arc withdrew from the fitness passport when other council areas still support this. This is the highest rate rise for a council, have they mismanaged our rates over the years???	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
63.	01/06/2026	Huge concern about the rate increase for Beeliar when the priorities locally have not been met.	Feedback noted.

	Online submission	The community centre that has been marked for upgrades has been demoted many time down the list of council priorities yet it is shared by so many including 2 sporting clubs. Considering other local facilities have received massive upgrades when then they are single use and/or the clubs are smaller! Unsure as to where the extra rates are going to be spent back in the community.	To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. Local government rates are collected as a primary source of funding to support services and infrastructure across the entire municipality. These funds are not allocated or reserved for the specific suburb from which they are raised. Instead, all rate revenue is consolidated into a central budget. Expenditure decisions are made based on assessed need, strategic priorities, asset condition, population trends, and service demand across the whole local government area. Accordingly, investment levels may vary between suburbs over time. Some areas may receive greater funding in response to growth, infrastructure renewal requirements, or identified service gaps, while others may require less immediate attention. This model supports equitable and efficient service delivery for the broader community. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
64.	01/06/2026 Online submission	I think 6.75% is very high considering the cost of living has increased substantially due to the war in the middle east and interest rate increases.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations,

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65.	01/06/2026 Written submission	Hi There, Increase in residential house rate will be an additional burden to resident in top of existing souring inflation and sky rocketed living expenses. I request not to increase rate and help people manage through hardtime. It is very difficult for family with kids to make basic requirement. No rate increase means a lot. Thanks	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.

66.	01/06/2026 Online submission	Public art budget is way too small. There needs to be more investment in art not roads. Art doesn't depreciate, it's an investment. Look at what the giants project did for Mandurah tourism. A big investment in a famous international artist artwork would benefit the city majorly.	Feedback noted. The City allocates funding to public art as part of its broader commitment to enhancing community spaces, supporting cultural expression, and fostering local identity and local creative projects by local artists and groups, such as school art projects. Public art projects such as murals contribute to placemaking and can improve the visual amenity of public areas. Spending on public art is guided by strategic cultural or arts policies and is considered alongside other infrastructure and service priorities.
67.	01/06/2026 Online submission	To the Chief Executive Officer and Elected Members, I am writing to formally object to the proposed 6.75% rates increase for the 2026–27 financial year. While I understand that the City faces increasing operational and infrastructure costs, I believe a rate increase of this magnitude places an unfair burden on residents who are already experiencing significant cost-of-living pressures. Many households are struggling with rising mortgage repayments, rent, insurance, utilities, groceries and childcare costs. Adding a further substantial increase in council rates will place additional financial strain on families, pensioners and working residents throughout the City of Cockburn. I acknowledge the importance of maintaining community facilities, parks, roads and essential services. However, I believe the City should demonstrate greater restraint and thoroughly explore opportunities to reduce expenditure, improve efficiencies and prioritise essential services before asking ratepayers to absorb such a significant increase. The City has previously highlighted its commitment to keeping rate increases relatively low compared to other local governments. A proposed increase of 6.75% represents a considerable jump from recent years and is difficult to justify during a period when many residents are being forced to carefully manage their household budgets. I respectfully request that Council reconsider the proposed increase and investigate alternative options that would reduce the impact on ratepayers. This may include reviewing discretionary spending, staging non-essential projects over a longer timeframe, or identifying further operational savings before imposing additional costs on residents. As a ratepayer, I expect responsible financial management and genuine consideration of the community's capacity to absorb further increases. I urge Council to place the interests of residents at the forefront of its decision-making and adopt a more moderate approach.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
68.	02/06/2026	6.75% fails the pub test.	Feedback noted.

	Online submission	No financial metric matches your intended rise. I would suggest you first look at reducing spending or at a minimum matching inflation numbers: Fair Work Commission: Minimum wage and awards increase by 4.75% Wage Price Index Mar Qtr 2025 to Mar Qtr 2026 = 3.3% Australia's annual inflation rate sits at 4.2% for the 12 months to April 2026 6.75% cannot be justified.	To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
69.	02/06/2026 Online submission	The proposed rate hike is diabolical, the capital works proposal is too ambitious for one single calendar year. Spending on renewed fitness equipment at Cockburn Arc should be covered by membership revenue and the refurbishment of the operations offices should not be coming out of rate payers pockets. In a time of a cost of living crisis City of Cockburn is adding to the financial pressures of every household. Perhaps review some of your fringe benefits costs including your lavish spending on three course dinners and unnecessary travel for your councillors. If you want support on this budget make all your spending for the last 3 years available to the rate payers. I think an audit of your spending is well overdue.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

			The Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre (ARC), owned and operated by the City of Cockburn, is a highly utilised community facility that plays a key role in supporting health, wellbeing and active lifestyles across the City. As the facility approaches its tenth year of operation, proactive renewal of critical infrastructure is required to ensure it continues to operate safely, reliably and to community expectations. The aquatics area experiences more intensive operating conditions than other parts of the facility, which places greater demand on building systems, materials and plant. Planned works for 2027 and into 2028 are expected to include a range of asset renewal activities that will be undertaken in the most efficient manner while minimising disruption to users. Membership revenue helps offset the day-to-day operating costs of the ARC and reduces the full financial burden from the ratepayer to the facility users. This also assists with allowing the City to set aside funding into City reserves, to ensure that all future asset renewal and maintenance work is ready to be funded via the reserve account.
70.	02/06/2026 Written submission	Dear Chief Executive Officer and Ward Councillors, Before the City issues the new rates notices for the 2026/27 financial year, I demand a formal freeze and review of the Specified Area Rate (SAR) levied on my property. I am highly concerned by reports that the City is considering a baseline rate increase of up to 6.75%, yet the premium maintenance services I already pay for are completely neglected. As a resident and ratepayer at [REDACTED], North Coogee, I am billed a significant premium via the Port Coogee SAR. Under Section 6.37 of the Local Government Act 1995, these restricted funds are levied exclusively to provide a higher standard of landscaping, park maintenance, and public infrastructure within our precinct. Currently, the City is failing to deliver on this statutory obligation. The roadsides near my building are neglected, and the park opposite my apartment is in a miserable condition. Our area experiences incredibly high traffic from visitors outside our suburb who utilize the marina facilities without contributing to its upkeep. Port Coogee residents are effectively subsidising a regional public asset while our immediate surroundings are left to deteriorate. Because the City has failed to provide the premium standard of service for which I am being explicitly charged, I am requesting a formal review and a proportional reduction or rebate on my next rates notice for services not rendered. Furthermore, given that my SAR funds cannot legally be diverted into the general council pool, I request the following immediate action: • An immediate maintenance audit and restoration of the park and roadsides surrounding Coromandel Park. If the City cannot maintain the premium standard required by the SAR guidelines, the justification for this localized tax must be permanently reassessed before any 2026/27 bills are sent out.	Feedback noted. The City collects individual Special Area Rates (SAR) for Port Coogee and Shoreline (Cockburn Coast) precincts to fund the higher service standards including enhanced parks, streetscapes and public spaces, more frequent upkeep, and the maintenance of specialised infrastructure such as coastal assets (excluding Port Coogee Marina), including seawalls, boardwalks, and environmental systems unique to the area. Each year, SARs are reviewed through the City's annual budget to ensure they remain aligned with the cost of delivering these services. The 2026-27 SAR yield is not proposed to change, and the general 6.75% increase in rates will not apply to the SAR. Funds collected for the individual SAR are held separately from general municipal revenue and can only be used for their intended purpose, with individual SAR reserves maintained to ensure collected funds are only spent on delivery of the SAR specific purposes.

