Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 & Updated Long Term Financial Pan

Community Engagement Report

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Project Summary

Council welcomed community feedback between 2 May to 3 June 2024 on the proposed activities and associated funding arrangements contained within the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2024/25, as well as on the updated Long Term Financial Plan.

The community engagement survey for the Draft Annual Business Plan (ABP) and Budget 2024/25 was conducted to gather public feedback on various aspects of the proposed plan. This engagement was essential for meeting legislative requirements and understanding community sentiment about planned expenditures and initiatives. The survey was open for 33 days and promoted through multiple channels to ensure broad participation. Respondents were asked about their familiarity with the ABP, satisfaction with its contents, opinions on proposed rate increases, support for a greening initiative (Township Greening Strategy), and satisfaction with the Long Term Financial Plan. The feedback collected from residents, ratepayers, business owners and visitors provided valuable insights for the Council's budget finalisation process.

Engagement Techniques

Techniques used to engage local community and provide an opportunity to make comment on the draft plan included:

- Posters across the region from Tuesday 30 April 2024
- My Say Alexandrina website page from Thursday 2 May with:
    - Key dates
    - Full draft plan
    - Appendices uploaded individually for quick reference
    - Printable survey
    - Council Minutes and Agenda (29 April 2024)
    - Online survey
- Email to 1,534 My Say members on 3 May, 20 May and 30 May 2024

Budget Roadshows

In addition to the online engagement, Council facilitated three (3) budget roadshows to provide further opportunities for community members to engage with the Draft ABP and Budget 2024/25:

Budget Roadshow	Date	Attendance
South Ward (Goolwa and surrounds)	Monday 13 May, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	30
North Ward (Strathalbyn and surrounds)	Tuesday 21 May, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm	30
West Ward (Mount Compass and surrounds)	Monday 27 May, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm	58

These roadshows allowed residents to ask questions, provide feedback directly to Council representatives, and gain a deeper understanding of the proposed budget and its implications.

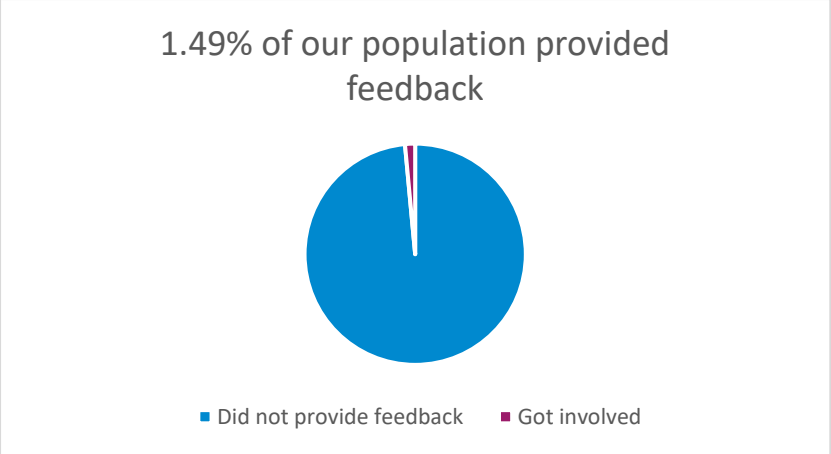
The survey available on My Say was printed and distributed to attendees to fill out and submit. This method allowed a consistent approach to gathering feedback.

Summary of community engagement outcomes in comparison to 2023

Activity	2024	2023
Budget Roadshow Information Sessions	3	6
Roadshow attendance	119	213
Survey contributions	309 (2 hard copy)	42
Written submissions	10	33
Petition	1	0
Newspaper notices/ social posts	8	9
Total engagement (Council-run engagement)	437	288



Goolwa Budget Roadshow



Online Video Budget Presentation

Following requests from previous consultations regarding recorded or live sessions, we recorded the Budget Roadshow Presentation at the North Ward Budget Roadshow on Tuesday 21 May and posted this on our Vimeo channel, sharing the link on our My Say page and social media (Facebook, Instagram) to inform community they could watch at a time that suits them. The video received 9 views (as of 10 June 2024).



What we heard – Most Raised Themes/ Comments

From the submissions across all feedback channels, the top themes were:

- Opposition to Rate Increase

The proposed 8.3% rate increase is widely criticised as being too high, given the current financial pressures on residents due to inflation and cost-of-living increases.

- Financial Mismanagement and Spending Priorities

There are concerns about financial mismanagement, particularly regarding perceived unnecessary projects and excessive spending on non-essential services. Residents suggest cutting costs by reducing staff, deferring projects, and minimising the use of consultants.

- Impact on Vulnerable Populations

Many comments highlight the negative impact of the rate increase on pensioners, low-income earners, and small businesses. There is a call for the Council to consider the financial hardship faced by these groups.

- Demand for Cost-Cutting Measures

Residents propose various cost-cutting measures such as deferring capital expenditures, reducing employee costs, and cutting non-essential maintenance and services.

- Accountability and Transparency

There is a demand for greater transparency in how the budget is planned and executed. Residents want clearer explanations and accountability for the financial decisions and budget allocations.

- Infrastructure and Maintenance Issues

Specific infrastructure issues, such as inadequate drainage and kerbing, and concerns about road and footpath maintenance were raised. There is a call for improved prioritisation of essential infrastructure projects.

- Opposition to Specific Projects

Certain projects, such as the Strathalbyn Sound Shell, faced opposition from residents who view these projects as unnecessary and wasteful. They suggest reallocating funds from these projects to more critical needs.

- Call for Strategic Planning

Residents emphasise the need for long-term strategic planning, particularly in capital expenditure and asset management. They suggest that the Council should focus on essential services and sustainable growth.

- Community Involvement in Decision-Making

There is a suggestion to involve the community more directly in budget decisions, potentially through voting on specific budget items or more extensive consultations to reflect community priorities better.

- Support for Environmental Initiatives

While there is support for greening and environmental initiatives, some residents question the timing and funding sources for these projects. There are suggestions to integrate these initiatives more cost-effectively into existing programs.

These themes reflect a broad range of concerns and suggestions from the community, highlighting the need for the Council to address financial management, prioritise essential services, and ensure that budget decisions are transparent and considerate of residents' financial realities.

The top comments specifically included:

Theme/ comment
Cut or restrict non-essential projects and services and reduce costs/ focus on basics and essential infrastructure e.g. safe roads
Financial hardship
Review staffing
Fairness in distribution of projects/ funds (Mount Compass in particular)
Highest in state/ significantly higher
Not enough improvements to justify increase
Waste collection
CPI or just above
Not supportive - Sound Shell in Strathalbyn
Defer, review or reduce capital expenditure
Better management of finances
Greening/ Climate Change initiatives, especially if doesn't include in ground works
Spend on Economic Development
Find efficiencies
Query the relevance of supporting the Business Hub
Fix Nangkita Road
Query the relevance/importance of Agricultural Officer/ spend on agriculture

My Say Survey Summary

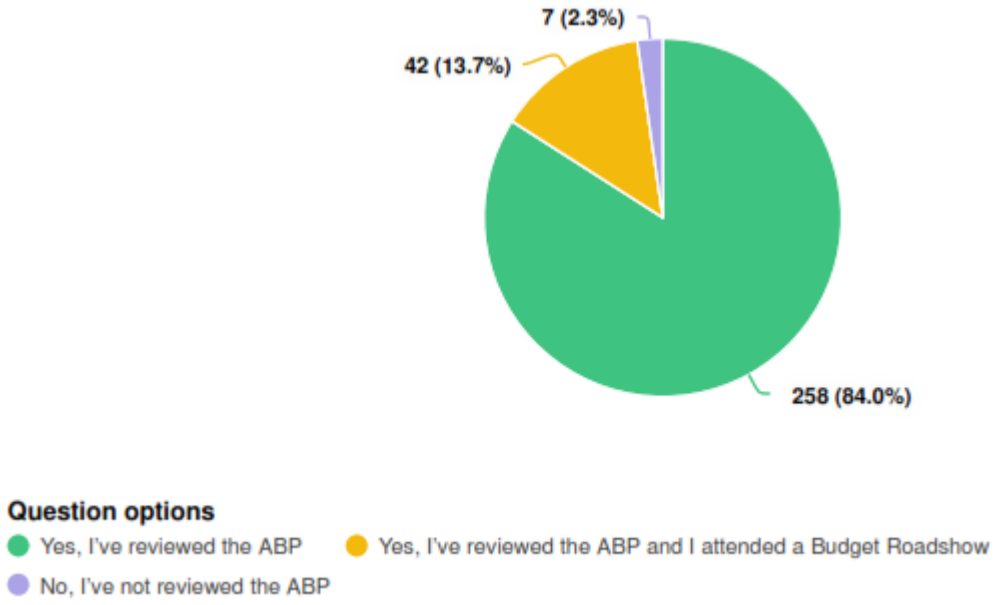
In the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 Community Engagement survey, we requested feedback from the public on several key areas. Respondents were asked if they had reviewed the Draft ABP and their level of satisfaction with its contents. We sought opinions on the proposed 8.3% rate increase and whether they supported potential variations, including a higher rate for increased services or a lower rate with possible service reductions. Additionally, feedback was requested on an optional 1.25% rate rise to fund the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan. Respondents were asked about their satisfaction with the draft Long Term Financial Plan and provided the opportunity to upload further submissions and specify their relationship to Alexandrina (e.g., resident, ratepayer, business owner, or visitor). This comprehensive survey aimed to capture community sentiment and inform Council decisions on the financial planning and urban greening initiatives.

Via the MySay webpage, there were over 548 downloads/views of the ABP documents (full and Appendices), and 1.5k visits to the My Say page.

Council Members are encouraged to read the full survey submissions later in this report. This summary is not inclusive of all comments submitted, but used as a tool for administration to determine the main themes supported or not supported throughout submissions**

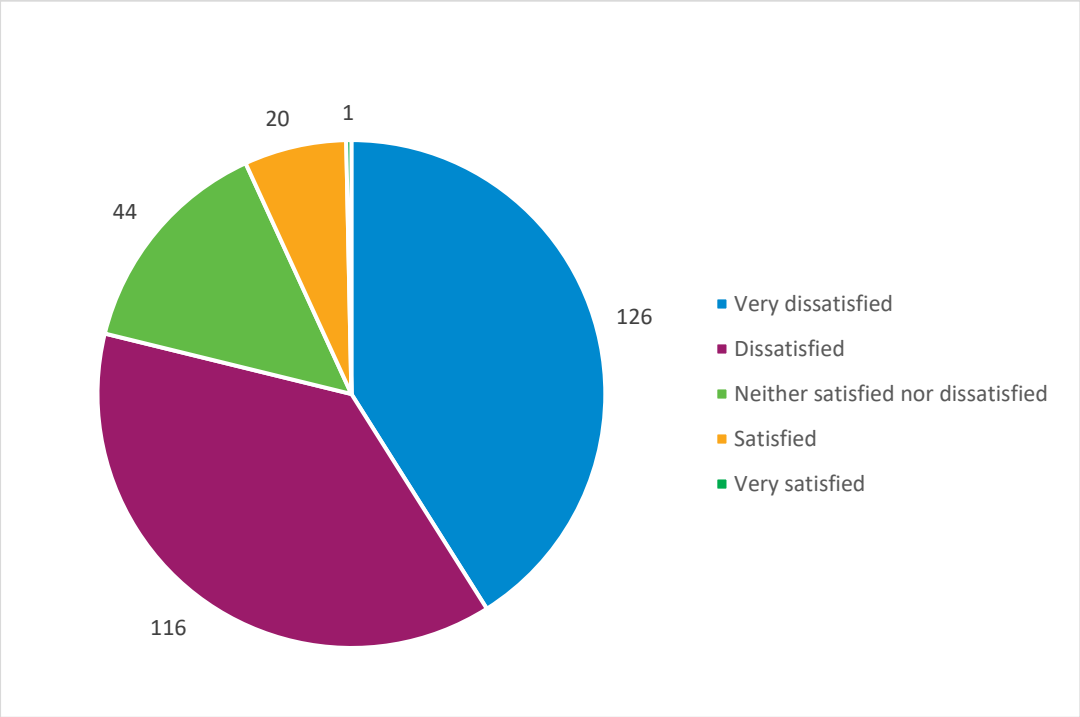
Question:

Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP Information)?



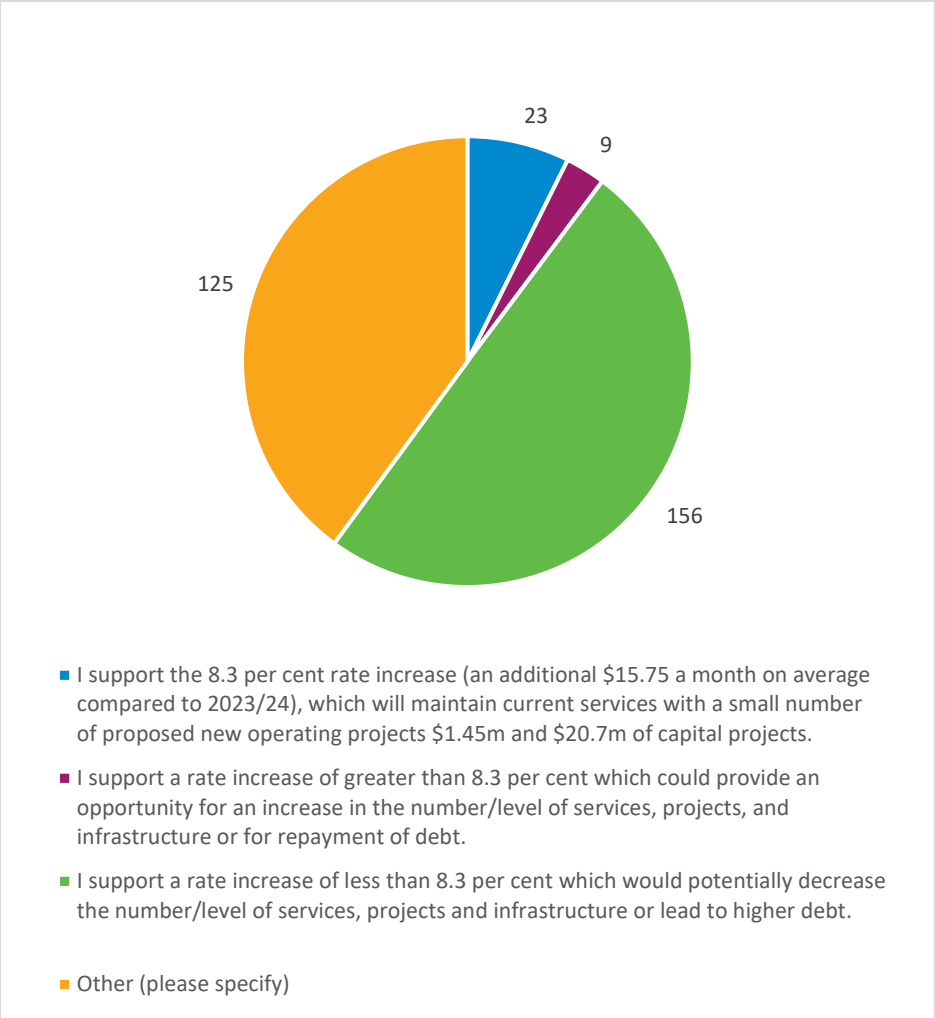
Question:

Are you satisfied with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?



