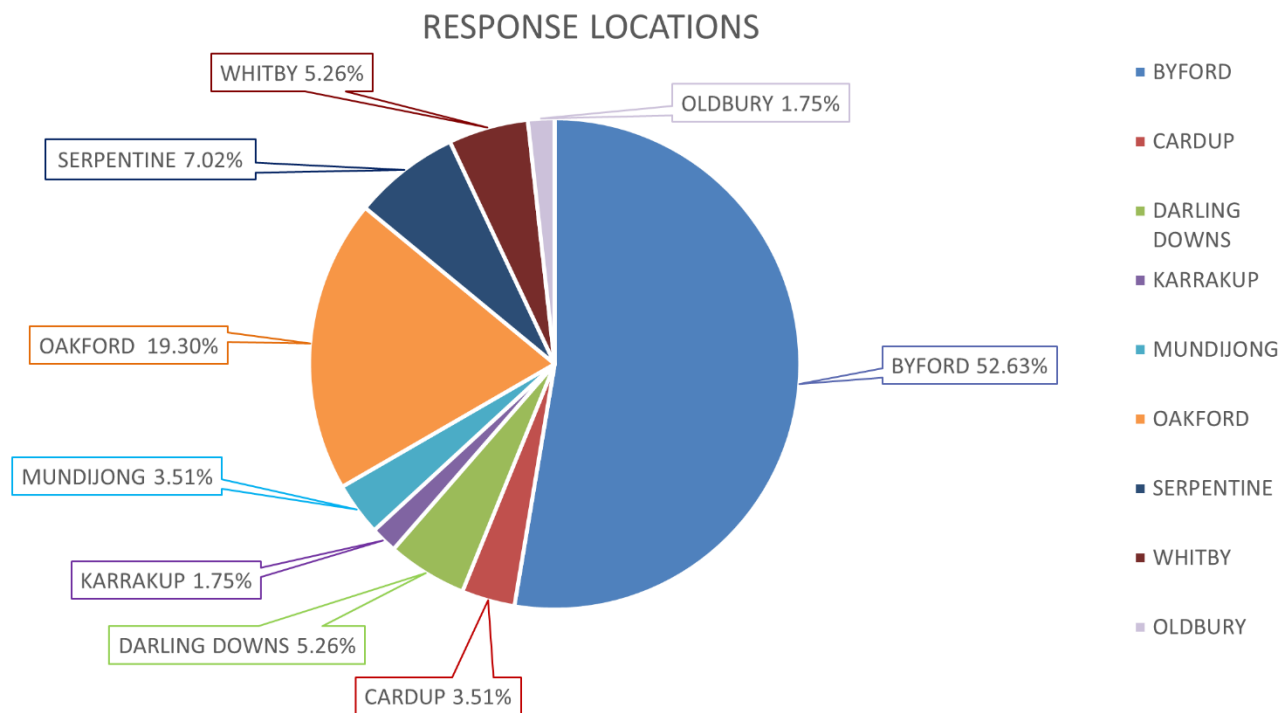


Responses

2025/2026 Differential General Rates



BYFORD

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Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	For ages there has been million dollar houses on rural land being charged half the rates on people in residential suburbs. Its ridiculous. Bridge the gap between the unimproved land value and the gross rental value before you start increasing rates over the consumer price index. Then maybe chat to your federal government friends about Abernethy road not joining on to the tonkin Highway Extension and forcing everyone down kardan. When a kid gets killed in the school zone because there is 3 times more traffic going down kardan, is there someone there going to take responsibility or just is what it is?
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	We all know we don't pay the minimum. This current year my rates total \$2800 for a 540sqm block. We looked elsewhere to move too. 2000sqm blocks in mundaring were \$2700. Absolute robbery of SJ Shire. Shame! Tone deaf to cost of living crisis. Tone deaf to the voices of the community More houses being built in the area and still slugging massive rates. SJ shire, Tone deaf...
Neither support or object	Support the proposal	I support the proposed 30% reduction/concession for members/trainers/users of the Byford Trotting complex
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Sick of the rates increasing,.charged more than any other shire and get nothing for it. At the end of the day my objection will do nothing, the shire will do what it wants despite public disapproval- always has. With regards the trotting precinct concession. I STRONGLY OBJECT. Horse racing is a disgusting and outdated practice, they make enough money already, it should in no way be subsidised. Should be made harder and outlawed.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	I do not support the proposed differential rates and minimum payments. While I understand that differential rates are intended to reflect variations in property types and service demand, I have several concerns regarding the proposal: Value for Money I would appreciate further clarification on how the proposed