		I look forward to your prompt response and a clear timeline for when these maintenance issues will be resolved and how my rate adjustment will be processed.	
71.	03/06/2026 Online submission	Thank you for sharing the Notice of Differential Rates and providing the opportunity for community feedback. The City of Cockburn does an excellent job in delivering services and maintaining a high standard for residents. We are happy and proud to call the City of Cockburn home. However, I do not believe the proposed rate increase is commensurate with the financial pressures many households are currently experiencing. Over the past year, residents have continued to face significant cost-of-living challenges, on top of the steady increases in living expenses that have occurred over the past five years. I understand that the City must also manage rising costs and budget accordingly to maintain services and infrastructure. However, the proposed increase appears to exceed what many residents would consider reasonable in the current economic climate. For some households, it will be increasingly difficult to absorb yet another substantial increase in ongoing expenses. I respectfully ask the Council to reconsider the magnitude of the proposed rate increase and explore options that would lessen the financial burden on residents while still supporting the City's operational needs.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
72.	03/06/2026 Online submission	The increase in rates should be linked to the inflation rate. Any higher is not acceptable. The practice of setting the budget and then determining the rate required to produce the necessary funds is contrary to commercial practice. The revenue should be ascertained (including any increase up to the inflation rate) and then the budget set accordingly.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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73.	03/06/2026 Online submission	I do not support this huge increase. You are well above most other Local Governments by far. How is this fair for us in a cost of living crisis. If other Local Governments dont need to increase rates this much, what is going wrong at Cockburn? This rate increase is disapointing. Until now I had greater respect for the City of Cockburn.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
74.	03/06/2026 Online submission	Hello Having read the Cockburn news for the 2026/2027 Rates and the high percentage hike for this term I would like to propose that new projects be cancelled or put on hold and only existing services etc be maintained. To keep Cockburn 'as is'. The great place that	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

		it already is whilst realizing the challenging times some are finding it financially. Its not a good time to hike rates currently. Thank you for reading	from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
75.	03/06/2026 Online submission	While I agree with a rate rise to enable the City to maintain its operations to the standard expected by the community, I disagree with such a big increase (above CPI) during a land gate GRV assessment year. Coolbellup, for example, has been subject to a massive property value increase on average homes that would not normally reach such large weekly rent income. It would be wise of the Council to wait for property price increases to see a pause before increasing the rates by such a significant amount.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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76.	03/06/2026 Online submission	Too big an increase, cost of living high. Small increase acceptable this one is not	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the

			burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
77.	03/06/2026 Online submission	The fact that there's a yield increase of 6.75% does not mean this is a materialised gain for property owners as we do not rent our house nor our salaries have increased at that rate, if any increase at all as in my case! People with mortgages have been hit with several OCR increases this year this plus inflation rate have put us in an extremely hard living condition where our income is not enough to cover the increase in the expenses. Increasing rates should be the last resource the council should turn to in this current economy. It should first look at cutting expenses, discretionary spending should be cut off. I enjoy all the free events the city of Cockburn offers however if given a chance I would choose for this to be postponed instead of having increased rates during this difficult times. Or maybe the city could charge a small fee to attend , this way people would have the choice.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. In accordance with the Corporate Strategic Business Planning and Budget Policy, Council is required to determine the Annual Calendar of Events each year. The Policy provides a provisional allocation for community events of up to 0.8% of rates revenue (excluding any specified area rates). The City reviewed the Annual Calendar of Events for 2026/27, considering community engagement outcomes, ongoing review of program performance, engagement with relevant community groups, and stronger distribution of events across wards. During the June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council endorsed that the Calendar of Events Program for the 2026/27 financial year retain the format of the 2025/26 program and resolved to utilise unspent and carried forward grants funding to support delivery of the Annual Calendar of Events. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without

			planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
78.	04/06/2026 Online submission	You guys cannot be serious?! We are in the thick of a cost of living crisis. Interest rates keep going up, rent is unaffordable, so many people are struggling to get through week to week and you want to increase council rates by 6%?! No thankyou. Please have a read of the room. Work on the projects that should have been completed years ago, work within your means. We the 'common folk' say no, enough is enough. Please stop ripping us all off.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
79.	04/06/2026 Online submission	How can council justify a 6.75% hike in rates when it is well above CPI, yes the cost of living has gone up but like all households why is the council not tightening their belt and watching the spend? Do they need to put free alcohol on after meetings, they each get paid can they not afford their own alcohol? Maybe look at some of the council services we pay for and do a deep dive into whether it is being utilised in the best way. Realistically there is more and more people building and moving into the Cockburn shire so there is more and more people paying rates, so stopping and taking a look at the council spend profile might be beneficial and actually show that the councillors do care and work for the communit.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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80.	04/06/2026 Written submission	Dear Council I'm writing to advise that your increase on rates this year is unreasonable Families have had to tighten their belts as interest rates rise with two more on the way Inflation has risen making our dollar not go as far Fuel is at the highest it has ever been and will get worse when the government apply the full fuel tax in the coming weeks The council has had a huge windfall from rents going up within the area That already puts extra in your coffers It's time you stop spending on things for a while You could stop all travel to events and conduct zoom meetings You could stop catering food at receptions and events You could cut back on funding events and giving grants to businesses Events are a bonus to the community not a need People will survive without them You need a sharper pencil and do the job you are paid to do The ratepayers are not a cash cow that you can just demand more money from Come back with a revised budget because this one doesn't work	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our

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81.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Families are struggling as it is, a 6.75% increase is a hard hit and families will struggle to pay this. I request that this rate be reconsidered and lowered.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
82.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I live in Beeliar and looking at the proposed budget, my rates will increase by about 25%. This is a massive increase which is devastating in this already difficult financial climate. Families are already stretched thin as it is!	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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83.	04/06/2026 Online submission	A 6% increase is outrageous, particularly when most people's wages have only increased by around 3%. With the rising cost of living already placing pressure on households, an increase of this magnitude is difficult to justify. In addition to my rates, I am also paying for the underground power line, which further increases the financial burden. Perhaps consideration should be given to alternative measures, such as higher rates for properties that are left vacant during a housing crisis or those that have been converted into short-term accommodation such as Airbnb properties. This could help address housing availability concerns while reducing the need to place additional pressure on owner-occupiers. I would appreciate greater transparency regarding the reasons for this increase and the measures that have been considered to minimise the impact on ratepayers.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
84.	04/06/2026 Written submission	It is not acceptable that the City of Cockburn thinks that ratepayers should bare this brunt. Most salaries increased with CPI at 3%. In the proposed budget there are no savings but only additional and new expenditures. The economy is in a very tight financial situation. Despite the environment, the COC is	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