Rate proposal – supports, increase, decrease, other

Question: Please tick your preferred viewpoint



125 selected the 'other' option and data was consolidated resulting in the following:

Less than 8.3%	52.44%
Freeze or decrease	22.80%
General comment - negative sentiment	7.81%
8.30%	7.81%
4% or CPI	2.60%
Greater than 8.%	2.60%
Minimal increase 5	1.62%
General comment - neutral sentiment	1.30%
No comment	0.65%
3%	0.30%

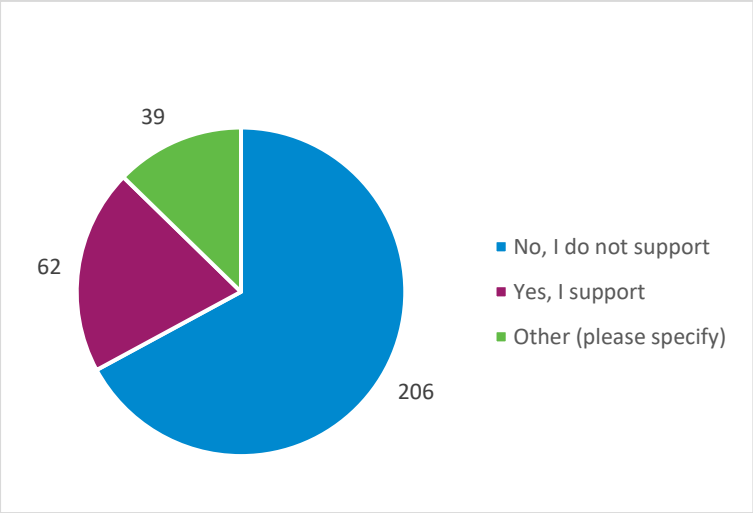
All comments for those that selected 'Other' are included in Appendix 1.

Question: Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?

All comments provided are included in Appendix 1.

Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan

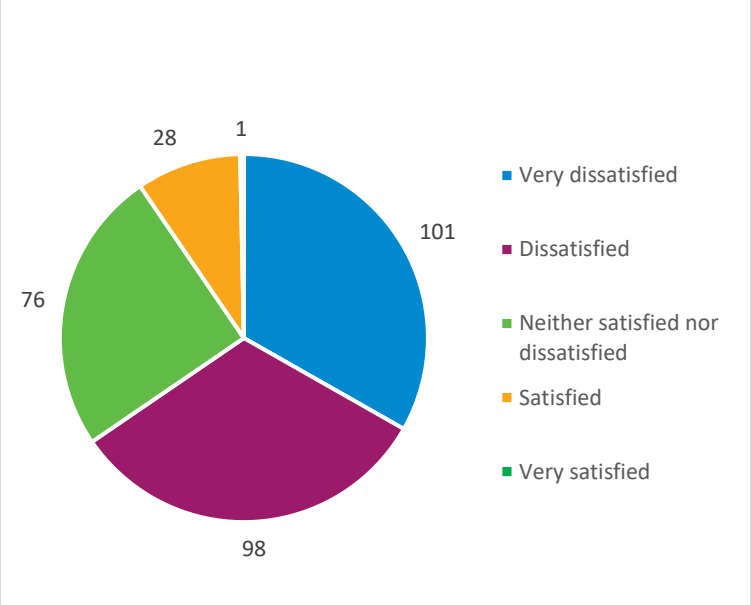
Question: Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?



All comments for those that selected 'Other' are included in Appendix 1 – My Say submissions.

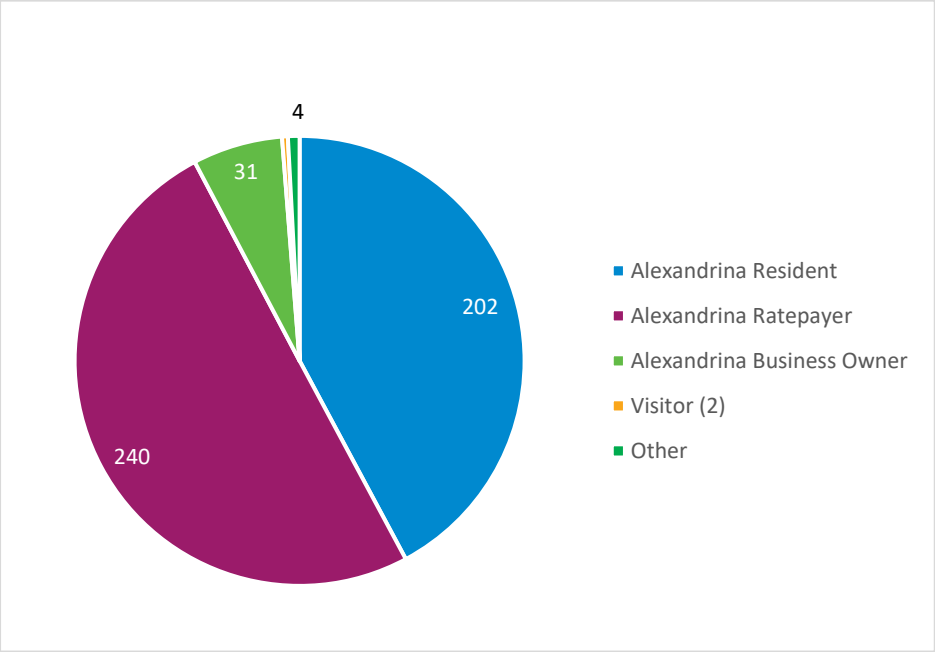
Draft Long Term Financial Plan

Question: How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan?



About the participant

Question: Which statement best describes you?



Promotion and Communication

The promotion campaign to encourage participation in the engagement included channels such as Facebook and Instagram posts, My Say e-newsletters, Coastlines magazine and other methods as outlined in the approved Communication and Engagement Plan.

My Say Newsletter and homepage

The visibility of the ABP consultation was enhanced on the My Say homepage by inclusion in a feature banner above ‘Current Consultations’

Event dates were highlighted in three e-newsletterssent to approximately 1500 My Say subscribers.

Website

A latest news article was published on Council’s homepage throughout the duration of the consultation.

E-signature

The ABP featured on the e-signature for all Council emails between 3 May – 10 May 2024.

Poster distribution

A4 posters were distributed to each township’s main noticeboards as well as digital displays (Centenary Hall, Business Hub) and Council offices.

Public Notice

18 April 2024 – Fleurieu Sun and The Southern Argus



ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
Public Consultations

Notice is hereby given that Alexandrina Council seeks community feedback on the following three projects. To find out more and to have your say, visit Council's My Say Alexandrina website at **mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au**, email **alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au** or by post to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 21, Goolwa SA 5214.

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan

Council will be seeking community feedback on the proposed Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan. Community consultation will commence from Thursday 2 May 2024, 5 pm and closes 3 June 2024, 5 pm.

Council is hosting three Budget Roadshow Public Meetings across the region, in line with the Local Government Act 1999 Section 123 (4) (a) (i) (A) giving the opportunity for community members to learn about the budget and ask questions in person;

- South Ward - Monday 13 May, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at the Goolwa Council Chambers, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa
- North Ward – Tuesday 21 May, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm at the St Andrews Church Hall, 10 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn
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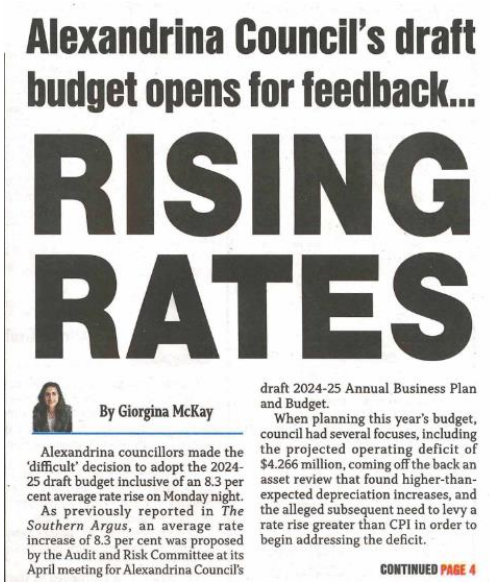
A full copy of the Plan will be available to view at the Council Offices, library depots or by visiting **mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/abp2024-25**.

Submissions will be accepted by Council until 5 pm, Monday 3 June 2024. Council will consider the community feedback received at the 17 June 2024 Council Meeting and then the amended draft Plan will be considered at the Special Council Meeting on 24 June 2024 for adoption.

For more information call Tash Hunt, Executive Manager Office of the CEO on 8555 7000.

Media articles and reach

Thursday 2 May 2024 – Southern Argus



Alexandrina Council's draft budget opens for feedback...

RISING RATES

By Giorgina McKay

Alexandrina councillors made the 'difficult' decision to adopt the 2024-25 draft budget inclusive of an 8.3 per cent average rate rise on Monday night.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, an average rate increase of 8.3 per cent was proposed by the Audit and Risk Committee at its April meeting for Alexandrina Council's draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

When planning this year's budget, council had several focuses, including the projected operating deficit of $4.266 million, coming off the back an asset review that found higher-than-expected depreciation increases, and the alleged subsequent need to levy a rate rise greater than CPI in order to begin addressing the deficit.

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Alexandrina Council opens draft budget for public feedback

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The CWMS service charge for the financial year will also increase to $725 for occupied and $535 for vacant – an increase of $55 and $40 respectively from last financial year.

At the time of the draft Annual Business Plan's preparation, the State Valuation Office is yet to finalise its overall assessment of regional property assets, however, the Valuer General's recent advice is that property valuations across the council area have increased by 9.5 per cent – $11.6 to $12.7 billion – which council is attempting to cushion the impact of by continuing the application of rate capping.

Administration believed this is a responsible draft budget that considers the current economic climate, provides for new infrastructure in a growing community, and maintains existing assets in good condition and continued provision of existing services.

"Households across Alexandrina are tightening their belts and reviewing their budgets, and council is no different," Alexandrina Mayor, Keith Parkes, wrote in his budget message.

"Last year, we lowered the proposed rate to less than inflation because we recognised our community was doing it tough in a high inflation environment, and we found savings to make ends meet while still delivering essential services.

"Unfortunately, external costs for materials continue to rise, and we are experiencing massive price increases across all materials.

"We cannot tackle this increase in one hit but we do need to make inroads."

The rates assumptions for the next five years to ensure council returns to surplus within that period was one of the items on Monday night's agenda and was one of the most heavily debated.

The assumptions currently sit at CPI plus three per cent from 2025-26 until the 2028-29 financial year unless cost-saving strategies are implemented.

"I think we have to vote for CPI plus 3.5 then three per cent over the coming years to have a sustainable and viable Long-Term Financial Plan, and then we need to look in the future at ways to lower that," West Ward councillor, Lou Nicholson, said.

However, some councillors were unhappy with the projected rate increases.

South Ward councillor Peter Oliver attempted to move for it to be reduced to CPI plus 1.5 per cent instead, with support from West Ward councillor Bill Coomans but the motion failed.

"I think we should only charge the ratepayers what they can afford to pay," Cr Oliver said.

"I don't think the chamber should be the biggest spenders in Alexandrina's history with the biggest deficits in Alexandrina's history with the biggest rate hikes in Alexandrina's history."

The draft budget accommodates funded new operating initiatives based on council resolutions, legislative requirements and identified risks, including:

- $50,000 Essential Services Commission of SA (ECOSA) council advice.
- $70,000 Strathalbyn Town Plan renewal.
- $108,156 Graduate accountant.
- $70,631 Agribusiness officer.
- $80,000 Township greening strategy and action plan.
- $25,000 Climate emergency operating budget.
- $126,397 Environment Health Officer – wastewater.
- $161,200 Community centre funding.
- $70,000 Port Elliot Local Heritage Code Amendment.

Major council projects funded over the next financial year include the Goolwa Wharf Revitalisation Precinct Project, Sugars Beach Project, Nangkita Road, and Encounter Bikeway design.

The draft budget projects an operating loss of $4.3 million and a peak of $56.7 million to council's borrowings in 2026-27, reducing to $0 by the end of the plan.

With the rates sitting as they are, council is endeavouring to cut back on its expenses.

This includes by looking at reducing the main office refurbishment spend from $1 million to $500,000, decreasing the CEO's miscellaneous expenses to $5000, reducing council member costs for legal, general and travel-based on actuals, and reducing HR recruitment and training costs, among other cost-saving initiatives.

Council is also expected to see a reduction in Goolwa Oval expenses due to the anticipated new lease and Fleurieu Regional ACA costs due to an anticipated new structure.

In addition, to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, council will look at increases in asset disposals and revenue raising opportunities, including a rating review, capital expenditure and staffing costs.

North Ward councillor Sue Miller supported a rating review, but wanted to ensure it was timed well.

"I'm not questioning whether we should have a rating review or not, I'm talking about the timing of when a rating review happens," she said.

"I would be very reluctant to see a rating review happen before we see the benefit of that ECOSA information.

"The conversation seems to turn to the primary producers – I'm not singling out the primary producers here, I'm talking about a rating structure review that will have implications for everyone in this community, including those who have second homes."

Community members can have their say on the draft budget via email at (alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au), mail and online methods from 5pm today until 5pm on June 3, or at budget roadshow information sessions scheduled across the wards.

Feedback will then be presented to councillors, with recommended adjustments given prior to the budget's adoption based on the community's wants and needs.

Roadshow dates

- **South Ward: Goolwa Council Chambers from 3.30-4.30pm on Monday, May 13.**
- **North Ward: St Andrews Church Hall from 6.30-7.30pm on Tuesday, May 21.**
- **West Ward: Mount Compass War Memorial Hall from 6.30-7.30pm on Monday, May 27.**

2 May 2024 – Fleurieu Sun

GREAT RATE DEBATE

JACK CHURCH

It's going to be a harsh hike for Alexandrina ratepayers after councillors voted to approve the 2024/25 draft Annual Business Plan with an 8.3 per cent rate increase (CPI of 4.8 per cent + 3.5 per cent), which will go to community consultation today, May 2.