		<p>rates for residential owners reflect the level of services provided. With urban infrastructure already in place, it's important that ongoing maintenance and upgrades in residential areas are transparently accounted for in the rate-setting process. Equity Across Categories Residential blocks are typically smaller and attract GRV-based rates, yet the minimum payment of \$1,513 still represents a significant cost. I am concerned that residential ratepayers are shouldering a disproportionate share of general revenue without a clear connection to improved services. Transparency of Rate Increases The proposal lacks sufficient detail comparing rates with previous years. Ratepayers should be provided with clear, accessible explanations for increases, especially in light of the ongoing cost-of-living pressures. For these reasons, I urge Council to reconsider the proposed minimum payment for GRV Residential properties and provide more transparent justification for any changes to ensure fairness and equity for all ratepayers. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	I believe this should be placed on business not residents
Object to the proposal	Support the proposal	You close the tip down, offer lousy verge side collections and want to up our rates even further. Even bookablw skip bins would be better. The shire needs to do better and stop upping rates
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	<p>I wanted to share my thoughts on the proposed rate increase, because honestly, it feels really unfair right now. Everything is getting more expensive – groceries, fuel, electricity, and for a lot of families, it's already a stretch just to keep up. Adding higher rates on top of that is only going to make things harder. From what we're seeing around Byford, it's difficult to understand why an increase is needed. The roads aren't in great shape, we don't have many amenities, and there's not a lot of visible improvement to show where our current rates are going. With how quickly Byford is growing, and so many new residents coming in, I would've thought the existing rates would be enough to cover what's needed. I'm not against investing in the community. I think most of us would support that, but we need to see more transparency and results before being</p>

		asked to pay more. It's not just about the money, it's about trust and fairness. Please consider leaving the rates as they are for now, and focus on showing the community where our money is going and how it's making a difference.
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	Not answered
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	This would be very welcome and helpful indeed. It is incredibly difficult for small businesses to keep operating. So this proposal is a great initiative to help the trainers around the complex.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	We already pay the most expensive rates in Perth... Asking for more is just ridiculous
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	I'd rather not pay anymore money on my rates, I don't see my rates going to things of value to my family, when I see improvements from what money you do receive then let's look rate increases. I've been waiting for over a 6 months for you to fix the paving in the car park in front of my house. I'm definitely not impressed serpentine shire.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Try fixing the water pressure in area, it has been continuous problem for too long What about the drainage problem near the fuel station and mcdonald's, winter is comming and its the same thing every year You want more money to what to continue to drop ball yeah no thanks
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	6. There is no guarantee this extra money will be spent on roads. There is nothing saying it is a once off increase. 7. The members should be contributing more, \$20,000 is disproportionate to the amount of the community that benefits from the facility.
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	Given the amount our rates are in this shire - the lack of community ammenities is noticed. City of Gosnells and city of Armadale both have impressive skate parks, mega parks, leisure centres ect. This shire has grown massively in the last 5 years yet the shire has not reflected that. Everything is worn and old. There is nothing for the community. Imagine if we had parks like the shipwreck park in hilbert, or Sutherland park? The shire spends a ridiculous amount on repairing roads with bandaids instead of just doing it correctly the first time. Kardan Blvd being a massive example of this. Our rates are on the high side in comparison yet we don't have the infrastructure to match it. It's really got to change. It's disappointing that most shire residents leave the shire for activities



Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Fixing the roads in the area should not be an increase to rate payers. We have paid enough over the years with nothing being done in those years. Until something is generally completed no charges should be made to residents.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	How are you implementing a massive compounding interest against the cost of living index plus 2% when most businesses aren't even giving people the CPI increase for their yearly pay rises. Mortgages are hugely up, everything is up. Surely you can have some sort of concession for your residents, of which the general population has increased massively. What are you actually spending 33 million dollars on, despite pointing everyone towards main roads for any road maintenance, not finishing off the Abernethy road beautification project or fixing the tip? You need to put out the forms again each financial year on what you have spent money on as some sort of accountability exercise. You also put out a short video on facebook a while ago that said you wouldn't increase rates during covid, while most other councils either floated or dropped rates, yours went up between 1.69% and 8.39% for the 4 year stint. I feel you may have lost your grip on your constituents and are relying on the general public being unaware of how hard they will be hit by this compounding CPI increase. Either sell the trotting complex off to put more houses to afford whatever shenanigans you're getting up to, or charge them full rate. Got money for a horse, you've got money for rates.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	The rates continue to increase with CPI but if we were to go into recession the rates would not go down. Currently disagree with subsidised rates for the horse area as well.
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	As a lifelong resident of Byford and a committed member of the harness racing industry, I have witnessed first-hand the significant changes that have impacted our community and the trotting complex. Once a vibrant hub for equestrian activity, the area is now facing a steady decline in horse-related use due to the rapid urban development and increasing number of lifestyle-focused property owners with no ties to the equine industry. The trotting complex, a vital asset to the local harness racing community, is increasingly surrounded by residents who have purchased properties purely for the appeal of large semi-rural blocks. While this lifestyle choice is valid, many of

		<p>these new landowners have no interest in horses or the trotting complex and, in some cases, appear indifferent or even obstructive to its ongoing use. This shift is deeply concerning. The complex was designed with equestrian use at its core, and it is disheartening to see it slowly absorbed by non-horse-related development. Furthermore, some of these new residents are using bore water extensively to maintain large gardens and lawns, despite not keeping horses or contributing to the equine ecosystem that the precinct was originally intended to support.</p> <p>I strongly support the proposed Trotting Complex Precinct Concession as a means to protect and promote the area's equestrian roots. This initiative could help attract like-minded individuals and families who value and actively support the harness racing industry, thereby preserving the culture and purpose of the precinct.</p> <p>It is my belief that residents who choose to live within the trotting complex area, but who have no intention of keeping horses or using the equine facilities, should be rated appropriately. The semi-rural, horse-focused character of the area is a privilege, not merely an aesthetic benefit. Supporting and contributing to the intent of the precinct should be encouraged, and distinctions should be made between active participants in the industry and passive landowners capitalizing on the lifestyle image without engaging with the local equine community. Maintaining the integrity and functionality of the trotting complex is essential for the future of harness racing in Byford and for the preservation of our town's unique semi-rural identity. I urge all stakeholders to consider the long-term impacts of non-participatory development and to support initiatives that keep the heart of Byford's horse community beating strong.</p>
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	I am supportive of the above proposals
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	Not answered
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	<p>The Trotting Complex is unique. The horse training precinct concession may help to discourage buyers who don't have an interest in the horse industry from using the horse properties as investment opportunities hoping for a change of zoning in the future. There have been properties purchased in the last couple of years by buyers with no horse interest or understanding of the industry.</p>

Neither support or object	Support the proposal	I wholeheartedly support the Shire's proposal to offer a 30% discount on rates for individuals utilizing the Trotting Complex. However, I believe the initiative could be further strengthened by extending this discount to residents who can demonstrate ownership of horses. Having lived on the complex for over two decades, I've witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by the local equestrian community. The area's transformation due to suburban expansion and the influx of property buyers without horses has been disheartening. Once a thriving hub for harness racing, the region now grapples with maintaining its equestrian heritage. The harness racing industry is a multi-billion-dollar sector, providing employment across various fields, including stablehands, veterinarians, stock feeders, farriers, and more. While the Trotting Complex faces pressures to remain viable amidst these changes, supporting genuine horse owners through this proposed discount would be a meaningful step towards preserving the area's rich equestrian legacy. Thank you for considering this perspective.
Neither support or object	Object to the proposal	The money from the reduction of these rates would be better spent on manure management for these properties to control the fly and pest problems in the area created by the stockpiling of manure in high density horse populations. The biting stable flies are out of control.
Object to the proposal	Support the proposal	I have a current horse trainer license and registration to the Byford Trotting complex. This concession would help immensely.
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	No answered