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85.	04/06/2026 Written submission	Dear Councillors, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 6.75% increase in council rates. This proposal comes at a time when many households are experiencing significant financial pressure. Over recent years, residents have faced substantial increases in mortgage repayments, rent, insurance premiums, electricity and gas costs, groceries, fuel, healthcare expenses, and other essential living costs. For many families, budgets are already stretched to their limits, and any further increase in mandatory charges places additional strain on household finances. In this context, I believe it is inappropriate for the Council to be proposing a rates increase of this magnitude. While I recognise that councils face their own cost pressures, residents expect that the same financial discipline being exercised by	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

		households and businesses should also be applied by local government. Before seeking additional revenue from ratepayers, the Council should be thoroughly reviewing its expenditure, identifying efficiencies, reducing discretionary spending where possible, and ensuring that existing resources are being used in the most effective manner. Periods of economic pressure require organisations to focus on core services and prudent financial management. Rather than pursuing additional projects or expanding spending commitments, the Council should be prioritising essential services and carefully assessing whether proposed initiatives can be deferred until economic conditions improve. Many residents are having to postpone major purchases, renovations, travel, and other discretionary spending due to cost-of-living pressures. It is reasonable to expect local government to demonstrate a similar level of restraint. Ratepayers have limited ability to absorb ongoing increases in compulsory charges. A 6.75% increase significantly exceeds what many households would regard as manageable and risks placing further pressure on residents who are already facing rising costs across almost every aspect of daily life. I respectfully request that the Council reconsider the proposed increase and instead place greater emphasis on cost containment, efficiency measures, and prioritisation of essential services. Any increase in rates should be kept to the minimum necessary and be supported by a clear demonstration that all reasonable opportunities to reduce or defer expenditure have been fully explored. Thank you for considering my feedback.	control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
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87.	04/06/2026 Written submission	Dear Cockburn Council I am writing to comment on the proposed rate changes for the next financial year. I understand that increases need to happen to align with the economy however a \$619 increase with an already extreme cost living situation is unviable to all house owners with the Cockburn council. I strongly hope the council take on board all comments received and reviews to change the rates for the next financial year.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
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89.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I wish to express my concern regarding the proposed 6.75% rates increase for the 2026-27 financial year. Like many residents, I am experiencing the ongoing impacts of rising living costs, including increases in housing, utilities, insurance, groceries and other essential expenses. At a time when households are being required to make difficult decisions, reduce discretionary spending and carefully manage their budgets, it is disappointing to see such a significant increase proposed by the City. I appreciate that the City faces increasing operational costs and has a responsibility to maintain services and infrastructure. However, in periods of economic pressure, governments and local authorities should be leading by example through prudent financial management, careful prioritisation of expenditure and the pursuit of efficiencies before seeking additional revenue from ratepayers. Many residents do not have the ability to simply increase their income to cover rising costs. Instead, they are expected to review spending, defer non-essential projects and focus on core priorities. I believe the City should be held to the same standard and should clearly demonstrate that all opportunities to reduce discretionary spending and improve efficiency have been thoroughly explored before implementing a rates increase of this magnitude. I am particularly concerned that this proposal appears to place the burden of increasing expenditure directly onto ratepayers during a period of financial hardship for many families. Rate increases should be a last resort, not the default response to budget pressures.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into

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90.	04/06/2026 Online submission	This is absolutely insane. We are in a cost of living crisis and you guys think it's ok to raise rates more than double the rate of inflation. We are struggling to even pay our mortgage and City of Cockburn is doing nothing to tighten their belt. You should consider cutting costs rather than raising rates double that of inflation.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
91.	04/06/2026 Online submission	The proposed increase is not acceptable. Given the significant stress on household budgets at the moment, the proposed 6.75% far exceeds what most people have received in pay increases. The council needs to reconsider the increase and look instead at where the budget can be cut rather than relying on increased rates.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

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92.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I do not agree or can afford this increase in the rates it is absolutely ridiculous.. how can a household with 2 young children afford rates to jump a further \$1300 dollars ... Why so much ? With the fuel increases food increases and July daily life the working class are going to crumble as it just cant keep going	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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93.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Proposed rates increase is not appropriate given the cost of living crisis. It is unreasonable and disproportionate. Council is completely out of step with the financial situation facing most families.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
94.	04/06/2026 Online submission	The City of Cockburn's proposed 6.75% differential rate increase is unacceptable at a time when families are already struggling with relentless cost of living pressures. Residents are being asked to pay significantly more despite seeing rising crime in local neighbourhoods and growing concerns about government waste and inefficient spending. Ratepayers deserve transparency about where their money is going, yet the	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

		City has not clearly demonstrated what tangible improvements this increase will deliver. When essential services feel stretched and community safety is declining, it is unreasonable to demand higher rates without a clear, accountable explanation of the benefits. Until the City can justify this increase with evidence of responsible spending and real outcomes for residents, the community is right to challenge its fairness and necessity.	from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
95.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I object to the proposed 2026-27 rates increase of 6.75%. Many households are already under significant financial pressure from rising mortgage repayments, rent, insurance, utilities, groceries and other living costs. Wage growth for many and majority of residents has not kept pace with these increases, making a rates rise of this magnitude difficult to justify. I am also concerned that the proposed budget appears to include additional and new expenditure rather than focusing on identifying savings, efficiencies and cost reductions. Like households and businesses, local government should be looking for ways to reduce costs during challenging economic times before passing additional costs onto ratepayers.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

		Any proposed differential rating structure should be fair, transparent and well justified. Residents should not be disproportionately impacted in order to fund increased spending. I urge Council to reconsider the proposed rates increase and place a greater focus on expenditure restraint, operational efficiencies and cost-saving measures to minimise the financial burden on ratepayers.	control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later. The City of Cockburn is committed to providing exceptional services that meet the needs of our growing community, whilst also evaluating services to better align with customer needs and expectations, leading to more relevant and effective service provision. The City is implementing a Service Review Program to identify opportunities to improve how resources are managed for service delivery, supporting a more efficient and sustainable use of resident rates. The review will also inform service planning and long-term financial planning, helping to ensure City resources are allocated effectively to meet the evolving needs of the community.
96.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I think it is disgraceful to expect such a hike in Rates. I do not support this at all. It is NOT fair and reasonable. How does such an increase in Rates look after your residents. Shame on you	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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97.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Put the rates up, punishing battling families because the local government can't control spending! Local council looking after local families, couldn't drive thirsty sheep to water!	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
98.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Council is continuously increasing the rates but the services doesnt improve. We requested a footpath along cockburn road to coogee common and its been 5 years! There is little focus on landscape maintenance, does increasing rate support that??	Feedback noted. The City of Cockburn currently manages over \$2 billion infrastructure assets in a cost-effective manner to deliver services to the City's residential and business communities. Asset management covers roads, footpaths, buildings, drainage,

			buildings, signage, playgrounds, parks and environment, also fleet and plant. Various Asset Management Plans exist as part of the City's Strategic Asset Management Planning Framework to track and manage asset condition, lifecycle, expiry and replacement. Requests for additional or new infrastructure like (cycle paths, footpaths, and kerbs) are investigated and budgeted as separate renewal projects. They are assessed in relation to the locality and prioritised against maintenance and renewal requirements for existing infrastructure, and other new requests. The City has been revising its Bicycle and Walking Network Plan with the final Plan endorsed by Council at the June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.
99.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I feel such a big increase during a stressful financial time is going to put a lot of residence under stress and create an increase in mental health.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
100.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Do not agree with the increase in rates, not only has the GRV increased, the multiplier has increased AND the council has seen an increased in the number of households paying rates full stop. Blatant money grab to detract from the lack of ability to develop and stick to a budget.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue

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101.	04/06/2026 Online submission	This increase will put me into financial hardship. Im 61 single with a dependent son aged 19 at tafe. Im on jobseeker and already cannot adequately feed myself after my son and pets.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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102.	04/06/2026 Online submission	In this economic state I think it is disgusting that you are looking at raising the rates by that much. Most families have had trouble keeping up with the payments of their mortgages let alone the rates also	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
103.	04/06/2026 Written submission	Dear team, Whilst on paper there may be ridiculous increases in property values, these are not realised until a sale occurs. For many residents their home may have increased in value but their income has not. Increasing rates beyond CPI is pure greed and will cause many with a fixed income financial stress and possibly lead to the loss of their home and extra pressure on rental market or worst still homelessness. Don't be greedy.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for

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104.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Households are suffering enough financially at the moment. I do not support this. I feel this budget shouldnt be punishing households they should be trying to help relieve some of the pressure.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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105.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I strongly oppose the proposed City of Cockburn rate increase. At a time when many households and businesses are already facing significant cost-of-living pressures, an increase of this magnitude is difficult to justify. The proposed rise is more than double the rate of inflation (CPI), placing an additional financial burden on residents who are already struggling with higher costs across all aspects of daily life. I am also concerned by what appears to be wasteful expenditure and spending priorities that do not reflect the current economic climate. Historically, rate increases have generally been more closely aligned with inflation and broader economic conditions. This proposal represents a significant departure from that approach and places an unfair burden on ratepayers. The City should be focusing on greater financial restraint, improved efficiency, and ensuring existing funds are being spent responsibly before asking residents to contribute substantially more.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
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107.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed 6.75% average yield increase across the City's rating categories for the 2026-27 financial year. While I acknowledge that the City is operating in a high-cost environment and experiencing rapid population growth, a 6.75% increase represents a significant additional burden on local households and businesses already managing broader cost-of-living pressures. Before finalizing these rates, I urge the Council to ensure that every opportunity for internal operational efficiency has been exhausted to minimize the impact on ratepayers. Furthermore, as these funds directly support the Draft Capital Works Budget, residents deserve clear transparency regarding which projects are being prioritized. I request that essential infrastructure, road maintenance, and core community services be heavily prioritized over non-essential or aesthetic projects to ensure optimal return on investment for the community. Thank you for considering this feedback in the final budget deliberations.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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108.	04/06/2026 Online submission	Rates continue to go up each year but our salaries don't go up enough to burden the extra costs. The council should be looking at how to budget better rather than passing on extra cost's to residents who are barely making it through living pay check to pay check with what is not only going on with our economy but also the world today.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
109.	04/06/2026 Written submission	We have recently been made aware that home owners within the area of Beeliar are going to cop a 55.6% rate rise. This is absolutely outrageous considering the current hardship new first home buyers such as ourselves are experiencing with interest rate rises, child care fee increases and general cost of living crisis on things like bills, fuel and groceries. Wages meanwhile continue to fall behind inflation and all of these spiraling costs. The financial stress on our family is growing day by day. How can the council justify imposing such a staggeringly high increase, and why is more spending being proposed in the council budget rather than cost cutting in the current economic climate? What services will the Beeliar area receive for such ridiculous hikes? Why can't the rate rises be spread more equally throughout the council jurisdictions rather than falling so heavily on Beeliar?	Feedback noted. Gross Rental Value (GRV) is an independent valuation of the estimated annual rental value of your property, as determined by the Valuer General. Council uses this valuation as part of the process to calculate property rates. GRV assessment of Cockburn properties was conducted 1 August 2024, to be applied to rates effective 1 July 2026. A change in your GRV does not automatically result in the same change to your rates. Rates are based on your property's GRV <i>relative to other properties</i> in the City, not on GRV alone. Houses that have undergone renovations and improvements could yield a higher rental income, hence their GRV reassessment will be greater than say their neighbours, who have not undertaken improvements.

		Home owners such as ourselves really cannot afford to pay an extra \$700+ on top of current rates and such an extreme increase in Beeliar alone is unfair and unwarranted. We strongly oppose this rate increase for Beeliar and hope that IF rates must increase it should be at a manageable rate considering current economic conditions, fairly distributed, and with clear justifications on expenditure from the council.	The Valuer-General determines the GRV for all rateable properties in WA. Landgate provides GRV figures to local councils and other rating authorities, who use them to calculate rates, service charges, and levies. Council is required to use the GRV provided and cannot amend valuations. Objections to Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV) are governed by the Valuation of Land Act 1978 (WA) and managed by Landgate (Valuer General). Local governments do not handle objections; they rely on the valuations issued by Landgate. You can lodge an objection after receiving your Annual Rate Notice issued by the City. You have 60 days from the issue date on the Annual Rate Notice to lodge your objection to Landgate. Visit Landgate to learn more about lodging an objection. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
110.	04/06/2026 Online submission	I wish to express my concern regarding any proposed increase in differential rates for the 2026–27 financial year. Many households are currently experiencing significant financial pressure due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Rising mortgage repayments, escalating rental costs, higher utility bills, insurance premiums, fuel prices, and everyday grocery expenses	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

		have placed considerable strain on family budgets. For many residents, there is little discretionary income remaining after covering essential living costs. At a time when families are struggling to stay afloat, any increase in rates will add further financial burden and hardship. While I acknowledge the need to maintain services and infrastructure, it is important that rate increases are carefully balanced against the capacity of residents to absorb additional costs. I urge the Council to consider the financial realities facing the community and to minimise any rate increases wherever possible. Consideration should also be given to measures that protect vulnerable households, pensioners, low-income earners, and families already facing financial stress.	The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
111.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Your rates proposal is an appalling cash grab in already trying times. It is unfair and greedy, especially given the minimal capital works proposed in Beeliar. We choke on Cockburn cement fumes which you choose to do nothing about apart from lip service, the roads around here, particularly Henderson and Russell roads, are full of pot holes and with no shoulders. In short. Your rates proposal is at best, a blatant rip off to the ratepayers of the suburb. Do better!	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the

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112.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Is the council completely out of touch with its residents? Putting up the rates in the midst of a cost of living crisis is completely insane. The method you're using for differential rates completely counter intuitive to cash flow. The cost of everything has gone up dramatically in recent years with wage growth stagnating.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
113.	05/06/2026 Online submission	It is difficult to comment on the appropriateness of the rates increase when the only budget provided was the proposed capital works budget. I would like to have the opportunity to comment on the general operating budget of the council so we as a community can better understand the utilisation of these funds. It is understood that the cost of living has increased for residents, and that extends through to businesses, councils not being immune. However, a CPI increase in rates is more appropriate and would be better for the community than some of the other initiatives of council. Mental health and wellbeing of constituents is directly impacted by increases like this - that should be at the forefront of any decision making. Before an increase in revenues is considered, the community should be provided a detailed explanation of the cost cutting exercises that were considered in the first instance.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