A special council meeting was called on Monday April 29 for the chamber to discuss and approve the draft, with a range of discussion breaking out over how large the rate increases should be and how such an increase can be justified.

In 2024/25, the average rateable property will pay $2,431, $189 more than the 2023/24 average rate of $2,242, with projected rate increases to compound at nearly 50 per cent over the next five years.

Alexandrina Council Chief Executive Officer Nigel Morris says that administration has already found over $5 million in savings, which could potentially lower rate increases in future years.

"Council has already undertaken an extensive review of operational costs and service delivery and has found over $5 million worth of savings in the past 18 months," Mr Morris told the Fleurieu Sun.

"There are various avenues Council is pursuing to address rising costs besides raising rates and they include savings and efficiencies, cutting capital expenditure, disposal of unused assets, increasing non-rates revenue, and reviewing the services provided to the community.

"A major focus this year will be a review and recast of our Strategic Management Plans for 2025/26 onwards including the A2040 Community Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan and adoption of a Revenue Strategy."

At the April 29 meeting, in a last ditch attempt to keep rates below 8 per cent, Councillor Peter Oliver proposed that rates be increased by CPI + 1.5 per cent (6.3 per cent), two percent lower than what was carried.

"Only charge the ratepayers what they can afford to pay," Cr Oliver said.

"We're the biggest spenders in Alexandrina's history, we're the biggest deficits in Alexandrina's history, we're the biggest rate hikes in Alexandrina's history.

"I don't think we should accumulate a huge $56.7 million dollars in debt for our ratepayers, there are alternatives."

Councillor Bill Coomans supported Cr Oliver, noting that additional staffing costs could not be afforded.

"Our staff do a fantastic job, but we're going out and we are going to ask our residents to pay extra, but at the same time we're going to ask for an agricultural person, we're going to ask for a graduate accountant, we're going to ask for an environmental health officer…" Cr Coomans argued.



Alexandrina Councillor Sue Miller.



Alexandrina Councillor Peter Oliver.

"We are going to spend some 22 odd thousand dollars on cat management, I think the community are going to be really angry when they see that, (rate rises) above the CPI, but at the same time increasing our staff numbers.

"As much as we probably need them, we cannot afford to do so."

Despite Cr Coomans support, Cr Oliver couldn't get anyone else on his side as Councillor Sue Miller completely opposed a rise of CPI + 1.5 per cent, saying it was "totally irresponsible" due to Alexandrina's comparatively low asset funding ratio.

"This is totally irresponsible, we have an audit and risk committee that flagged these assumptions," she said.

"Please keep in mind, our asset funding ratio should sit between 90 and 100 per cent every year. In the last 10 years that has only been achieved twice, in other years we are at 40 per cent, 50 per cent, 70 percent, 46 per cent, we are a long way behind in our asset management.

"I'm a ratepayer and I have been a ratepayer here for 18 years and I have watched the last seven years, popular decisions get made when it comes to rates.

"There was an endorsed long term financial plan that hasn't been stuck to, so not only have the rate increases not been what the audit and risk committee have recommended, they have been less and significantly less.

"One year it was 0, there was no value increase, we are a long way behind the eight ball."

Cr Miller continued, saying she needs to do this to protect the long term future of Alexandrina Council.

"When I looked at this, it's heartbreaking as an elected member to have to do this, but I want to be known as an elected member who owns the budget, who took a longer term view than just 12 months," she said.

"Some council members voted against the CPI increase because they thought the budget was too high (in earlier years). So we have this compounding effect on our financial and sustainability in this council and I will not be a council member who leaves this council in five years time dealing with what we are dealing with now.

"We have a depreciation issue that we must address and if this doesn't get me re-elected or brings heat to me, I'll gladly wear it because I will not put our administration on their knees.

"They have done an incredible job finding savings."

Councillor Lou Nicholson agreed, saying that over the next five years, Alexandrina needs a stable plan to build on.

"I just see this (CPI + 1.5 per cent proposal) as really risky, we are potentially making a decision that is very hasty and will then require a lot of peddling and paddling in the background to make up for a decision such as this," Cr Nicholson told the chamber.

"We have to vote for CPI +3.5 per cent and then CPI + 3 per cent over the coming years to have a sustainable and viable long term financial plan and then we need to look in the future at ways we can lower that."

With Cr Oliver's proposal being lost, a rate increase of 8.3 per cent was carried by the chamber and the ABP will now go out to consultation from May 2 - June 3, 2024.

There will be three roadshow community information sessions in Alexandrina, with residents encouraged to attend and have their say.

South Ward - Monday 13 May, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at the Goolwa Council Chambers, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa.

North Ward – Tuesday 21 May, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm at the St Andrews Church Hall, 10 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn.

West Ward - Monday 27 May, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm at the Mount Compass Memorial Hall, 5 Peters Terrace, Mount Compass.

24 April 2024 – The Courier

RATES RISING

Alexandrina Council to consider 8.3% rate rise

SCOTT MURPHY

Alexandrina ratepayers could be hit with an 8.3% rate increase next financial year, after the council's audit and risk committee endorsed the council's draft budget earlier this month.

A council report received by the committee said that the increase, which is above CPI, was to start addressing the council's operating deficit, which is projected to be $4.3m.

The deficit comes after the council reassessed the value of its assets, including roads, paths and kerbs, which resulted in a significant increase in the estimated cost of asset depreciation.

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21 May 2024 – The Times

Ratepayers could be hit with 8.3% rise

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The business plan proposes a rise of 3.5 percentage points on top of CPI – which is 4.8% – plus an additional 1.3% for new developments and those undertaking property improvements.

It is expected to generate an additional $4m in general rate revenue for the council – a 9.5% increase – compared with last year.

This equates to about an average $189 rate increase per household and the council report said it was necessary to achieve financial stability and implement the council's community strategic initiatives.

"Administration believes that this is a responsible draft budget which, while taking into consideration the current economic climate, provides for new infrastructure in a growing community, maintains existing assets in good condition as well as continued provision of existing services," the report said.

"Ideally raising of rates should not be at the top of the list, but in the absence of the other adjustments being made, an adjustment to rates for the coming years needs to be made."

The budget's $4.266m operating deficit also allows for $1.1m in new operating initiatives "in response to council and community feedback" and "no reduction in services to the community".

The proposed business plan will be out for community consultation from May 2, with the council hosting three roadshow events across the district to answer questions and concerns about it while gathering in-person feedback.

Two evening sessions will be held between 6.30pm and 7.30pm during the road show, one at Strathalbyn's St Andrews Church Hall on May 21 and one at the Mt Compass Memorial Hall on May 27.

A late afternoon session, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, will be held at the Goolwa Council Chambers on May 13.

"Feedback will then be presented to (the) council in June 2024 with recommended adjustments prior to adoption and implementation," the report said.

To register for a notification for when the community consultation goes live, visit mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/abp2024-25.

30 May 2024 – Fleurieu Sun

Budget bashed by Compass ratepayers

JACK CHURCH

Alexandrina Council's 2024/25 Draft Annual Business Plan (ABP) has left Mount Compass residents questioning the council's proposed 8.3 per cent (average of $189) rate rise at the third and final budget roadshow session.

Held at the Mount Compass Memorial Hall on Monday May 27, more than 60 Alexandrina residents, as well as council staff were in attendance.

The 2024/25 Draft ABP was put to the community with an operating deficit of $4.682 million, caused by a recent increase in council's depreciation by $5.3 million.

The meeting started with Alexandrina Council CEO Nigel Morris presenting the Draft ABP to residents, explaining how Alexandrina's assets need to be managed to be financially sustainable.

"At the moment in council we have an operating income of about $65 million, operating expenses are $70 million, so we're spending more than we earn and we need to change that around," Mr Morris said.

"We've found that our assets are valued at $157 million more than we previously thought.

"These are our roads, our buildings, our machinery, but mostly a lot of this comes down to roads.

"We've got to make sure we replace our assets as quick as they wear out, if we do not replace our assets as quickly as they wear out then the expenditure that we need to spend on this is going to be a lot more to get it back up to speed."

This wasn't received well by community members as the questions came pouring in, with one resident pointing out the dire financial situation she and many others face.

"You're talking about needing to reduce expenditure, like every single household in here we are trying to reduce expenditure and we are faced with a position of hmm, should I put my heating on tonight or should we eat," she said.

"I mean you're talking about putting this up 8 per cent to the point where we cannot afford it, what would you do if we suddenly decided we're not going to pay, then what.

"We cannot afford it, energy prices, rate rises, insurance costs, interest rates and mortgage… I don't get an 8 per cent increase on my wages, how do you expect us to pay it?"

This was followed up by another resident, who asked about the council's distribution of funds amongst the townships.

"It's a lovely area and I'm actually very thankful that I'm privileged to live in such an area, but my council rates are a bit of a problem because I do seem to be paying for other people's privileges in other areas," he said.

"When you tell me the toilet's going to be fixed in a month or so, well that toilet's been broken for quite some time and we can't even get a basic service like getting a toilet door fixed.

"Why should our council rates, especially in areas where we live, on dirt roads, where we have no infrastructure, why are my council rates increasing so much when I get so little?"

Mr Morris responded, saying that council use a priority list to complete projects as they look to distribute funds in a fair manner.

"We do things in priority order, we're looking after close to 1900 square kilometres," Mr Morris responded.

"It's not nice when I say it but rates is a tax it's not a fee for service, we do get the rates, we do address things in priority order, we do get to sealing roads again in priority order, we do other things in priority order, I am sure there are certain things we are doing in this area that we are not doing in other areas."

More than 100 people attended the three roadshow sessions in Goolwa, Strathalbyn and Mount Compass, with many giving their feedback on the 2024/25 Draft ABP.

While there are no more scheduled roadshow sessions in Alexandrina, you can still submit your feedback on Alexandrina's 2024/25 Draft ABP on their MySay website at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/abp2024-25 until June 3.



Alexandrina Council CEO Nigel Morris speaks at the Mount Compass Budget Roadshow. **PHOTO: JACK CHURCH.**

Picture: JACK CHURCH

After the discussion, Alexandrina Councillors and administration staff were around to answer any questions residents had about the 2024/25 Draft ABP.

There are still two more roadshow sessions being held in Alexandrina.

North Ward – Tuesday 21 May, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm at the St Andrews Church Hall, 10 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn.

West Ward - Monday 27 May, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm at the Mount Compass Memorial Hall, 5 Peters Terrace, Mount Compass.

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Strathalbyn's St Andrew's Church celebrates 180-year milestone PAGE 6



Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes and Chief Executive Officer Nigel Morris are asking the community to provide their feedback on the proposed budget. Photo: Georgina McKay



Rex Keily, Craig Maidment and Peter Roberts discuss the proposed budget last Tuesday. INSET: Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes talks to residents about council's 'challenging' budget. Photos: Giorgina McKay

Community responds to Alexandrina Council draft budget

By Giorgina McKay

Leading the conversation at preliminary budget talks in Strathalbyn last Tuesday was the proposed town dog park, with many wanting to know its progress, while others raised concerns about staffing levels and asset renewal costs.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Alexandrina councillors opened to public consultation the 2024-25 draft Annual Business Plan and Budget inclusive of an 8.3 per cent rate rise, plus 1.3 from new developments and property improvements, at a special meeting in April.

As part of the consultation process, council scheduled three budget roadshow sessions for the three wards, starting with the South Ward on May 13 at the Goolwa Council Chambers, and ending with the West Ward on May 27 at Mount Compass Memorial Hall.

It was the North Ward's turn last Tuesday night, with about 30 people filing into Strathalbyn's St Andrew's Church Hall to hear council staff discuss the proposed plan and budget, and provide their feedback and ask questions on its contents.

The proposed Strathalbyn dog park was the main topic on residents' minds, with some in attendance questioning the delay on the project, and when the town can expect one to be established and where.

Others raised concern about the increased staffing levels and their subsequent costs, along with asset renewal and waste management costs, and services planned to accommodate the influx of new houses.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes told *The Argus* these, along with sharing of services with other councils, had been commonly raised by other residents during budget consultation.

He recognised people's concerns but noted council's expenses had also increased.

"I respect people are not happy about 8.3 per cent, but they've been very respectful about the way they've been expressing their opinions and what they would like to see," Mayor Parkes said.

"Our biggest problem is asset depreciation, and of course, that was revalued based on what they would cost, and that's what they cost to replace today.

"Of course, three years ago, before COVID, it wouldn't have cost anywhere near that.

"Just like everybody's cost of everything in their house and daily things they buy have gone up, everything council does and buys has gone up, but we have a different bag of groceries and the stuff we've got is more effected than the daily purchases of households.

"We're doing everything we can to listen to the community – we understand the message – and look at ways we can come back to the community with a lower rate increase than 8.3."

Overall, the community has welcomed the roadshows once again.



North Ward councillors Sue Miller, Craig Maidment and Christie Thornton were in attendance at the budget roadshow in Strathalbyn to listen to the community's concerns.

Mayor Parkes found the roadshows informative for planning council's next steps.

"We want to make our decision-making process accessible to residents, so we have organised three public sessions in different locations across our council – one during business hours and two after hours," he said.

"The roadshows have been an opportunity to talk about that plan and how we are looking at asset disposals, revenue raising opportunities, and reducing capital and operational expenditure by reviewing our service levels.

"We will also take onboard any feedback from the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) report, which is happening this year.

"What we need from our community is feedback on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and draft Long-Term Financial Plan."

Community members can still provide feedback before 5pm on Monday by completing a survey via MySay or mail, or emailing council at (alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au).

Mayor Parkes said council has started making reductions, but hoped the community would provide better information on what cutbacks it would like to see.

"We've done a lot of things to try and cut back and save money, and we are starting to do a lot more things in-house rather than use contractors, which works out cheaper for us," he said.

"If someone in the organisation leaves, we're not replacing anybody immediately, we're just looking at how we can fill that role, but we've still got to be able to go out there and provide the services to the community that they expect.

"So, hopefully, we'll get some messaging out of this roadshow... because there's quite a few things we're asking them... 'do you want them done?', and we're hoping they're going to come back and tell us 'no, we don't want them done'.

"We'd particularly like your feedback on the funded and unfunded operating initiatives – what you would like to keep in the budget and what you'd like removed – and if you would support an additional 1.25 per cent rate rise to deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan."

5 June 2024 – The Courier

Information events cover 'challenging' budget

SCOTT MURPHY

More than 30 residents attended the Alexandrina Council's budget roadshow held at St Andrews Church Hall, Strathalbyn, last month to dig into what Mayor Keith Parkes described as his "most challenging" budget.

The council has a statutory requirement to host at least one public information session about its draft budget each year before adopting it, however, due to the size of the Alexandrina district, it decided to hold sessions at Goolwa, Strathalbyn and Mt Compass.