BYFORD – Responses received by email submission

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N/A	N/A	<p>From: [REDACTED] Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 10:00 AM To: Rates Department <rates@sjshire.wa.gov.au> Subject: Re: Proposed Introduction of Trotting Complex Precinct Concession – 2025/26 Financial Year</p> <p>What a brilliant idea as a horse trainer it's good to hear the council care about us now if you could please give me some protection from car's when I have to cross Briggs road 8times a day in the way of big speed hump either side of crossing to protect horse as they cross Briggs road</p>
N/A	N/A	<p>From: [REDACTED] Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 1:53 PM To: Rates Department <rates@sjshire.wa.gov.au>; Info Shire <Info@sjshire.wa.gov.au> Cc: [REDACTED] Subject: RE: Proposed Introduction of Trotting Complex Precinct Concession – 2025/26 Financial Year- Strong Objection to Proposed Penalties</p> <p>Hi Frazer,</p> <p>Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the proposed penalties targeting non-horse properties within the precinct. I must express my deep concern and strong objection to these intentions.</p> <p>We have lived on Briggs Road for 25 years, and at no point have we owned or kept horses. Ours is a lifestyle property, chosen specifically to raise our five children in a safe, semi-rural setting. Over the years, we've responsibly cared for various animals — never horses — and yet we are now being unfairly lumped into a policy clearly aimed at a very different group of residents. Frankly, it is</p>

		<p>unacceptable to be penalised for not owning horses. What's more, this precinct already suffers from significant council neglect: there are no footpaths, rendering it dangerous to move around without a vehicle; there is no street lighting, which only increases the risk of crime; and we remain without access to deep sewerage — a basic service — despite years of ongoing communication and requests on our part. Should an accident or worse occur due to this systemic neglect, it will be difficult for the council to defend its inaction. These are not hypotheticals — they are serious risks that have been consistently raised and continually ignored.</p> <p>Let me also point out the glaring contradiction in current planning. Byford is no longer the quiet country town it once was. Rapid urbanisation, subdivisions, and population growth are at odds with the idea of maintaining a horse precinct in its current location. It is wholly unreasonable to expect increasing traffic and shrinking blocks to coexist harmoniously with equine activity. If anything, the horse complex should be relocated to a more appropriate, rural environment. This proposed policy not only punishes responsible landowners like us, but also highlights a growing disconnect between council decisions and the realities on the ground. I urge you to reconsider this course of action before it fosters further division and frustration within the community.</p> <p>Sincerely, <i>Regards,</i> </p>
N/A	N/A	<p>From: </p> <p>Sent: Friday, 23 May 2025 5:11 PM</p> <p>To: Rates Department <rates@sjshire.wa.gov.au></p> <p>Subject: Re: Proposed Introduction of Trotting Complex Precinct Concession – 2025/26 Financial Year</p> <p>Good evening</p> <p>I read this with interest as we live in the Byford Trotting Complex Precinct. Although we aren't involved in horse racing, we are involved in Pony Club and our daughter regularly rides the bridle trails with her trusty steed! I note the Shire is looking to encourage more people involved in equestrian activities to live/remain</p>

		<p>in the precinct and I would love for there to be some consideration given to also welcoming the next generation of equestrians in the area. The complex is now close to a number of schools making the zone attractive for young families. The centre for the complex racetracks have a large grassed area which is unused. The complex is usually empty when we pass by after school on weekdays. It would be wonderful if the complex was opened for the activities of the local young riders in the area, perhaps during a set window (eg after school) on weekdays, attached to a different tier of membership. There is ample room for showjumping and/or dressage arenas. Not only would this create revenue for the complex, but it would help retain the character of the area by encouraging more residents engaged in equestrian activities (rather than those seeking larger blocks for other purposes like storage of heavy machinery).</p> <p>I have also sent this suggestion to the complex. I do hope you will give consideration to this suggestion and look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
N/A	N/A	<p>From: [REDACTED] Sent: Wednesday, 28 May 2025 9:15 AM To: Rates Department <rates@sjshire.wa.gov.au> Subject: Re: Proposed Introduction of Trotting Complex Precinct Concession – 2025/26 Financial Year</p> <p>thanks for the email</p> <p>my property is used for race horses, however with my property being on abernethy road opposite the school , i think its a little late now to try and preserve this precinct it should be moved further out . so many kids walking down the streets now with the schools being so close unfortunately it will only be time until something happens , the entire area should be moved to another location is this something the shire has looked and let this area become residential as its completely surrounded now ?</p>