		What is the current entertainment budget for the council? Are champagne towers and violinists really necessary at council celebration dinners attended by majority council members and other council affiliated individuals? How much are councillors paid and how is this determined? Some do more than others, and this should be revisited. What reserves are currently held by the council? What is the investment strategy and utilisation plan for those reserves? There are so many questions that need to be answered before someone can provide an educated answer to the question- is the rates increase appropriate. I'd also suggest amending your chart comparing rates with other neighbouring councils. Comparison should be on a rate basis not a per property charge. City of Cockburn has significantly smaller residences than the neighbouring older councils. In addition, rate comparison should be on a rate category basis - do not lump business and rural rates in with residential rates. Overall I am quite disappointed with the direction the council is headed and it's current work practices. An internal review of policies and procedures should be undertaken to ensure the appropriate use of public funds.	control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
114.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Proposed rates for 2026–27 - In preparing the proposed differential rates, the City has applied the following modelling assumptions: Residential Improved properties – an average yield increase of 6.75 per cent including the minimum payment” It is not acceptable that the City of Cockburn thinks that ratepayers should bare this brunt. Most salaries increased with CPI at 3%. In the proposed budget there are no savings but only additional and new expenditures. The economy is in a very tight financial situation. Despite the environment, the COC is not thinking on cutting costs but instead increasing their expenditure. Perhaps cost cutting and COC Wage Freeze is where the COC need to look for additional funds rather than grabbing at the rate payers personal pockets.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community.

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115.	05/06/2026 Online submission	I would like to see the council offer free green waste disposal to special rural blocks. It would be at a very small cost and would reduce the fire fuel left on blocks, and also the unsightly piles of green waste.	Feedback noted. The City acknowledges the challenges faced by rural residents in managing large volumes of green waste and recognises the importance of effective disposal for fire safety and ongoing property maintenance. While the current tip pass allocation is designed to balance service equity and cost, the City undertakes regular reviews of the Waste Management Service Plan, which includes assessing options to that support rural properties while ensuring financial sustainability for the broader community.
116.	05/06/2026 Written submission	Dear Councillors, I am writing as a resident of the City of Cockburn to express my strong opposition to the proposed 6.75% increase in council rates. Like many households across Cockburn, my family is already dealing with significant cost-of-living pressures. Mortgage repayments, insurance premiums, electricity, groceries, fuel, healthcare, and other essential expenses have all increased substantially over recent years. For many residents, household budgets are already stretched, and a rates increase of this size will place additional pressure on families who are doing their best to manage rising costs. I appreciate that the City is also facing increasing operational costs. However, I believe residents expect the same level of financial discipline from local government that they are being required to exercise in their own homes and businesses. Before asking ratepayers to contribute more, I would encourage the City to thoroughly review its expenditure, identify efficiencies, reduce discretionary spending where possible, and ensure that existing resources are being used as effectively as possible. In challenging economic times, I believe the focus should be on maintaining essential services and carefully prioritising spending. Many Cockburn residents are postponing renovations, holidays, and other discretionary expenses because they simply cannot justify the additional cost. It is reasonable to expect the City to show a similar level of restraint and to consider whether some projects or spending commitments can be delayed until economic conditions improve. A 6.75% increase is well above what many households would consider manageable, particularly when residents are already facing rising costs across almost every aspect of daily life. For many people, wages have not increased anywhere near this level, meaning household incomes are simply not keeping pace with the growing cost of	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without

		living. As compulsory charges, council rates leave ratepayers with little choice but to absorb the increase, regardless of their financial circumstances. I respectfully ask that the Council reconsider the proposed rate increase and place greater emphasis on cost containment, operational efficiencies, and the delivery of core services. Any increase should be kept to the minimum necessary and only after all reasonable opportunities to reduce, defer, or reprioritise expenditure have been fully explored. As a resident who values the services and amenities provided by the City of Cockburn, I would like to see a balanced approach that recognises the financial challenges currently being experienced by many members of our community and reflects the realities faced by the ratepayers who ultimately fund these services. Thank you for considering my feedback.	planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later. The City of Cockburn is committed to providing exceptional services that meet the needs of our growing community, whilst also evaluating services to better align with customer needs and expectations, leading to more relevant and effective service provision. The City is implementing a Service Review Program to identify opportunities to improve how resources are managed for service delivery, supporting a more efficient and sustainable use of resident rates. The review will also inform service planning and long-term financial planning, helping to ensure City resources are allocated effectively to meet the evolving needs of the community.
117.	05/06/2026 Online submission	To expect rate payers to be paying an additional \$600+ is absolutely insane. This mayor was re-elected for the continuity of doing a good job. What is going on here, to force the residents to pay further is not the right move. Need to do something a little more creative to balance the books.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
118.	05/06/2026	To whom it concerns,	Feedback noted.

	Online submission	I am strongly against an increase in rates to this level for the forthcoming financial year 2026/2027. I understand the rising costs puts pressure on council but the pressure this increase will put on your residents is far too great. An increase of 6% is far too high and much higher than the increase in rates of pay or inflation etc. Surely you can find better ways to cut costs. I also believe the council has done a very poor job in communicating this proposal with the community and more should have been done to share such important information.	To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
119.	05/06/2026 Online submission	I wish to object to the proposed 2026-27 differential rates increase. The proposed increase is significantly above CPI and places an unreasonable burden on ratepayers at a time when many households and businesses are already facing substantial cost-of-living pressures. Residents are continually being encouraged to reduce spending, manage household budgets carefully, and help curb inflationary pressures. Local governments should be demonstrating the same level of financial discipline. The City should be aiming to keep rate increases in line with CPI unless there are exceptional and clearly justified circumstances. A rate increase well above inflation effectively shifts the burden of rising costs onto residents who may not have the capacity to absorb further increases. I also encourage Council to compare its proposed increase with neighbouring local governments and ensure it remains competitive and reasonable. Before seeking additional revenue from ratepayers, the City should undertake a thorough review of its expenditure, identify efficiencies, prioritise core services, and defer non-essential spending where possible.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

		Many residents are being forced to make difficult decisions about discretionary spending, projects, and household expenses. It is reasonable to expect the City to adopt a similar approach and focus on reducing expenditure rather than relying on above-inflation rate increases. Where the City wishes to deliver desirable but non-essential projects, greater emphasis should be placed on securing external funding opportunities, including State and Federal Government grants, partnerships, and other funding sources. Ratepayers should not be expected to fund every “nice to have” project through continual above-inflation rate increases when alternative funding mechanisms may be available. Grant funding should be actively pursued to reduce the financial burden on residents and businesses. At a time when many in the community are struggling with rising mortgage costs, rents, insurance premiums, utility bills, and everyday living expenses, Council should be focused on finding savings, improving efficiency, and maximising external funding rather than increasing rates beyond inflation. I respectfully request that Council reconsider the proposed increase and limit any rate rise to a level consistent with CPI, supported by stronger efforts to reduce costs, improve operational efficiency, and secure external funding for non-essential projects. Thank you for considering my submission.	The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later. The City actively pursues external funding opportunities from State and Federal Governments, particularly for major infrastructure and road projects that require investment beyond what can be supported through local rate revenue alone. These funding programs are highly competitive, with many local governments seeking access to limited funding pools. The City remains committed to securing additional investment for the community and continues to advocate strongly for a range of priority projects.
120.	05/06/2026 Online submission	I oppose the increase. CPI isn't even 5% and you are proposing 6.75%. This is unfair to residents who are already struggling with cost of living pressures from rising interest rates and fuel costs. Please reconsider the value of the increase. Thank you	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months.