These sessions were intended to give residents the opportunity to ask questions of elected members and council staff, while digging deeper into the proposed 2023/24 budget and long term financial planh.

Public consultation for these draft documents closed on Monday, June 3.

Mr Parkes said the feedback gathered from the roadshow provided the council with valuable information, which would assist deliberations about what should and shouldn't be included.

"This year is a challenging budget – probably the most challenging one I have experienced in my 14 years on council," he said.

"The roadshows have been an opportunity to talk about that plan and how we are looking at asset disposals, revenue raising opportunities and reducing capital and operational expenditure by reviewing our service levels." The main concern for most attendees was the proposed 8.3% average rate increase and the $4.7m budget deficit.

Mr Parkes said the plan was to work at reducing the deficit into a surplus over the next five years.

"We've got a plan to work our way through the increase in our depreciation costs and get back into surplus," he said.

"The cost-of-living crisis is affecting all aspects of our lives, and (the) council is no exception.

"We've been hit by massive cost increases in materials and labor which is reflected in the significant increase in the value of our assets."

One particular area of the consultation Mr Parkes said he was interested in was the inclusion of its Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan which, as proposed, would cost each ratepayer about $30 extra per year on average and would "increase township greening and tree planting for canopy cover".

"We particularly (wanted) feedback on the funded and unfunded operating initiatives and if (ratepayers) would support an additional 1.25% rate rise to deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan," he said.

Feedback from the community consultation period will be presented to the council on June 17, and an amended draft annual business plan, budget and long term financial plan will be considered at a special council meeting on June 24.

Social Media

Facebook banner displayed between 2 May – 3 June 2024

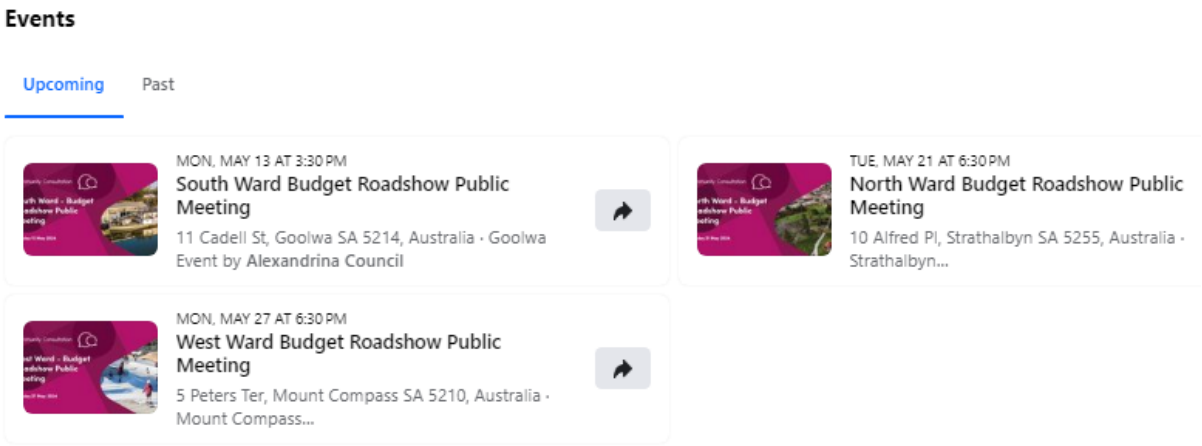
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Each Budget Roadshow event had a separate Facebook event

West Ward – 5 interested

South Ward – 11 interested

North Ward – 10 interested



2 May 2024



10 May 2024

Alexandrina Council
10 May at 13:00 ·

Come along to the first Budget Roadshow where you can learn about the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan.

📅 This coming Monday 13 May
⏰ 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
📍 Goolwa Council Chambers, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa

Can't make it this Monday? Printed copies of the plan are available to browse at Council's libraries and online. Submit feedback through a short online survey, by email or post.

There are two more upcoming Budget Roadshow events at 6:30 pm in Strathalbyn and Mount Compass.

👉 Tuesday 21 May, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm at the St Andrew's Church Hall, 10 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn
👉 Monday 27 May, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm at the Mount Compass Memorial Hall, 5 Peters Terrace, Mount Compass

All details here: https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/abp2024-25



20 May 2024

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Reminder for the North Ward - Budget Roadshow Public Meeting being held tomorrow at 6.30pm in Strathalbyn.

Council will be seeking community feedback on the proposed Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan.

The Budget Roadshow Public Meetings provides the opportunity for community members to learn about the budget and ask questions in person.



TUES, 21 MAY AT 18:30 ACST
North Ward Budget Roadshow Public Meeting
10 Alfred Pl, Strathalbyn SA 5255, Australia
2 people going

31 May 2024

Alexandrina Council
Published by Meltwater Engage · May 31 at 3:50 PM ·

A reminder that community consultation for the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2024/25 and the Draft Long Term Financial Plan is closing soon

Over the last few weeks, we have hosted our Ward Budget Roadshow Public Meetings in Goolwa, Strathalbyn and Mount Compass. The meetings had great attendance and the community was able to ask their valuable questions in person.

If you were unable to make it to a Budget Roadshow, the North Ward held at Strathalbyn was filmed and is now available for viewing on My Say Alexandrina website.

How to provide your feedback:
Visit My Say Alexandrina https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/abp2024-25
Read the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and appendices
Provide your feedback via the survey, email or post

The Draft Plans are available to read in person at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Council Offices. Hard copy surveys are also available to complete and submit

Community consultation closes Monday 3 June 2024, 5 pm.



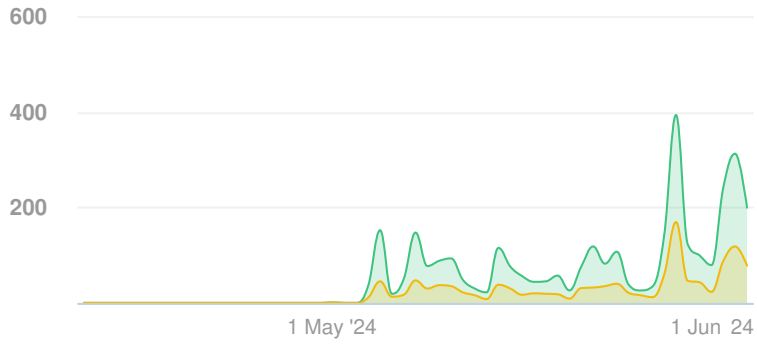
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My Say Alexandrina

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan

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Visitors Summary



Highlights

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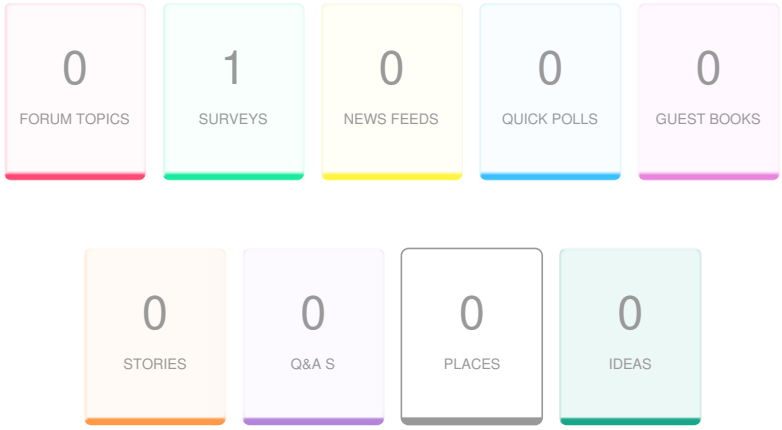
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Informed Participants	658
Informed Actions Performed	**Participants**
Viewed a video	0
Viewed a photo	0
Downloaded a document	336
Visited the Key Dates page	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0
Visited Instagram Page	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	357
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	299

Engaged Participants	299		
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Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Participated in Surveys	10	0	289
Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
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Contributed to Ideas	0	0	0

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
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Survey Tool	Survey - Draft ABP 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan	Archived	468	10	0	289

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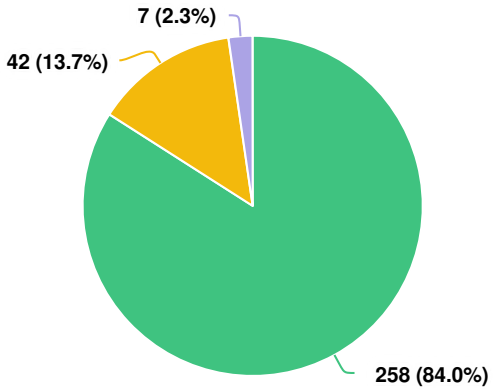
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Document	Appendix D - New Operation Initiatives	25	26
Document	Appendix B - Capital Program	22	25
Document	Full - Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and draft Long Term Fi...	17	21
Document	Appendix A - Financial Statements	16	19
Document	Printable survey ABP	12	14
Document	Budget Roadshow Presentation 2024	8	14
Document	Council Special Minutes - 29 April 2024	6	9
Document	Council Special Agenda - 29 April 2024	5	5

ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Survey - Draft ABP 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan

Visitors 468	Contributors 299	CONTRIBUTIONS 307

Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?



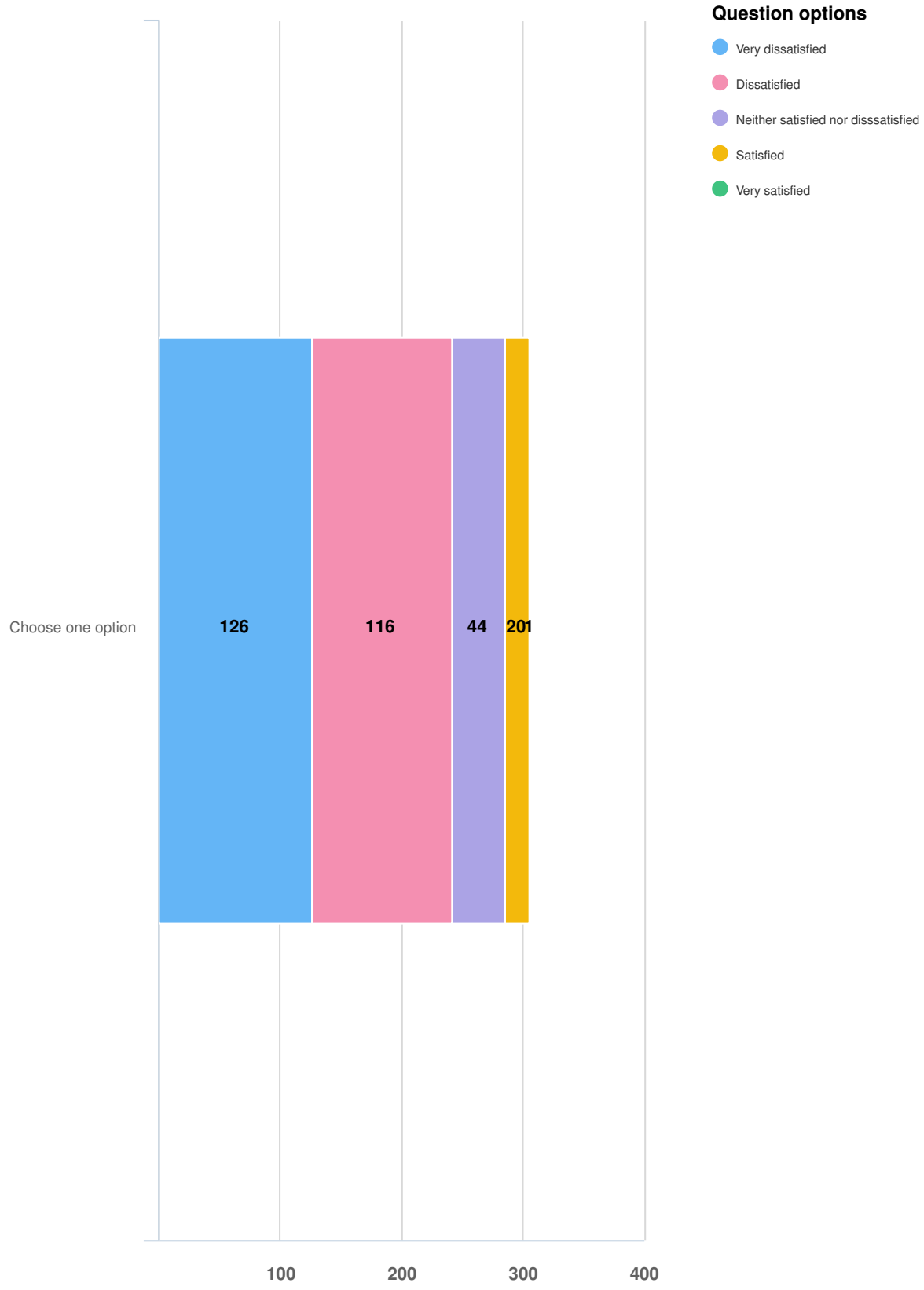
Question options

- Yes, I've reviewed the ABP
- Yes, I've reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow
- No, I've not reviewed the ABP

Mandatory Question (307 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

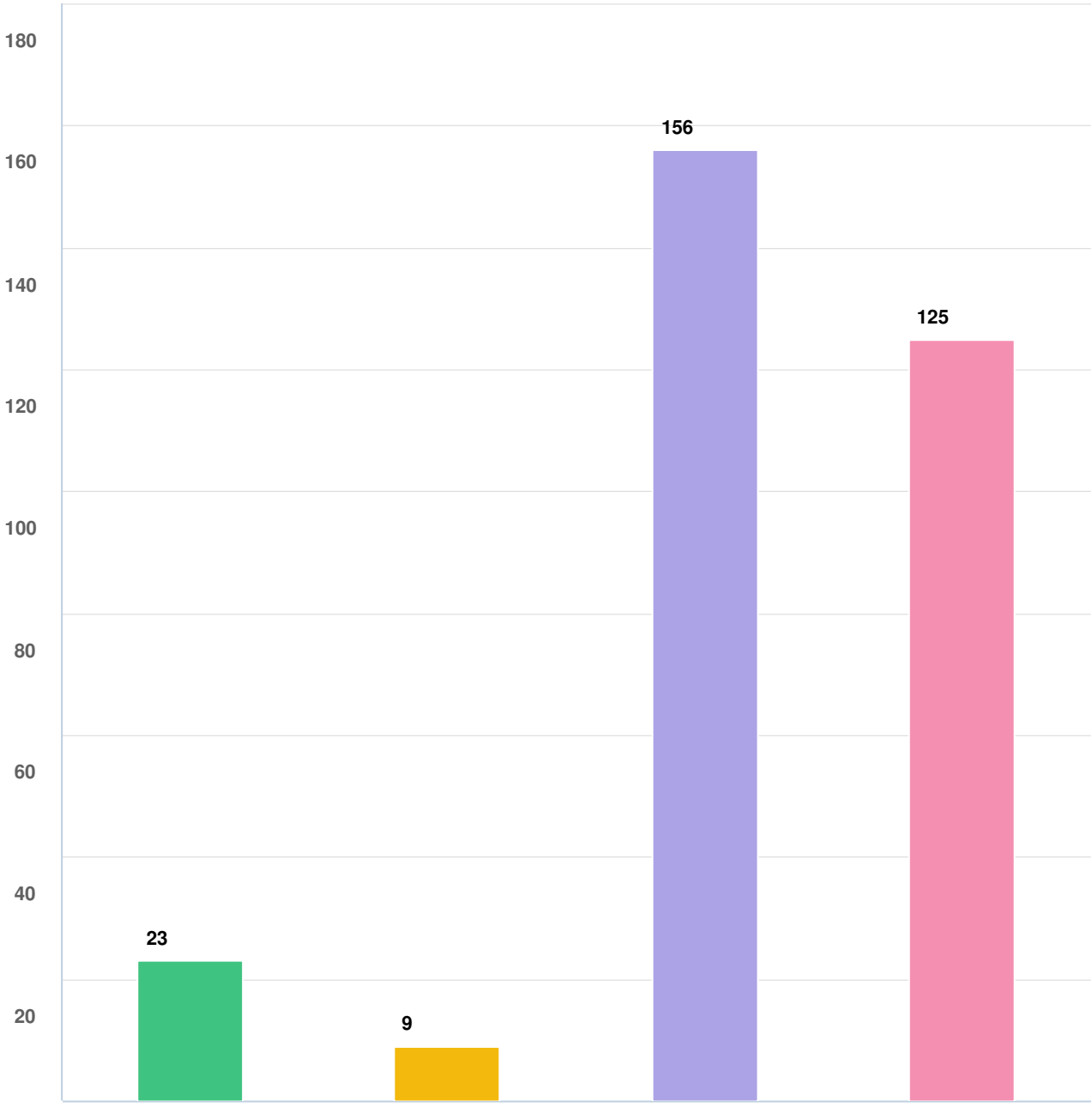
How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?