OAKFORD

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Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	I think we are all struggling with cost of living. I would like to see some evidence of where the Shire has actively save money in the last financial year. Any business that just increases prices without looking at saving money is not being managed well.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	We get nothing for our rates so why would you want to ask us to pay more for nothing. Totally object to your proposal
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Not answered
Object to the proposal	Support the proposal	We feel all we are doing is giving the Shire more money and seeing nothing in return. We use our own water, own sewerage system, maintain our verge, fire breaks etc, and we are already paying nearly \$4,000 for 2.5 acre block. We can't afford anymore. You are going to force families who intended to stay here forever, to leave because the rate prices are already too much for struggling families that both work full time just to cover bills each week
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	While I acknowledge the need for the Shire to maintain and improve local infrastructure and services, I believe the current rate levels are already placing a significant burden on ratepayers. Introducing an ongoing 2% increase above CPI annually, as outlined in Strategy Five of the Rating Strategy, compounds this pressure and risks becoming unsustainable for local families and landowners — particularly in the current economic climate. Given the rising cost of living, including utilities, mortgages, insurance, and fuel, many households and landowners are already stretched. The proposed approach to rate increases, regardless of CPI or individual circumstances, does not adequately consider affordability for the average resident or rural property owner. Additionally, the cumulative effect of above-inflation increases will erode ratepayer confidence and could reduce community support for the Shire's financial decisions. I urge

		the Council to: Reconsider the blanket 2% increase above CPI as a long-term policy. Prioritise targeted infrastructure spending over blanket funding increases. Improve transparency around cost savings and efficiency measures being implemented. Explore external funding opportunities and grants before increasing rates. I support well-maintained roads and community infrastructure, but this must be balanced with fairness and economic realism for ratepayers. I trust the Council will consider this feedback when finalising the 2025/26 Budget.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Just another money grab from shire when they already mismanage funds, giving special concessions to one sporting body is just plain wrong and I object.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	I disagree with paying more every year to fund services in the byford residential precinct and ignoring all of the need of the rural area's that are subject to flooding and that provide their own water and sewerage at their own cost.as we provide our own utilities other than power i feel that our rates should be far lower than they actually are.
Support the proposal	Support the proposal	Not answered
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	Rate increases in my zone will be yet another consecutive increase since I've lived here (2017). I've raised this in previous years but have had no response or details, the "strategy" seeks to make the rates burden more equitable, despite extreme lack of services, maintenance (to the level of neglect) and infrastructure in my area. I understand the Shire is not responsible for services such as mains water, sewerage, 3 phase power, some roads, main line gas, and NBN - BUT is responsible for planning and development approvals. Recent subdivisions is a perfect example of not supporting the population growth and strain on infrastructure. If the Shire is satisfied with not pushing developers to upgrade this infrastructure, it is unethical to charge landowners more. The Shire is insisting on equity of the cost, but the other side of the equation becomes increasing unequitable. Assumptions on a household's ability to pay more based on land value is simply ridiculous. The economic strategy/policy is half-baked at best, shows little thought and expertise, and is unprofessional. Unfortunately, I am expecting the same cookie cutter, copy and paste reply, and strongly believe this will not be reviewed seriously. Farcical manifest.

Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	I paid \$3600 last year. These rates are ridiculous and for what we get it's very poor quality service that residents receive. I'm not seeing much for this council to be proud of with flooded roads, closed roads. Poor traffic management. It's actually a pretty average looking area with weeds on the side of the road.
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	Heavy haulage vehicles are contributing to the degradation of the roads in the shire however the businesses in this shire that are responsible do not seem to be held accountable. IF they seek approval from council they do not appear to be monitored (traffic movements in excess of approved quantities etc).