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121.	05/06/2026 Written submission	This rate increase you are proposing is ridiculous, people are financially finding it very hard at the minute and this will just add unnecessary pressure on the ones struggling, I could understand if the things were favourable but this is not the right time to add additional pressure on families right now.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
122.	05/06/2026 Online submission	I don't agree with the proposed residential rates which are extremely high for my small block with a simple dwelling having 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

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123.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Fees are too high. I am paying almost \$3000 a year as it is and with a young family. Perhaps reign in spending to meet your current revenue. Everyone needs to stop increasing prices it's relentless. Let's look after our Aussie families and stop the money grabbing madness.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the

			burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
124.	05/06/2026 Written submission	Dear Mayor and Councillors, I am writing as a resident and ratepayer in Yangebup to express my concern regarding the City of Cockburn's proposal to move to a differential rates system. Having reviewed the information available, I remain concerned that the proposed changes will result in a significant increase in rates for homeowners such as myself. While I understand the City may have reasons for considering this change, I do not believe the proposal has been clearly explained in a way that allows ordinary residents to fully understand the financial impact on their households. My primary concern is that owner-occupiers in suburbs like Yangebup may face substantially higher rates without a corresponding increase in services or benefits. At a time when many households are already dealing with rising mortgage costs, insurance premiums, utility bills, and general living expenses, any significant increase in council rates places additional pressure on family budgets. I would appreciate greater transparency regarding: • The expected financial impact on owner-occupied residential properties in Yangebup. • The rationale for shifting to a differential rating system. • How the City has assessed the fairness of the proposal across different suburbs and property types. • What measures, if any, will be implemented to protect residents from substantial rate increases. I believe any changes to the rating system should be fair, transparent, and easy for residents to understand. Based on the information currently available, I do not support the proposed differential rates system and respectfully request that Council reconsider the proposal or provide a more detailed explanation of its impacts before proceeding. Thank you for considering my feedback.	
125.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Should be no more than 4.5% We need to reduce the cost of living.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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126.	05/06/2026 Online submission	The increase to differential rates is a very large increase (6.75%) in the current economic climate. I think more consideration should be given to trimming some of the proposed improvements and keep the increase in rates more manageable for all residents. Projects that benefit more of the community should have priority over specialized projects that benefit a few.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City is committed to delivering essential services today while also investing in planning and programs that support a growing population and protect quality of life into the future. Focusing only on essential works may address immediate needs, but without planning for growth we risk higher costs, service shortfalls and reduced amenity for our

			community in the future. Strategic planning for growth helps Council manage long-term costs more effectively, reducing the need for more expensive reactive upgrades later.
127.	05/06/2026 Online submission	As a rate payer, we are aware there will be an annual increase in our rates. How can the City of Cockburn justify a 6.75% increase when the State is in a cost of living crisis, and majority of other LGs are around the 5%? Most of the councillors spruik in their campaigns "I will keep rates low", if that is the case, how can they consciously vote on 6.75%. Whilst I am not financial expert, and I haven't done benchmarking, surely 5% would be more reasonable to the rate payers of Cockburn. We are aware everything is costing more, however it is wildly known for years that Cockburn has the funds. Is this not the case? Has the inquiry outcome, changes in CEO and organisational restructures in the last 5years cost the ratepayers undisclosed funds and potential facilities and resources for the wider community? With any increase can the City confirm there will be no change in the frequency of our waste services, parks maintenance, road and path maintenance, facility maintenance and event services? New projects should be evaluated at merit. Eg The Aboriginal Visitors centre has been proposed for many years and the City has lost funding because it couldn't fulfil the promise. The Cockburn ARC slide hasn't been working for multiple years, when will this be resolved? Cockburn is the best place to be, however the Councillors need to listen to their rate payers and do what is best for most not their own political agenda.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
128.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Rates should not increase more than CPI. It's just not justifiable and spending should be prioritised based on the greatest need.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our

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129.	05/06/2026 Online submission	DO NOT AGREE Affordability and cost of living pressure. Rate rises will hit at the same time as everything else. Rates are based on property values, not income. A pensioner or low-income earner in a high-value area pays the same as a wealthy neighbour, often a larger share of their actual income. Higher holding costs on residential property can reduce discretionary spending in the local economy, potentially undermining the very community the council serves. The burden of proof is on the council to demonstrate efficiency before seeking more revenue.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
130.	05/06/2026 Online submission	Living with a husband with an amputation I find it difficult to get 3 abled people to assist with burn offs with good weather. I would find it very helpful to either have unlimited green waste passes or even 6 passes to match our waste passes. Last year with the wet weather it was hard to burn off all our	Feedback noted. The City acknowledges the challenges faced by rural residents in managing large volumes of green waste and recognises the importance of effective disposal for fire safety and ongoing property maintenance. While the current tip pass allocation is

		piles and were left with 4 large piles unable to burn safely. It was terrifying having that extra fuel in the property when fires became close this year. I use a 6x4 trailer with a cage for my usual waste and have 2 stamps used each time. So it would be extremely helpful to be able to clear the property to legal requirements with free green waste passes or at least extra for green waste on our rates. Especially with the large gum tree branches that came down in last weeks storm. The front yard would easily fill the trailer 2 times to get rid of the storm damage without the back of the property clean up. We already have a trailer full with no vouches left this year so are waiting in our next year rates to help remove the storm damage without our usual cleanup. Thanks for your time	designed to balance service equity and cost, the City undertakes regular reviews of the Waste Management Service Plan, which includes assessing options to that support rural properties while ensuring financial sustainability for the broader community.
131.	05/06/2026 Online submission	I am against the proposed 6.75% rate increase. Given the very difficult time faced by individual households and the on-going economic situation this rate increase is inappropriate. I believe the SAR should also be reduced given the lack of capital works projects in my area at Port Coogee.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty. The City collects individual Special Area Rates (SAR) for Port Coogee and Shoreline (Cockburn Coast) precincts to fund the higher service standards including enhanced parks, streetscapes and public spaces, more frequent upkeep, and the maintenance of specialised infrastructure such as coastal assets (excluding Port Coogee Marina), including seawalls, boardwalks, and environmental systems unique to the area.