Mandatory Question (307 response(s))

Question type: Likert Question

Please tick your preferred viewpoint:



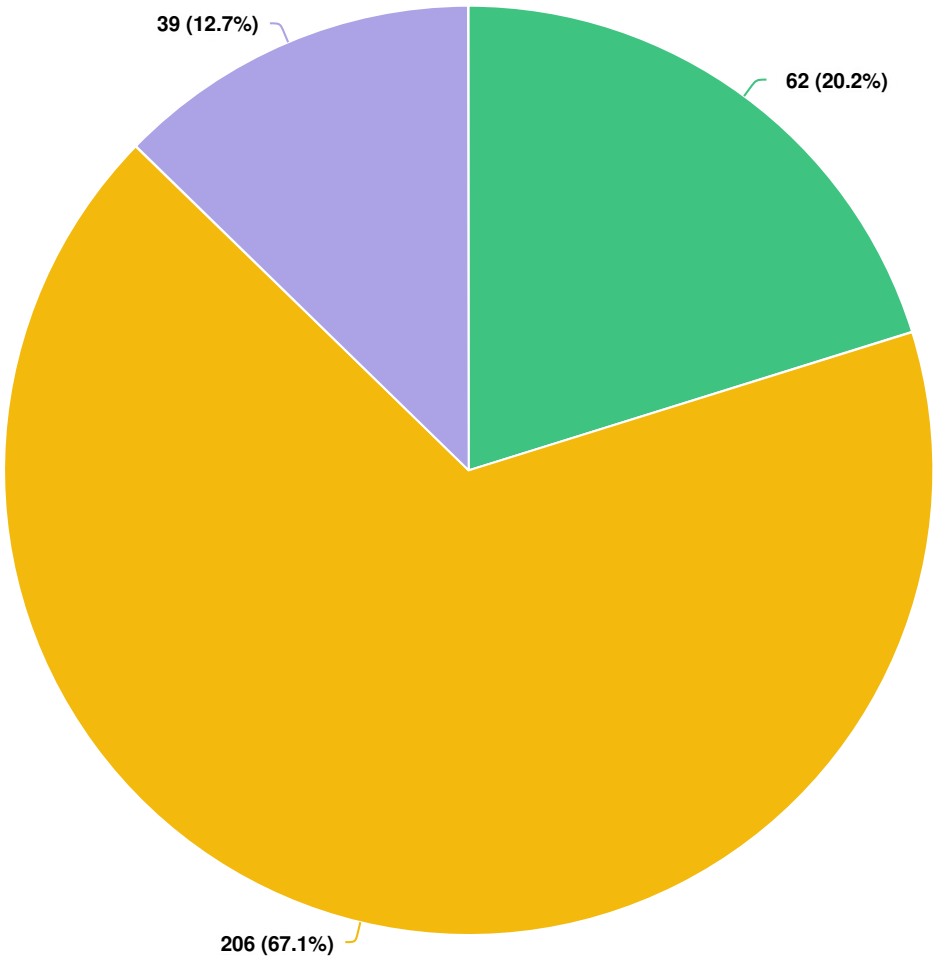
Question options

- Other (please specify)
- I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.
- I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.
- I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Mandatory Question (307 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?Background informationOptional additional rate rise to fund delivery of the Township Green...



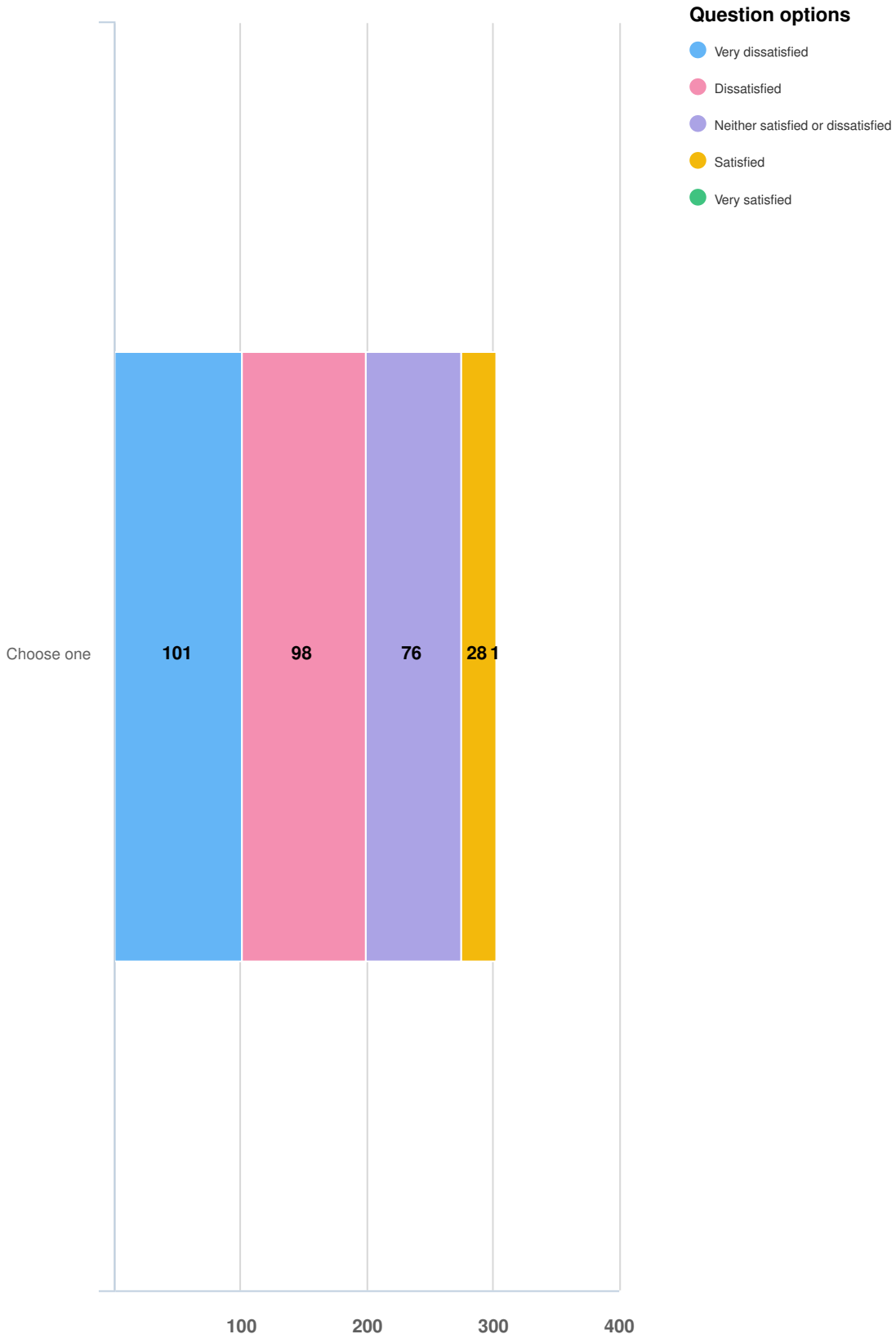
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Other (please specify) No, I do not support Yes, I support

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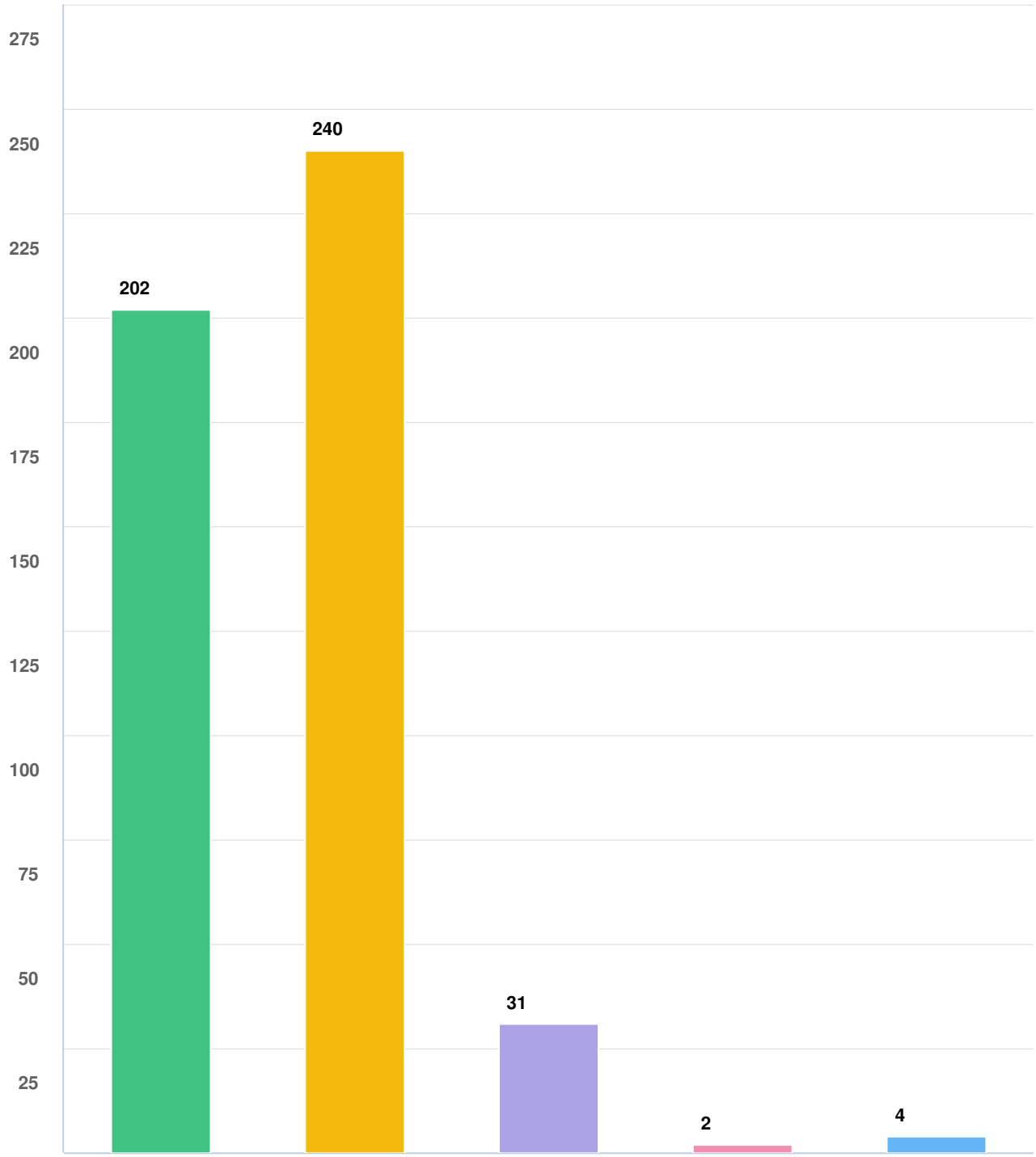
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Optional question (304 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s



Mandatory Question (307 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Survey Responses

19 September 2011 - 11 June 2024

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My Say Alexandrina

Project: Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan

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VISITORS
472

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Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 03, 2024 14:46:28 pm
Last Seen: May 03, 2024 05:12:11 am
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I know councils provide far more than the three R's, like libraries, swimming pools, community centres, halls, parks and gardens, recreational facilities and the list goes on, as residents want and expect more from their council; however, I think it is irresponsible of the Alexandrina Council to raise the rates by 8.3%. I noticed in council s documents that the financials from the pool near Victor Harbor did not get to council in time for their budget calculations. Who knows how much more costs will be added to the expenditure budget by this 'ball and chain ? I wonder if pensioners, low-income earners, risk taking farmers, small businesses etc will get an 8.3% increase in their income? I believe generally not. I was told by a staff member of Council, that to reduce the increase in rates to match their CPI of 4.8%, they would have to find savings of $1.5m. When considering running a business, to stay affordable to your customers or clients, one may need to defer capital expenditure, restructure and reduce their employee needs to reduce costs, resolutely seek savings in operational costs (here s a thought - minimize costly consultants), actively pursue additional income opportunities and do whatever it takes to stay viable and sustainable. During the last elections for councilors', many who were elected, promised to contain the cost of rate increases. To these hard working and committed people, I ask, what happened? I ask that the Executive staff at Council, please go back to the drawing board and cut their cloth to something affordable, and I ask the Councillors to please make sure they do. 8.3% is unacceptable.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Please rethink your capital works. Keep rated closer to CPI + 0

Q9. **Full name**	[redacted]
Q10. **Email address**	
Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 2
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 03, 2024 16:41:31 pm
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IP Address: n/a

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People are suffering. I've knocked on neighbours doors to find them in tears because they don't know how to cope with all the increases in cost. The rates in this area are already ridiculous and the highest in the state. You need to do more to help those people.