DARLING DOWNS

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Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	At the moment, I do not feel that we are getting value for the rates that we already pay, so an increase is not justified. We have no mains water/sewer, no footpaths, minimal lighting, tiny bin, no tip and we have to maintain own verges with verges on main rds like Thomas left untouched. Agree that road repair (and safety such as the deadly Homas/Hopkinson intersection) MUST be a priority for the shire but it should be able to do it out of existing rates/funds. We are also in the equine area, but do not agree that rates/government funding should go to the trotting or any other equine facility in the area. These facilities should be funded by private entities or by people using them. Also believe that outdated and restrictive development/zoning guidelines should also be lifted for this area. Even reducing minimum block size to 2.5 acres would benefit housing issues and those wishing to subdivide.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	I am opposed to any rate increase, regardless of the percentage, especially during a time of ongoing economic hardship for many residents. The council should focus on better management of existing funds rather than passing

		<p>additional costs onto the community. Regarding the proposed equine or trotting precinct, I have significant concerns about the wording around “professional use.” Why is access limited to professionals only? Why can’t all community members involved in equine activities use this facility? It seems unfair that funding is allocated for what may primarily benefit a select group, rather than the broader community. If professionals are to make a living from this facility, what are they contributing in return? Will they be paying for use, or is this subsidy coming entirely from public funds? There is a lack of clarity about who will be able to access the facility and for what purposes. Will it be open to all equine disciplines and activities? More detailed information should be provided in the proposal to ensure transparency and community inclusivity. Additionally, I am currently ambivalent about maintaining the existing trotting complex. Given recent developments and changes to the area, I question whether continued investment in this facility is in the best interest of the community. The management and purpose of the complex should be reassessed to ensure it aligns with community needs. Overall, I urge the council to prioritize responsible financial management, transparency, and inclusive planning that benefits all residents equally.</p>
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	<p>We have not had our drains dug out in over 3 years and wash outs of our drive ways have not been looked at, these pay increase's will be devastating to a lot of people , it's ridiculous pay grab that's not necessary . How about you start doing work on our streets so we can see that you actually give a dam and that our money we pay is doing good by us home owners . Pull ya heads in and stop this bullshit money grab. Times are hard enough with out paying you bastards any more for nothing we get in return.</p>

WHITBY

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Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	It is completely unreasonable to increase the rates yet again. We are one of the highest rate paying shires in W.A, we are the fastest growing shire in W.A (population) and yet the shire is still trying to gain more money with little improvement to what is already under offer by the shire. If the shire had a y interest in its people, it would see that people are hurting financially already. This is prevalent with the RBAs decision to cut interest rates and the continuing cost of living increasing. How about the shire actually get back in touch with its people and understand what is needed, what is wanted and how it can be achieved without increasing the rates again. Use the money it is already generating and spend wisely.
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	Nah sorry I don't support a rate increase. I have to travel outside of my area to access the things I need or want in my community. And I don't think my rates reflect what we pay vs what we have available to us in the community.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	The Shire increases our rates every year but does nothing for us. The roads in SJ are atrocious and dangerous, we don't have a tip to use and the one we do have we have to pay for which is bull. The bushland in whitby is full of rush and homeless camps that make our area look like trash. The playgrounds in whitby are out dated. Houses are not maintained with the yards and looks terrible when driving into the estate. The shire needs to crack down and make whitby pretty again and not worry about increasing our rates each year. Give us more and we will be happy to pay.

SERPENTINE

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Object to the proposal	Support the proposal	You are trying to make it impossible for farmers to provide the community with local produce and push them out. I find it totally disgusting.
Object to the proposal	Support the proposal	For a number of years this area has been one of the fastest growing regions with an influx of additional rate payers and every year you want hike the rates yet we're still driving around 1960 goat tracks. I don't believe what we're currently paying is equitable to all areas of the shire so I "do not agree with a rate increase "
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Another Rate increase?? I've lived in the shire for 3 years now and over the 3 years rates have gone up every year yet services have reduced. Is it legal to continue to increase shire rates yearly.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	<p>We object to this current increase in our rates which means a \$320 increase on last year's rates coupled with all the other government and private business increases we've endured over the last 5 years creating the worst cost of living crisis we've ever seen in this country. We have been rate payers for several years now and year on year the council increases our rates of which we have seen little to no benefit to date. Our road is in an appalling condition, let alone some of those in our surrounding area, the council last year put gravel both sides of Gull Road which has made it even more dangerous, traffic travels at excessive speeds along this stretch which is used as a rat run to the Karnup Rd and Southwest highway and the recent establishment of speed signs have been destroyed.</p> <p>My husband and I had hoped to be spending our declining years in the shire which is expanding rapidly, it would pay the council to work within its means as we have to do as pensioners. Furthermore, part of our 10 acres is unusable due to it being a wetland for 7 months of the year, we strongly object to the excessive</p>