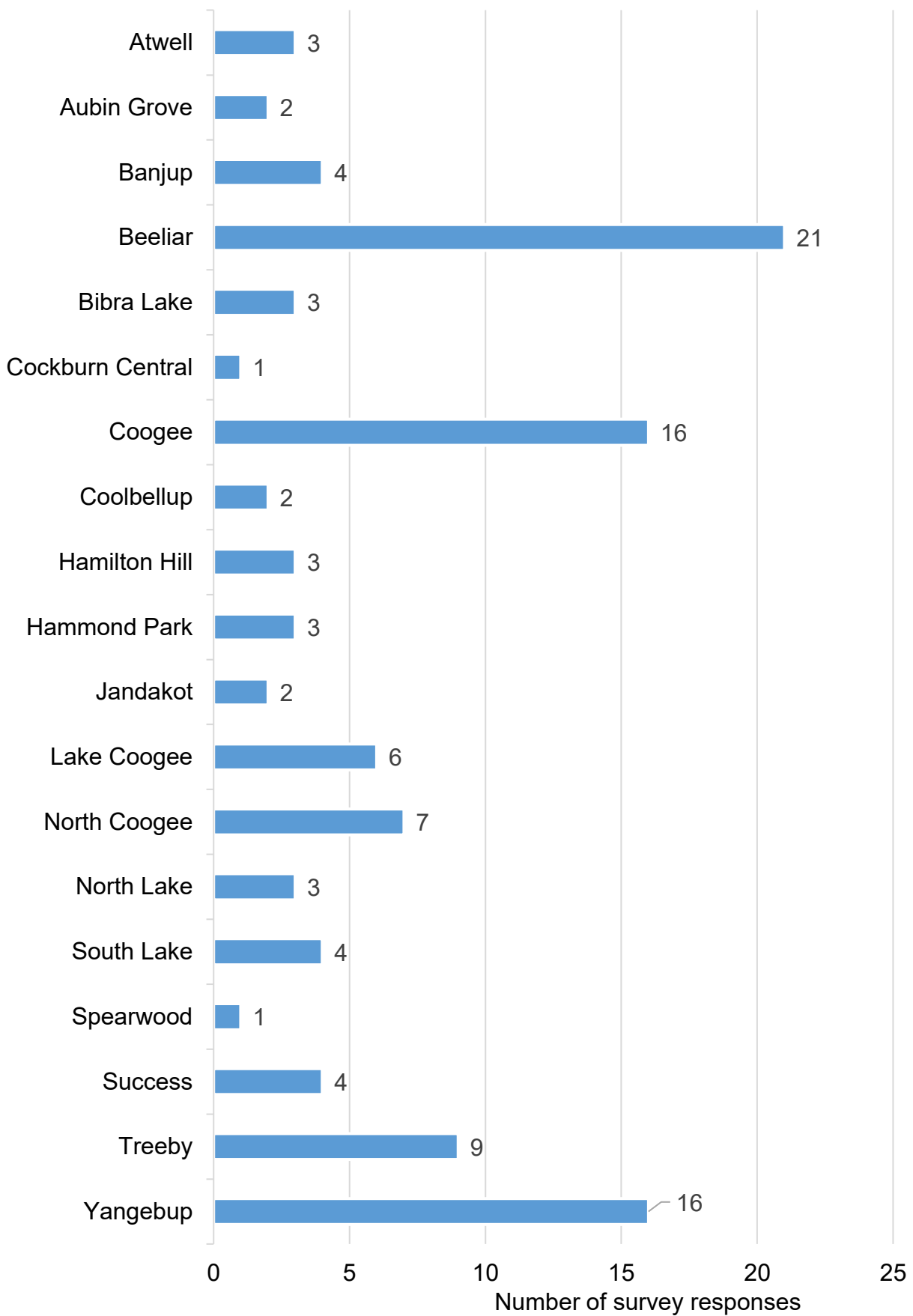
			Each year, SARs are reviewed through the City's annual budget to ensure they remain aligned with the cost of delivering these services. The 2026-27 SAR yield is not proposed to change, and the general 6.75% increase in rates will not apply to the SAR. Funds collected for the individual SAR are held separately from general municipal revenue and can only be used for their intended purpose, with individual SAR reserves maintained to ensure collected funds are only spent on delivery of the SAR specific purposes.
132.	05/06/2026 Online submission	The proposed rate increase is way too high in the current climate. People are struggling at all levels in the current economic climate. There is no justification for this size rate increase at this time and it will be very damaging to the Council's reputation. This is at the very least "out of touch" with reality.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities. The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
133.	07/06/2026 Written submission (late submission)	I am writing to express my concern regarding the City of Cockburn's proposed 6.75% increase in residential rates for the 2026-27 financial year. While I appreciate that the City faces increasing costs in delivering services and maintaining community infrastructure, a rate increase of this magnitude places additional financial pressure on residents already dealing with rising household expenses, including fuel, insurance, groceries, and mortgage costs.	Feedback noted. To continue providing essential services in 2026-27 - including libraries, waste management, and the maintenance and upgrade of roads and community infrastructure, the City must raise funds through rates. The City also receives revenue from other sources such as grants, fees and charges, interest, and commercial activities.

	I respectfully suggest that any increase in rates should be more closely aligned with the prevailing Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Western Australia, which is currently approximately 4.6%. Therefore, any increase in rates should be limited to the prevailing Perth CPI rate of approximately 4.6% per annum, rather than the proposed 6.75% increase. This would provide a more balanced approach that allows the City to meet its financial obligations while recognising the cost-of-living challenges faced by many ratepayers. I encourage Council to carefully reconsider the proposed increase and explore opportunities to reduce planned expenses to minimise the financial impact on residents. For example, planned capital works expenditures could be postponed. Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust that Council will take into account the views of ratepayers before making its final decision.	The City has carefully considered its spending, recognising the current economic climate and cost-of-living pressures. Like many households and organisations, the City continues to operate in a challenging, high-cost environment, with increasing costs required simply to maintain existing service levels, infrastructure and facilities for a growing community. The City has worked hard to reduce spending where possible, cutting costs by \$4.8 million, but many major expenses are rising well beyond our control. The City will also continue to review its services and operations over the coming 12 months. The City acknowledges that many households are experiencing ongoing cost of living pressures and understands that any proposed increase in rates may be concerning for some members of the community. Understanding the pressure rising costs is putting on households and businesses, the City is extending its policy of waiving interest fees on all payment plans, including instalments, Smart Rates, and other customised payment plans. This aims to ease the burden on our community by making it easier to manage rate payments over an extended period without financial penalty.
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Respondent Statistics

Suburb	
Online Survey Responses	
Atwell	3
Aubin Grove	2
Banjup	4
Beeliar	21
Bibra Lake	3
Cockburn Central	1
Coogee	16
Coolbellup	2
Hamilton Hill	3
Hammond Park	3
Jandakot	2
Lake Coogee	6
North Coogee	7
North Lake	3
South Lake	4
Spearwood	1
Success	4
Treeby	9
Yangebup	16