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Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

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Alexandrina Resident

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Choose one option
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Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I support dropping subsidies rates for primary producers Who are already claiming tax deductions

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

As above

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

No subsidised rates

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**



Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 5
Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 05, 2024 07:39:24 am
Last Seen: May 04, 2024 22:06:46 pm
IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 6
Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 05, 2024 07:50:34 am
Last Seen: May 04, 2024 22:12:21 pm
IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 7
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 05, 2024 11:35:59 am
Last Seen: May 05, 2024 11:35:59 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You continue to mis manage the budget. Over spending on too many staff in the office and also continue to waste money on non important projects. And for all your incompetence you want rate pays to pay more.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

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Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 8
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 05, 2024 18:11:03 pm
Last Seen: May 05, 2024 18:11:03 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

With regard to the Encounter Bikeway Design Project I wish to draw attention to the problem of stormwater runoff from Kightley Road causing inundation of my & other properties on the western side of the road. If Kightley Rd is to be widened as part of the Bikeway project it is an oppurtune tine to fix the lack of kerbing/drainage which has adversely affected my property at No. 23 for many years now.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 9
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2024 07:14:52 am
Last Seen: May 06, 2024 07:14:52 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Other (please specify)
I would love to see this but i feel money could be used from other areas of the budget to fund rather than passing on the increaes to ratepayers

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not sure this plan will reduce rates in future years. I think spending needs to be reduced more immediately

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 10
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2024 10:40:12 am
Last Seen: May 06, 2024 10:40:12 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support the 8.3 percent rate rise. A rise of that magnitude indicates a couldn't care less attitude for the rate payers ability to pay and financial mismanagement the part of Council.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 11
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2024 11:47:29 am
Last Seen: May 06, 2024 11:47:29 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I generally support the Annual Business Plan and Budget. As a Milang property owner I note the limited capital expenditure for 2024/25, noting just one road project and two design projects. I have an expectation that the two design projects will lead to greater capital expenditure next year. The upgrade of the caravan park is strongly supported. I am disappointed that implementation of the Milang Masterplan has been deferred until future years and strongly encourage Council to consider capital expenditure in 2024/25 for the masterplan to maintain momentum. I am also unsure if general expenditure items include the removal of any of the pine trees along Luard Street. Council is strongly encouraged to remove these trees as a matter of urgency. The tree at the boundary of 17 and 19 Luard Street is severely impacting my property. The driveway has been destroyed by this tree and in unable to be repaired until this tree is removed. In addition these trees are severely degrading the road pavement and appear to be degrading the sewer line. The trees are a risk to traffic on this road and to property along Luard Street. Debris falling from the trees is also a risk to cars and property along Luard Street and often covers large portions of the road. I support the funding of the Township Greening Strategy noting the very low relative level of tree cover in Milang. There is great opportunity to remove pine saplings and larger trees in Pavy Park and replace these with local indigenous plantings.

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Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 12
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2024 15:20:28 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2024 15:20:28 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Could reduce expenses by cutting out all non essential maintenance and services. In otherwords stop spending ratepayers monies redeveloping the area. Need to look at amalgamating with the Victor Harbor council to reduce the duplication of services, employees and infrastructure. A two tier rate system for local residents and non residents to reduce the burden on local residents. Local residents are struggling to pay there council rates as pensions and wages have not kept pace with rate rises over the past 10 years. How on earth can the council justify increasing rates by CPI plus 3.5% for the next 5 years ? The council will fall on its sword if this is allowed to happen.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As per my previous comments.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 13
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2024 20:42:42 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2024 20:42:42 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

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Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I think planner should investigate more and can describe on future development opportunity areas.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Other (please specify)
Land Parcel owner in Goolwa.

Respondent No: 14
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 07, 2024 07:28:45 am
Last Seen: May 07, 2024 07:28:45 am
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The proposed increase of rates by more than 8% is irresponsible in the current financial climate. All rate payers are struggling to keep up with high inflation causing major increases in the cost of living. We need a council budget which takes these circumstances in to account . Surely there are areas where council can consider restricting and restructuring budget expenditure to accomodate a more conservative increase in rates.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

A review of the overall plan would be prudent to address the needs of rate payers in this current financially climate . I understand that council needs to adhere to a budget however I would like to a review and attempt to reduce expenditure to sustain rate increases to a more manageable level.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 15
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 07, 2024 08:32:31 am
Last Seen: May 07, 2024 08:32:31 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Growth in employee expenses over the next 2 year period is unsustainable, and frankly seeking an 8.3% increase is unrealistic too. Council needs to tighten its belt ,stop wasting money and rate rural properties in a fair manner compared to town rates

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 16
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 07, 2024 21:23:08 pm
Last Seen: May 07, 2024 21:23:08 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Referencing the announcement below and is repeated on page 30 of the draft budget. I'm confused where the $157m increase comes from. First off it says an increase in the overall value of council assets of $157m meaning the whole lot of assets the council has. Then it says the increase in roads, footpaths and kerbs has increased by $157m from $143m to $280m. And then doing the calculation.. $143m subtracted from $280m = $137m increase. Alexandrina Council s Comprehensive Asset Review results in a $157 million increase in the overall value of Council's Assets leading to increased depreciation costs 20 March 2024 A multi-year comprehensive review of the current valuations of Alexandrina Council s major asset classes of roads (sealed and unsealed), kerb and footpaths has determined an increase of valuations of $157m from $143m to $280m with Council's total assets across all asset classes increasing in value from $496m to $665m. As with all businesses that have mismanaged the conditions they need to restructure, and reduce spending.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I do not believe the long term plan will be achieved. There will be other conditions that will be used as an excuse not to deliver. However, I really do hope there will be a positive.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Engagement - Alexandrina Council

From: Engagement - Alexandrina Council
Sent: Friday, 17 May 2024 11:19 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: E202424832 - 18.20.047 - E202423531 - 18.20.047 - Anonymous User completed Survey - Draft ABP 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your feedback and query regarding the calculation of the valuation increase. We appreciate you bringing to our attention the incorrect display of data for Roads, Footpaths, and Kerbs. We will amend page 30 to provide further clarification in our Final Annual Business Plan and Budget document.

To clarify, the total of $157 million is for all Council assets, with a movement from $496 million to $665 million. This $170 million total movement consists of a $157 million revaluation, $27 million additional spend, and $14 million depreciation.

Specifically, for Roads, Footpaths, and Kerbs, the total is $130 million, moving from $156 million to $281 million. This $125 million movement includes a $130 million revaluation, $2 million additional spend, and $7 million depreciation.

For more detailed information, you can refer to Note 7 in the 2023 financial statements for the Council. Note 7. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment – Page 594 of 18 March 2024 Council Meeting Agenda.

Thank you again for your feedback. It will be presented to the Council for consideration at the meeting on 17 June 2024.

Kind regards,

Hannah Paul
Community Engagement Officer
Alexandrina Council

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Greening is important and I could not get a tree for $30 planted, watered and maintained. Not to mention all the other greening programs. Well done.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 18
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY OF THE ABOVE

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

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Reduce non operational staff

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You want cpi and 3 per cent a bit greedy

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

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Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I have grave concerns that this increase is just covering up the poor fiscal management of the council's general operations. To put this increase onto already struggling family is a real concern to me, I would like a thorough investigation into the current management of council's operations.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Unfortunately you can cover a number of sins with bright glossy presentations using only the facts that suit your end goal.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

as explained before any additional increase I would like a thorough investigation into past and current financial management.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Engagement - Alexandrina Council

From: Engagement - Alexandrina Council
Sent: Friday, 17 May 2024 12:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: E202424870 - 18.20.047 - E202423737 - 18.20.047 - Anonymous User completed Survey - Draft ABP 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your feedback regarding the proposed draft 2024/25 business plan and budget. We understand your concerns about fiscal management and its impact on families.

Please be assured that Council is undertaking a thorough review of its operations by reassessing all Strategic Management Plans, with completion expected by November 2024. Additionally, Council is participating in tranche 3 of the Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA)'s Local Government Advice Scheme. This initiative will provide us with independent, risk-based advice to support our long-term financial and investment decisions, ultimately benefiting our ratepayers.

Councils function as long-term businesses responsible for ongoing service provision and the management of long-lived assets. It is crucial that council rates are maintained at sustainable levels, balancing the provision of valued services with robust asset management and operational plans to ensure efficient and effective long-term service delivery.

We appreciate your feedback, and it will be included in the outcomes reported to Council at the conclusion of the community engagement process.

Thank you for your engagement.

Kind regards,

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Dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

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Inflation is crippling the average home owner council needs to cut costs to avoid unnecessary increases to each household
The greening could be achieved by community planting one tree each at a cost of no more than $20

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Councils always work in deficit cut down on contractors fees

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 22
Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 09, 2024 15:01:02 pm
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IP Address: [redacted]

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Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

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Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan will be of so much benefit in the future to people walking and riding, to the environment, to property values, to protection from climate extremes. Is this 600k pa recurrent or a one off? Should be recurrent.

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

the strategy to derive a surplus in future years is supported.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Satisfied

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

It appears to meet my expectation of maintaining our current service level and undertaking a very necessary greening program for our area.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

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Email: n/a

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Satisfied

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Don’t feel qualified to comment in a meaningful way

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 25
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
If the council reduced the number of irrelevant projects eg greening, soundshell which will destroy the vista of the strathalbyn River frontage. Money could be saved and the rates would not have to be increased to over 30% in three years.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
The council raises the rates by 8.3% and dares to ask for more. Over the last few years the rates have increased by 30% if this latest rise is put in place. The greening plan is beyond pale and should be scrapped.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

A complete review of all aspects of the running of the council. Savings could be made in many areas. Reduce the number of councillors . The number of new projects be reduced.. depreciation to be reduced. Do not go ahead with the ridiculous plan of a sound shell in strathalbyn. It will be an eyesore, reduce the tourists, no concerts will be held. We have a perfectly serviceable rotunda which should be better utilised along with the refurbished town hall (whenever that gets finished).

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 26
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Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 27
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Council should look at their expenditure and reduce non essential costs, to contribute money to the planting proposal. Rates have already been increased, in spite of the cost of living crisis. To suggest that a further increase should be effected, is nothing my short of ridiculous. Perhaps council should stop approving developmental projects that involve ripping up native landscapes, such as the O'Connell St project on Hindmarsh Island.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Yes, no room for all my feedback.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Success depends on the elected councillors over the time period, and the community involvement over that time period, and a tonne of other variablesm

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Respondent No: 28
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Email: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
The rates are to much already.

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No, I do not support

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 29
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Email: n/a

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Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Aim to keep rates neutral by reducing fringe group services. Back to mainstream basics. Pensioners don't get pay rises and continually go backwards financially. We don't get any concessions off rates from this council as retirees, but large land holders do.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Start with stopping Corellas constantly stripping our parks trees. Spend money fixing this long term identified problem. To go on a greening spend fest while Corellas strip our parks trees is hypocrisy and a foolish waste of our money,...plant a tree to have it stripped - do you realize how silly your plan is?

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You seem to be happy spending money to keep everyone's pet ideas funded in a vain attempt to try and keep everyone happy. In the end you will have almost everyone offside.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

There appears to be a view that recent grandiose wish list expenditure will reduce, as many councilors have been made aware a social media push is underway to unseat those attempting to recklessly spend to keep fringe groups happy.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 30
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 13, 2024 12:10:31 pm
Last Seen: May 13, 2024 12:10:31 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I support 100% the initiative to upgrade canopy cover in Alexandrina (especially Goolwa). Walking in summer is almost unbearable with no street trees to provide even intermittent shade. I live in Seachange Village on Kessell Road which has very suitable areas to plant trees but management is opposed to plant anything above single storey gutter height. I can't understand as all the houses are built on blocks. I suspect their new development next door on Kessell Road will be short of trees too. Council should be consulting with property owners to encourage tree planting, especially on large sites like Seachange. Hometown Australia is the owner of Seachange.

Q9. **Full name**



Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 31
Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 13, 2024 13:37:22 pm
Last Seen: May 13, 2024 04:03:11 am
IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I disagree with continued rate increases given promises previously undertaken to reign in expenditure - this appears to be another backflip at the expense of people who can least afford and are captive in the market with no other options

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

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Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 32
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 13, 2024 14:13:58 pm
Last Seen: May 13, 2024 14:13:58 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not sure of the benefits of all aspects, need to read more.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 33
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 13, 2024 17:30:30 pm
Last Seen: May 13, 2024 17:30:30 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
as below

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The plan makes a lot of sense and discourages reckless spending

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Other (please specify)
Resident of Victor Harbor and frequent visitor and volunteer in Goolwa

Respondent No: 34
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 13, 2024 20:19:06 pm
Last Seen: May 13, 2024 20:19:06 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Other (please specify)

A decrease in the rate increase would not necessarily lead to a decrease in services. It can be achieved by reviewing the corporate structure of council administration and going back to basics - 50% of the budget is currently devoted to salaries and wages. This is an extremely top-heavy administration and budget. Thing like the business hub, environmental and climate change programs, greening etc are not core business.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rates have increased by 10-12% in each of last three years. This is double the rate indicated by council. I forecast that my rates will increase by 15-16% in 2024-25 and I will want an explanation. Denying that increasing property values provides a rates windfall to council is unacceptable. If this is not true then what is the reason?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You seem to be having it two ways here - recommending rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the next ten years and a review of the A2040 plan. But you cannot forecast what will happen over the next ten years - the rate of inflation. This could easily be 5% which with a plus 3% will see average rates more than doubling over this period The state government also wants several thousand more houses built in and around Goolwa and Middleton. And there is already a building boom in Strathalbyn and on Hindmarsh Island. This will increase rate revenue but also require more expenditure on basic infrastructure - water, sewage, electricity, roads

Q9. **Full name**	[redacted]
Q10. **Email address**	
Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 35
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 14, 2024 12:37:43 pm
Last Seen: May 14, 2024 12:37:43 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
cpi increase only, cease with all master plans and give the victor harbor swimming pool to victor harbor, no more $1 million grant fund

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

how are the people on fixed incomes, low incomes etc going to pay? sell assets to cover the cost.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

council has failed when controlling cost and spending, wages are far to high, having such high-rate levels will force people either to move or not consider moving to the area, how are we expected to pay for this massive financial plan?