		\$140,000 increased rateable value placed on our property by the state government authority. In closing the shire must work within its means, road rubbish recreation is the core requirements of a local government not the socialist propaganda I have seen on some of your newsletters.
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OLDBURY

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Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	I think until there is a more easier process of dealing with the shire, the rates should not be raised to this extent. I also feel as a resident of the Shire for over 10 years that roads that need repairs are often forgotten about. The shire should start repairing roads that actually need repairing rather than funding to "repair" roads and doing a subpar job and / or the roads aren't as significantly damaged as other roads within the shire.

MUNDIJONG

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Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	I don't completely understand what is going on here. At a guess, does this mean my rates will stay at the minimum with no ongoing increases? Or are you planning on increasing my rates to assist with more revenue for more

		infrastructure and road maintenance? I believe the current way the rates are calculated is absolutely ludicrous and should not increase just because my property value has increased. I have no control over the value of my property apart from adding items such as pool, patio, shed etc. these additions do not increase a properties value by \$400k. We currently do not utilise town water, or sewerage. We have to maintain our own gazetted road we share with approx 6 other residents. Our waste collection (bin truck) only comes down our gazetted road due to a resident being friends with someone from clean away. We have no transfer station. The playground in town is small and out dated. The skate park is not inviting to our children due to how outdated it is. My rates increased by close to \$800 within a year. I hope you can understand probably not just mine but many residents frustration on the subject of rates. I suggest making this bulletin more understandable for the average joe like 90% of us and then you may get the response you are after.
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	1. Looking at the amount of extra housing you are expecting in the next 1-2 years you should be expected to get so much funding from this. 2. As per above the people that own more property should have to pay more. Shouldn't make no difference what the property is used for 3. My shire rates should not be paying for a concession that I will never use. That goes for all concessions. Unless all (90%) of the shire receives a benefit then it shouldn't apply.

KARRAKUP

The Shire is proposing a CPI plus 2% rate rise (2.8% CPI plus 2% being 4.8%), with funds generated from the 2% above CPI to be diverted specifically to road repair and upgrade. Do you:	The Shire has proposed to offer a Trotting Complex Precinct Concession to support the continued use of the Precinct for professional equine activities. Do you:	Please provide your comments regarding the Shire's 2025/26 Differential General Rates and the Minimum Payments Statement of Objects and Reasons
Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	Offering a discount to those who already benefit from a (partially) rate payer funded facility is completely backwards! Many move into this precinct because

		<p>of the facility and are willing to pay a premium for a property which provides easy access to</p> <p>the track and associated amenities. The residents in the shire at large do not use this facility and are already contributing towards its existence; this proposal means that those who gain no benefit from it are further subsidising those who already do. It's the equivalent of offering rates payers with young children reduced rates to take their kids to the park and charging more to those without kids! The trotting community do very little for the broader community, not even an open day or fair to help justify our contribution towards their hobby. As an experienced business owner and developer, I offer you the same advice that I live by. Look at your spending before you think about how to increase revenue.</p>
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CARDUP

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Object to the proposal	Object to the proposal	The 2% should be levied at new developments in the area. We receive no water or sewerage as part of our rates and the only thing that is increasing is the amount of trucks on the roads hauling sand to new developments. That and the poor scheduling of road upgrades in line with the Tonkin Hwy extension means that Rural Residential land holders do not receive the services of other residents, yet have to provide their own services and pay more for rates than residential codes. The reason the roads are falling to bits is that there are never ending processions of trucks on them building sub divisions that you will then claim rates from.
Object to the proposal	Neither support or object	Given the past history of rate increases impacting shire property owners, what cost saving measures and/or productivity improvements has the shire achieved in past years and what savings targets are built into 25/26 submission? Any

		professionally managed organisation would seek to control its costs, including payroll, it appears that council staff work out what they want to spend - without any "belt tightening". Evidence shows that Government departments and non-governmental business will review costs and FTE numbers to manage their budgets.
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