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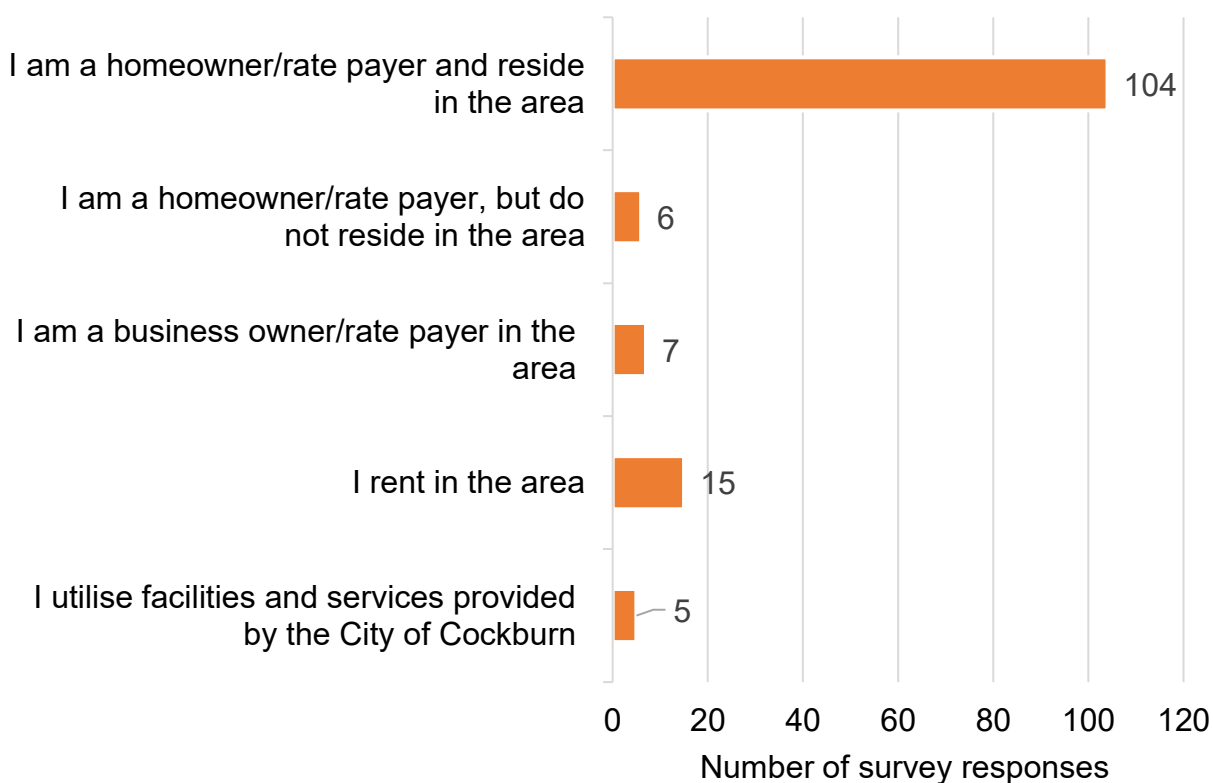


Respondents could select one answer only.

Relationship to the City of Cockburn	
Online Survey Responses*	
I am a homeowner/rate payer and reside in the area	104
I am a homeowner/rate payer, but do not reside in the area	6
I am a business owner/rate payer in the area	7
I rent in the area	0
I utilise facilities and services provided by the City of Cockburn	15

*Respondents were able to select more than one answer.

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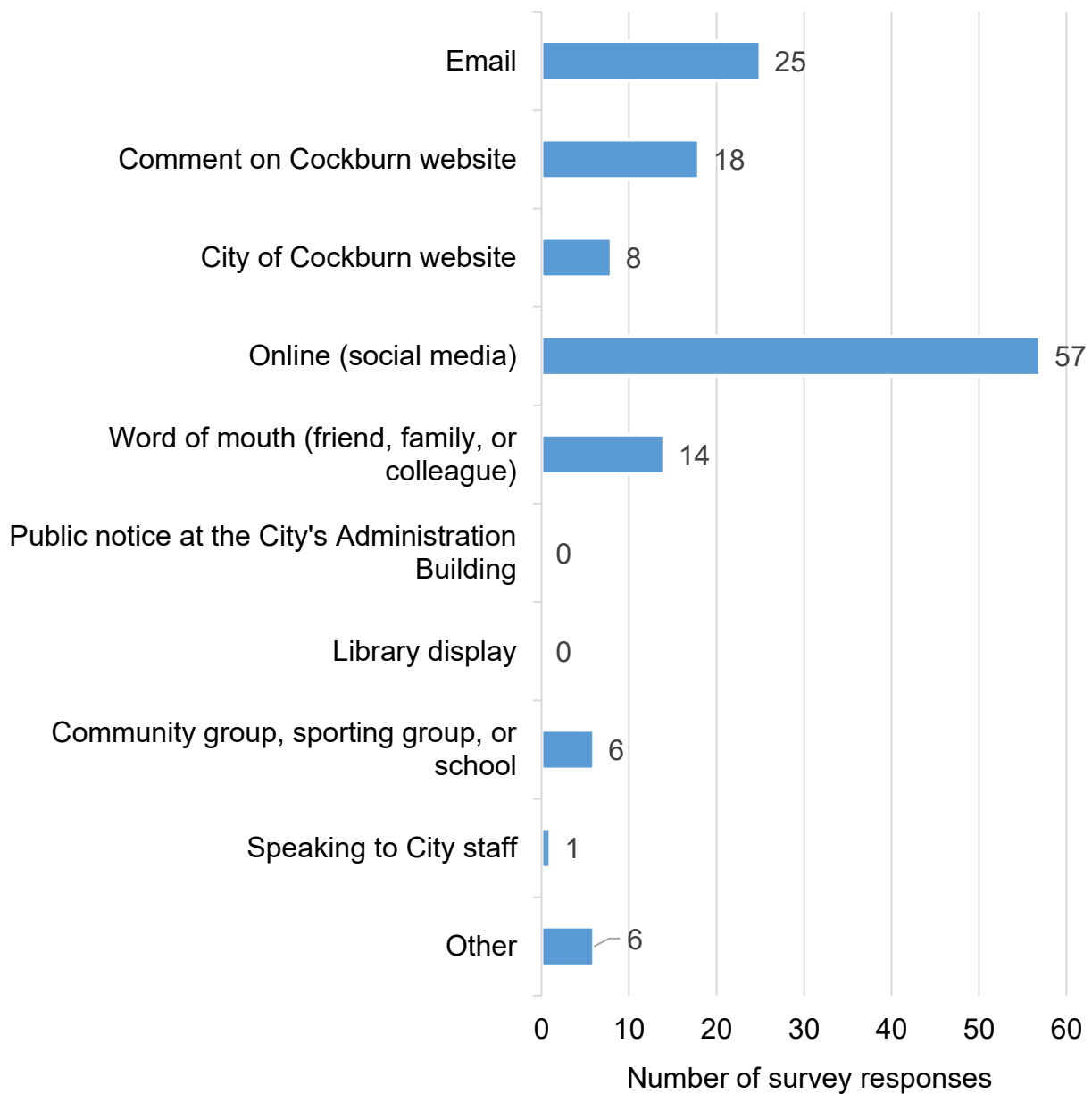


Respondents could select multiple answers.

How did you find out about this project?	
Online Survey Responses*	
Email	25
Comment on Cockburn website	18
City of Cockburn website	8
Online (social media)	57
Word of mouth (friend, family, or colleague)	14
Public notice at the City's Administration Building	0
Library display	0
Community group, sporting group, or school	6
Speaking to City staff	1
Other:	6
1. Differential rates via email. Capital works program only now 2. PerthNow 3. Social media 4. Social media NOT from council and I live in the affected area 5. On Perth now 6. https://www.perthnow.com.au/wa/perth/south/cockburn/cockburn-residents-are-concerned-as-city-advertises-highest-rates-increase-in-five-years-c-22318270	

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Comment on Cockburn Statistics

Project page	
Visits to page	1,931
Contributions	110
Project followers	49
E-newsletter	
Recipients	11,440
Opens	5,594
Clicks	230
Top Traffic Channels	
Social Media	928
Direct	694
Websites	174
Search engine	134



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