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 36
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 14, 2024 14:49:22 pm
Last Seen: May 14, 2024 14:49:22 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 37
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 14, 2024 14:50:12 pm
Last Seen: May 14, 2024 14:50:12 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

As a document it is very difficult to read and follow. The details on specifically the budget funds will be spent on is not clear. There is too much "smoke and mirrors" about what the budget provides for in terms of projects and levels of service with programs. There are projects and programs that need to be removed or modified as they are either not core business, not a priority at this time or both. A budget should show what is planned to be spent this year and every effort should be put in place to achieve this expenditure in the year - carry forwards should only occur under extremely special circumstances. If I was "Random Guy", I would be looked to pull my (financial) head in at this time and only consider "must have" programs and projects and their levels of service. And look at other agencies to deliver some of these services eg maybe there is a private business out there that is willing to provide a swimming pool?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

A LTFP was put in place and then within a short period we are being told that the plan was not followed - so why have the plan. We are not taking into account the ongoing future costs when we have agreed to new major projects. The wharf project is a classic in this regard. On the massive increase in depreciation, what does this really mean? We seem to be covering the consumption of administration assets (Council offices, depots, plant and equipment) but looking at say footpath assets the amount provided is such a small percentage of the value of the asset.

Q9.	**Full name**	[redacted]
Q10.	**Email address**	
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 38
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 14, 2024 18:35:58 pm
Last Seen: May 14, 2024 18:35:58 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 39
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 14, 2024 20:58:55 pm
Last Seen: May 14, 2024 20:58:55 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

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Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**
not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 40
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 15, 2024 00:13:17 am
Last Seen: May 15, 2024 00:13:17 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I support the Strathalbyn waste transfer station being opened on Saturday. This would be far more accessible to my family due to working days, and we also assist extended family and others to access the station too.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 41
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 15, 2024 00:36:56 am
Last Seen: May 15, 2024 00:36:56 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Yes, I support

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I would also support the proposed opening the Strathalbyn waste exchange on Saturdays. Many of us find it difficult to get there on the current days to recycle our cardboard/metal etc. keeping it out of landfill.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 42
Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 15, 2024 09:12:35 am
Last Seen: May 14, 2024 23:29:37 pm
IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The council needs to consider how rates are applied across the jurisdiction and apply a more equitable model across dense populated areas versus areas/zones that are more rural and not direct recipients of benefits and infrastructure changes occurring in other areas such as Strathalbyn and Goolwa and thus far. We live in Kuitpo and living on Brookman road all our services are managed and maintained by State Government - apart from road side rubbish collection. We probably receive better services out of Meadows which is not even in your area of respsonsibility. An 8.3% proposed increase that outstrips CPI, wage growth and placing nothing but increased pressure on property rates where the capita rate has increased to only serve your advantage not ours. I think your model needs to scale rates in order to provide a more equitable cost model that better reflects how the budget is distributed to service dense areas where the average price of the home is lower and benefits are more highly realsied versus those of us that are in rural areas and penalised.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

For same reason as stated above doesn't reflect those areas in the region that are not beneficiary of proposed long term plan objectives. Kuitpo (and living on Brookman Road specifically) will see nothing out of this as a core benefit to refelct the increases in rates AND costs we're exposed to support the council area as a whole.

Q9.	**Full name**	[redacted]
Q10.	**Email address**	
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 43
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 16, 2024 10:59:44 am
Last Seen: May 16, 2024 10:59:44 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No sound shell in Strathalbyn. We have a lovely park already fit for purposes. Don’t destroy our park with an ugly and unwanted sound shell.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**

[redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 44
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 16, 2024 13:49:51 pm
Last Seen: May 16, 2024 13:49:51 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Haven t lived here long enough to fully weigh up outcomes short and long term

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 45
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 16, 2024 14:03:42 pm
Last Seen: May 16, 2024 14:03:42 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I do not support the expenditure on the sound shell. It detracts from the character of the location and does not demonstrate value. Council should look at ways to increase traffic and tourism such as local produce markets, environmental investment and community infrastructure that reflects the natural and agricultural purpose of this town. Small grants for this purpose could see opportunities for events etc. that bring people from Adelaide, interstate and overseas to Strath with some careful planning. I would also ask for better investment in services such as roads and waste collection, which are well below par for rate payers.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 46
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 17, 2024 06:55:48 am
Last Seen: May 17, 2024 06:55:48 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The document looks to spin a story to cover an inability to create efficient and productive operations. Clearly the Goolwa wharf project will blow out. (was $10M, now $18M) The council spends over $3M on plant and vehicles. Efficiency and usage studies are not provided and assumed incomplete. The council now looks to sell off assets and land to reduce debt which is an extremely poor approach for recovery. The issue has been apparently created by asset revaluation and then maintenance, which seems like a ploy.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I can’t see any explanation other than above, only many pages of tables in Appendix C. I can t see how this defines a strategy except perhaps to qualified accountants. Can there be a long term strategy defined?

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 47
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 17, 2024 15:18:22 pm
Last Seen: May 17, 2024 15:18:22 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No - see below

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Tricky to respond when I do not have a finance background. I was at the Budget meeting in Goolwa and listened to the rational re assets and depreciation. As elsewhere we are facing a global climate crisis and I strongly believe that Council/s have a role in doing everything they can to reduce and mitigate the impact on our environment, bio-diversity and people. We are all interconnected and so dependant on caring for our world - $600,000 to at least plant more trees is very insignificant in the context of Council s budget. It is important that Council show strong leadership - not just for us but our children and grandchildren!!

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 48
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 17, 2024 20:57:28 pm
Last Seen: May 17, 2024 20:57:28 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I don't think now is the time to take on new projects and add any extra to council rates, people are struggling to pay the existing amount

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 49
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 18, 2024 17:15:46 pm
Last Seen: May 18, 2024 17:15:46 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase because the rise in rates do not reflect sustainable development for the region - departments should work under the one umbrella for the betterment of the whole region not with the excuse that, "departments don't talk to one another". In addition I question the various percentages per $100 in how that is allocated in spend - there would seem to be plenty of areas where duplication is occurring.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

See previous response - I'd be interested in the cost of the actual Plan and Budget as it would seem to have been written by external consultants - is this in addition to the financial management and planning fees already captured in rates?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I've heard this before and it simply doesn't seem to happen.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 50
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 18, 2024 17:58:20 pm
Last Seen: May 18, 2024 17:58:20 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Timing of Township Greening Strategy is terrible and any greening should be funded by current street tree programs and through access to the Landscapes Levy

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We currently only get bare bones services from the council, there has been a lot of wasted funding from really poor project management with a prime example being the Goolwa Beach carpark upgrade, which spent large amounts of funding for a relatively minuscule addition of car parking, cleared important dune vegetation, made an absolute mess of the remaining dune areas by pushing up weeds, soil, gravel, old fencing (you name it) and then had to fix it up with more funds. It would have to have gone over budget and was definitely not properly completed by the due date as works continued for months afterwards. The landscaping was a joke, and this was well known to locals in the know. I was contacted directly by the landscape designers, provided free consultation to re-work their shocking plant selection list (which had declared weeds on the list and plants from Western Australia!), the landscape designers presented as having very poor knowledge of coastal plants for the Fleurieu, had to look things up on search engines as I was naming them, the plants that were finally sourced according to the re-worked species list were shocking quality, sourced from an Adelaide hills Nursery, the contractors doing the job were dealt with directly and had very little clue about the plants in terms of end growing dimensions, existing natives on the site to avoid and subsequently planted many of the potted plants half out of the ground and at ridiculous densities. Many died and it looks aesthetically shocking still and wasted thousands of dollars on poor looking plants. The planting contractors had several hundred plants in pots stone from the carpark as they did not secure them overnight plus they did not attempt to follow up with this via CC tv from the surf club. The carpark drainage issue from runoff hitting the carpark and running to the SE corner near the Kuti Shack was not addressed in the re-vamp, so the first 30mm of rainfall after it was 'finished' lead to the new steps being severely threatened with undermining and hence required significant pooling of resources to create a stop fix with sandbags. The contractor who was employed to sort this drainage issue took heavy machinery into a 'no go area of the dunes reserve, crushing vegetation and requiring fast action from community and communication with the project manager to get him out of the site. It turned out he wasn't even still contracted by the council and wasn t even meant to be there.The advice provided as part of the consultation for the master plans for the carpark was clearly not taken seriously as this drainage issue was an underlined key issue identified as needing fixing. Another example, it was made clear that trees in general would not be suited to the site conditions, prevailing winds, sea spray etcetera. but council still pushed ahead, planted advanced specimens which died in less than 2 weeks. It sends a really bad message to me as a ratepayer and contributor of hundreds of volunteer hours looking after the Goolwa coastline that council doesn t really care so much. A significant Ngarrindjeri site was impacted on the carpark site as part of the master plan and required a stop work on the site for some time. All in all, this project was a monumental failure in terms of an efficiently run project using our money and that of taxpayers via grant funding.

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Other (please specify)

Volunteer contributors of significant amounts of my spare time on weekends coordinating the Goolwa Coastcare group to greatly enhance the natural and amenity value of the Goolwa and Middleton coastline. So it makes my blood boil when our work is undone by sloppy workmanship like the earthworks which pushed large amount of cleared vegetation, rubbish and even our coastcare signage into the Heritage Agreement Reserve outside of the approved clearance area, with little regard or respect for our efforts. We have spent in excess of 6000 hours of time keeping the open spaces on council land in excellent condition. This amounts to $280,000 worth of volunteer labour. So in return, making our ratepaying dollars go further and avoiding the obvious waste is a must.

Respondent No: 51
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 19, 2024 07:06:07 am
Last Seen: May 19, 2024 07:06:07 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I fully support the greening initiatives of green canopy and biodiversity in townships. I also support all climate change and mitigation strategies and proposals put forward- these changes in spend need to happen to ensure people want to live in Alexandrina and continue to pay their rates that contribute to an overall sense of wellbeing and a highly desirable place to live.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**

[redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 52
Login: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: May 19, 2024 19:26:13 pm
Last Seen: May 19, 2024 08:33:52 am
IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The ABD reflects the importance of future proofing all aspects of our community including but not limited to issues such as financial, cultural, population growth, infrastructure, heritage (both pre- and post-colonisation, the natural environment and most importantly the impact of Climate Change.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 53
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 19, 2024 19:32:56 pm
Last Seen: May 19, 2024 19:32:56 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
8.3 per cent is a very large increase .

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 54
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Responded At: May 19, 2024 19:39:44 pm
Last Seen: May 19, 2024 19:39:44 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

In light of our global climate crisis, I think it is essential that Council addresses through its budget, the opportunity to green the region for future generations to enjoy; I would suggest that in addition to this special Township Greening Strategy/rate increase for all, Council also provides a voluntary contribution box on all rates notices that community members can tick if they are able to make an extra donation towards the greening project. In general, I think council should maintain rates levels to ensure that it is able to provide adequate services to all community members, including funding financial stability, arts and cultural infrastructure and programs for quality of life for all.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I understand that the cost of everything is always increasing. I think we need to do whatever we can to ensure that council services continue. it is unreasonable to expect that all council services continue without increases.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 56
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Email: n/a

Responded At: May 20, 2024 08:30:28 am
Last Seen: May 20, 2024 08:30:28 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
See answer 8.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I think that budget plans and financial plans are very difficult to assess. They're almost academic in their verbosity.Reading the background information in pt.7 what stands out most is the imprecise information. Perhaps that's the nature of projections and projected action.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 57
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Last Seen: May 20, 2024 08:45:42 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

It’s a big job thank you. Keep foot paths wider and more of them. Keep the bike track safe and away from cars as much as possible

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Hard to run such a big area.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 58
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Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Choose one option
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Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

More clarity on environmental budget breakdown of individual elements.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I would be concerned if the recision of the A2040 strategic plan impacted on the funding and strategic priorities set out in the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Environmental Action Plan. Given the climate emergency unfolding before us we have to continue to priorities these issues over any funding allocation to tourism projects capital funding.

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 59
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Email: [redacted]

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IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I believe that the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan is a basic function that should be covered by the existing rate income as part of climate change action. If the funds are required, the investment properties could be charged commercial rates on their profitable properties. I would like to see the council cease penalising the principal home owners., who care for the locality to a greater degree than the temporary investors.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I believe that the extra revenue could be accrued through applying commercial rates on investment properties which are conducting holiday and air bnb rentals at a profit, under the guise of homeowners. I believe that a lot of the council's expenditure is to placate investors and not warranted nor desired by permanent residents who are wearing the cost, particularly at a time where the local population comprises many retired pensioners and struggling families.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 60
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Choose one option
Dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Too many promises over the years Lost faith

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 61
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 21, 2024 16:34:02 pm
Last Seen: May 21, 2024 16:34:02 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 62
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 21, 2024 17:08:18 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I believe that this is an excellent project however at these times of stress on residents budgets I suggest that other means be examined to achieve the outcome. This may have already occurred, however have State and Federal Grants been explored. Have philanthropic opportunities been explored. I do not know what the tax status of the Council is, however is there an opportunity to establish a greening/climate response Foundation for Alexandrina where tax deductible donations can be made and Council agrees to provide $1 for every dollar donated up to a specific ceiling. If greening/climate change is not a passionate enough cause is there another cause in the Council's plan that would warrant this approach

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I am a resident of Goolwa Beach. I can afford the rates however I note that annual rates at Goolwa Beach are significantly higher that many suburbs of Adelaide, I understand the many reasons why (such as rural needs, lower population, high cost of rural roads etc) however when one is faced with such high rates and there are basic services provided for the area where I live (such as no kerbs and minimal paths and less rubbish collection than is desirable, no hard waste collection etc) it starts to grind. Having said that I have been advocating for a Billabong Road path for some time and it is great to see it in the budget (not sure whether 200m will make the distance). It is currently unsafe for pedestrians. So I thank the team for this initiative. Having had my whinge about the rates it is a great place and I think the plan is excellent. I know people will not like the rate rise and it does appear that there is a focus on cost reduction and productivity improvement. However, the alternative is to slowly go broke. I really like that you have a long term financial plan. However I hope the CPI plus 3% is a guide. I expect that this is what you will need but in the event that the Feds or State were to support more initiatives (and pigs will probably fly) then you may want to modify this. It is hard to predict the future but I expect we will eventually see a significant economic downturn at some stage in Australia and this may impact residents severely should it occur.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one — Very satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

See other comments elsewhere on the long term financial plan

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 63
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 22, 2024 00:39:34 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Current CPI for March in Adelaide is 4.3% and trending down so increase in rates should be 7.8% according to your plan and not on December CPI. Your rate capping has increased from 12% to 15% and is not applied automatically which seems underhanded . Make it more pronounced on rate notices and other places that this has to be applied for and by a set date. Your current business plan makes it seem like it has always been 15% .

