

**Submissions for Advertised Differential Rates for 2024/2025**

<b>Submission No.</b>	<b>Submission</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	<p><b>Objection and Comment:</b> We are currently undergoing a once in a generation cost of living crisis where costs everywhere are through the roof. Rate increases should be put on hold this year, understand that costs have gone up for the shire as well but I would be more supportive of a drop in services rather than an increase in payments.</p>	<p>The City Acknowledges your submission.</p> <p>The rate increase is modest at 5% for General Rates just above current CPI and allows the City to be financially sustainable.</p> <p>The City costs to maintain its facilities have increased significantly due to the current economic environment particularly in employment and materials and contracts costs. In addition, the City has received or built several new assets which require higher amenity levels which has increased maintenance costs.</p> <p>The City does review its service levels regularly and is informed via direct community surveys and the Strategic Community Plan.</p>
2.	<p><b>Objection and Comment:</b> In these times of hardship with the cost of living getting higher and wages not matching the rising cost of living, this is not viable for most working families. The overall objective as stated regarding shortfall of income for the next financial year is ludicrous. There are severe staff shortages within the shire and there would be other means of cutting costs. Perhaps if the shire stopped</p>	<p>Same as 1 above</p>

	<p>providing indulgent catering for councillors during meetings and other perks and were subjected to anti corruption policies like all other government agencies, there would be surplus monies to cover the so called short falls.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Objection and Comment:</b>          enough ! ork ithin the current economic climate</p>	Same as 1 above
4.	<p><b>Objection and Comment:</b>          Hi,          Proposed rates increase is higher than annual inflation rate 4.1%. As GRV and other expenses increased making hard for families. Please consider close to the inflation rate of 4.1%.</p>	Same as 1 above