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
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Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Where do we draw the line with the updated depreciation figures and how accurate they are into the future considering the huge impact on rate increases? CPI +3% is probably excessive but increase of rate capping from 12% to 15% is underhanded considering it is not automatically applied but has to be applied for. Current CPI for March is 4.3% for Adelaide and 3.6% National . Which CPI do you base this on from 2026.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 64
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 22, 2024 14:26:11 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

Another rate rise so soon would be absolutely infuriating to not only ourselves but all rate payers struggling with cost of living. Our main issues are cost of living and the fact that WE DO NOT ENJOY ANY council BASICS SUCH AS CURB AND GUTTERING, RUBBISH COLLECTION, POSTAL SERVICE or any fundamental services to condone a rate increase. WE pay MORE RATES HERE THAN WE PAID IN THE CITY IN GLENELG SOUTH. A rate rise again now would appear as a money grab on the community.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We are undertaking our own greening with natives on our block to attract and foster more indigenous wildlife. We have also applied for a grant to help in reinstating an eco dam to support this program. It is because of this we would not support extra rates on top of our already expensive rates.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 65
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Email: n/a

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Dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Yes. Too much spent on climate change initiatives. Get rid of climate change team, Get rid of climate change initiative $195,000, community greening $8,000 and climate emergency operating budget $25,000. Impose higher rates on businesses as they reap a greater benefit from a lot of the council expenditure than do ordinary residents.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council needs to become leaner and more resident focused and less visitor focused.

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 66
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

I do not support a rate increase, as mount Compass receives less infrastructure and amenities than other places in your constituency. I would support an increase if u gave us : 1/- decent roads that the pot holes refilled by the council last longer than the first rain, 2/-solar lighting along the dark spots on Victoria harbour road, 3/-better public transport system, practically non existent here , 4/-What about a mountain bike track to attract tourists ? 5/-Stop letting developers chop up the land into tiny house blocks, just so council can grab more rates , Minimum in country areas should be 1000 metres , especially the land adjacent to golf course on Arthur road, WE DO NOT WANT ANOTHER MOUNT BARKER HERE!! Their council has ruined that town . Please learn by there mistakes . 6/-Upgrade the fire station 7/-Put in an ambulance station 8/-Bring back a police station. BENEFITS:- Quicker response time for accidents to have these facilities between victor and Aldinga . That's many KM in between, could mean life or death, don't you think ? 10/- let farmers agist their land to caravan dwellers, helping those who CANNOT keep up with the cost of living, It's a win win for two families. Support EVERYONE in your council. 11/- how about plant fruit trees in streets to support families, Plant more trees full stop, more parks. It's sad to see council allowing subdivisions with little care for parks or the design AND roofs practically touching each other. Children need yards . Every house block should be a minimum of 800m Or units with a common open grassed areas. There seems to be no imagination or guidance by council to the developers in how the estates should look. I don't believe mount compass residents should have to pay the same as people in Victor, Goolwa, Pt Elliott where there are so many more facilities. It appears to me unfair and uneven. Keep Alexandrina beautiful, Be different Be imaginative But most importantly BE FOR the people. Thank you for your time, although this will possibly be seen as a rant , laughed at and tossed aside . But I ve expressed myself with truth, perhaps with some ignorance, but with the thoughts of our community in heart.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?** No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

As above

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)** not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Explained above. The council writers can explain or provide all the words they like to say WHY the increases are necessary, But honestly, Really, it's more money grabbing schemes, to pay for one off consultants at $10000 week, to write screeds of pages of pretty plans with pictures. And I m not surmising, I ve worked in corporate, I know the amount of waste that goes on in Head office , the time wasting on meetings rehashing, cutting costs, consolidating workloads, all in the name of progress. We need old fashioned common sense . Feet on the ground. In reality, get back to basics. It's just very sad to watch all the rates go up, yet there are so many people homeless and struggling because of it. Just sad this world has become all about money and greed.

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 67
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

1.The Adelaide council's draft annual business plan has proposed short term and bnb properties be deemed 'commercial-other' because the are permantly air bnb and not lived in by the owners and would pay 22 per cent more on top of their rates – about an extra $450.00 p/a. 619 properties in Alexandrina area are bnb and most are not lived in by the owners and should be deemed 'commercial-other' so minimum $418,000 per annum income to the council would help the budget and not have the residents to pay higher rates. More than half of the bnb dwellings in Goolwa and District were vacant at the 2021 Census. As for the Community Greening program, put that on hold for now, as 6 days ago The South Australian Government is taking immediate action to better protect South Australia's tree canopy and safeguard large, mature trees from destruction. The Alexandrina Council has removed large amounts of trees over the last 24 months. 2. Not a good time to increase the number of employees and linking Enterprise bargaining to CPI? or a full time Graduate accountant this financial year. A number of councils have saved money by sharing resources and manpower to deliver frontline services. In some cases, local authorities have shared department bosses to split their salary bill across two or more councils. This reduces staff costs and increases efficiency. 3. Not a good time to spend on UNFUNDED projects. 4. I'm sure that $1.2m spent on Libraries at this point is not necessary, maybe look again next budget. 5. Don't go back to the future with a Community Centre in the old Harbour Masters residence at this point in time, too much maintenance required to recify and the Council does not have the funds to do this. 6. Digital online services cut council transaction costs, shifting more money to urgent services. A study of city councils has shown that an online transaction costs on average 1% of a face to face transaction. The cost of contact face to face was A$13.70, via telephone was A$4.32 and online was A$0.15. Tighten your belts and save some money and look for extra income steams without expenses.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** — Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 68
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I support a less than 8.3% increase with the difference funded by efficiencies of operations and an increase in productivity

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

It seems clear that a number of people in the Council are 'asleep at the wheel'. There needs to be a review of how things are done rather than what gets done. That is; a critical analysis of productivity and efficiency. If there are $5mill savings hanging around, then there are $10mill and you need to find the other $5mill. I think there is complacency within the bureaucracy that leads to taking the ratepayers for granted as cash cows.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I'm unconvinced that Council administration is committed to working smarter, not harder.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 69
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Other (please specify)
Whilst I support green initiatives, I'm of the view that this is a core council activity and as such general revenue should be used.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I don't believe that a surplus should be the aim of council. Core infrastructure and attention to rate payers requirements should be the priority. The council appears to spend a lot of money on surveys and plans, and little money on activities that really impact the rate payers.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 70
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No more than 3% rate increase. Cut incessant spending

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Cut un necessary funding and please listen to the ratepayers. Cost of living does not warrant such a large increase in rates

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

How can you justify a 50% rate increase by 2929. Wages/pensions do not increase by 50%

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 71
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

I do not support a rate increase of the magnitude proposed. I would also remind council of it's "back to basics - we heard your message" from last years budget review. How quickly you seemingly forget. I am disappointed that there is an implied threat of a decrease in services if we choose to suggest a smaller rate rise. Have you really looked at your mngr/staff ratios & sought reductions? How on earth do you justify $1.5M be spent on encouraging business to set up in Alex? If business sees an opportunity then it is on them to make it work - not ratepayers. I commend your CEO's plan to bring work back into Council & dispense with the huge costs of consultants which has crippled Alex for a number of years now- nearly $1M on consultants to tell you how to restore the Goolwa Wharf & Precinct before even 1 worn plank was removed - now the community understands that the original $9.0M budgeted cost for the project has blown out to some $20M. It borders on lunacy, but more importantly, it demonstrates profligate waste of ratepayer funds. I would accept a rate rise of CPI, as I'm sure many ratepayers would also agree - if ratepayers have to 'tighten their belts' why is Council of the opinion that they are somehow exempt? Here's a new slogan for you -"NO MORE CAPITAL PROJECTS UNTIL COUNCIL IS BACK IN THE BLACK" - add it to the previous slogan of "BACK TO BASICS" & perhaps you can start to restore some faith from your jaded community.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)

NO! This has been a plank of your A2040 Plan, but until now Council has not 'activated' the option, despite the community reminding you of the option repeatedly. Now, allegedly, the only way to implement this option is to ask the community for yet more rate funds. Instead of all the waste of funds spent on the viability studies of ideas like Lot 10, duplicating the sports areas already extant in Strathalbyn, Council could have been undertaking this option as a priority. It's not too late - Get rid of some of these consultant based money pits and use the money saved to fund this already agreed by the community initiative, but I hasten to add that Council needs ensure that "concentrate greening efforts in townships with the lowest canopy cover" is not an excuse to once again just expend more money on the already overfunded 2 big towns' we are stuck with in our Council area. As a resident of Port Elliot still waiting for delivery and community agreement on our Master Plan for our town, which included 'Greening' as an important component of the community's input to the plan, I find it galling that Council has yet to undertake community discussion on the plan, has failed to acknowledge that the Draft Master Plan as presented does not identify the community's wish for "Greening' to be an important component of the plan, and now presents ratepayers of Port Elliot with a seemingly wonderful opportunity to have Council pop some trees into our township with no reference to community input, and at an added rates hike of some 1.25%. I would also point out that your '(on average this equates to $30 per year) is pie in the sky nonsense - just ask some of our ratepayers in Port Elliot what your 1.25% really means. Lastly, I haven't looked at the good Doctor's little video, as I was not inclined to pay $15 for the privilege of joining 'Vimeo' just to watch it. What was wrong with just putting it up on Council's website like all the other video material that's available?

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Perusal of the Capital Program 2024/25 has the Strathalbyn Sound Shell listed in the program. It is my understanding that this is a new initiative with a projected cost of $0.5M. Deferment of this proposal would release the funding to be used for the Greening project. The proposal for a part time Agribusiness Officer should be dropped, & the $70k funding again used in the Greening Initiative. There are already copious avenues for agricultural enterprises to obtain specialist advice from both Commonwealth & State Gov't. entities. Again I would stress that it is not ratepayer's responsibility to undertake these functions - the mantra 'Back to Basics' should not include any of the business responsibilities Council has assumed for itself. A brief look at page 13 of the Draft Plan document details how you determine what goes into the budget under the A2040 headings - significant monetary support for business is not a topic in any of the 3 themes.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)** not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Nowhere in your LTFP verbiage do you refer to or program a rates review into your proposal to lower rates. It is extremely disappointing that vested interests appear to have shut down any rates review, based mainly on the desire to maintain an unsustainable 17% rate differential for primary industry. As your proposal defines predicted outcomes out to June 2034, on what basis do you determine rates income? Why isn't a rates review at the top of your revision list It is my view that you approach the review issue backwards. Your first step should be to determine ratepayers view of what constitutes fair & equitable rates and the determinants to be used. Once you have a baseline for these factors agreed by ratepayers, and they have been predicated into your calculations/forecasts in the LTFP, only then should you commence your review of the plans you list above to tailor them with realistic plans based on funding available.

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** — Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 72
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You cannot increase rates by such a high percentage especially when our income has not been increased anywhere near what you are suggesting. You are out of touch with reality. Decrease spending and decrease services. User pay is better. We already don't have street lights and have to struggle to fill one bin per FORTNIGHT! I simply won't be able to afford to pay my rates……

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Rates increase far too high

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 73
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 23, 2024 19:03:34 pm
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Council to get back to basics. Salary expenditure has increased too much. Increase productivity! Pull up the office blinds so the rate payers can see their employees working. Projects not completed in given time period adding extra cost. Cut the spin. Get the work done in time and on budget.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Again let’s get back up basics. Provide rate payers with bin collection, msinpof parks and gardens and footpaths. Staff to complete projects within time frame. Not working on a project results in projects not being completed with defined time frame. Employees to get on with the work and complete project in time. Rather than rolling over to the next 3 years and adding more costs.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Rate rises should be capped to CPI, with more attention being given to greater efficiency, more effective spending (best value-for-money) and more closely monitoring and controlling project costs (especially construction projects involving external contractors) would be a good start.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 75
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 23, 2024 21:25:44 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Due to the current financial situation most residents find themselves in the council should go back to basics and not commence any new projects or fund any new project investigations unless approved by 70% of the ratepayers, the council should scrap it's greening plans as these are the prevue of federal and state governments, It should return to supplying only the required ratepayer services until all current projects are completed, of course emergency and road maintenance should receive attention and more attention paid to ratepayer services not funding tourism based infrastructure.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

See previous comments on the ABP.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 76
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 24, 2024 14:46:04 pm
Last Seen: May 24, 2024 14:46:04 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I like the idea of taking portions of the budget out to allow residents to vote on them whilst also showing their cost impact. However it isnt fair that only the Tree Greening action plan is taken out of this budget to individually vote one as it is setting t up for failure. We should have more items from the budget itemised in the consultation to allow redsidents greater say on what particular services they do/don't want Cocunil to be performing.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We need to be looking at what services Council is providing and consulting with residents to see if we are providing the services that the community actually wants

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 77
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 24, 2024 17:05:36 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

My Private Health Cover is now less than my Council Rates. I have top health cover and I can assure you the services I receive from them are far more comprehensive than the value I receive for my council rates. I live in Pt Elliot the parking is appalling, The Stand is a nightmare to negotiate, either on foot or by car. The lack of rubbish bins means I am constantly picking up litter as I walk around the town. The footpaths on Rosetta Terrace between North Terrace and the beach are dangerous, to stay on the properly made foot path you must cross the road at least 3 times putting you at risk with traffic especially if you are elderly or have small children. Some residents of Rosetta have gardens that cover the entire verge and make it impossible to negotiate without stepping onto the road and hence into traffic. Whilst still on foot paths try walking on North Terrace, part of the footpath has vegetation growing over the asphalt and I have seen many and elderly person falter trying to negotiate the debris. I have given up reporting this stuff and as I look at Strathalbyn and how it has been beautified and I compare that to the money spent by the Council on Pt Elliot infrastructure I get very angry. I will not even mention all the money that has been poured into Goolwa wharf and oval precinct. can you imaging why people at Pt Elliot feel totally neglected by the planning department of the Council We pay massive rates in Pt Elliot, I have not had my septic tank pumped in years, once it was regularly every 5 years. I look at the lack of investment and I wonder if this Council actually hears how frustrated residents are. One last note re the undervaluing of footpath infrastructure and other assets I am at a loss for words, what do we pay experts like the CEO and the CFO to do. If you were to offer that excuse to a Board of Management in the Private Sector you would be out of a job

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I don't believe it is deliverable

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 78
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 25, 2024 07:46:47 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Make it a requirement of any new development to provide adequate trees. Get community groups to step up. Ask school to grow seedlings and plant trees. There should be way to get community involvement without the council having to fund so much.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We are all struggling so such a large rate rise is just another blow. Make some cuts. Put the cost of the tip up and give rate payers only 2 free drops per year. Find some ways to generate income focused on visitors rather than locals and keep our rates much lower. Charge non-locals to drive on Goolwa Beach in the summer for example!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You should try to keep rate rises lower during these times of high inflation. Defer some actions until interest rates decline. Focus on the many houses a that are only used a few weeks of the year or are AirBnB. Find some ways to make the non-local contribute to the region more.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 79
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 11:52:02 am
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 11:52:02 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Given our economic climate at the moment I don't support any increase greater than the CPI

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 80
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 13:50:51 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 13:50:51 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Stick to a minimalist increase. People are hurting. Bills in general have skyrocketed. Stop the spending on anything that's not required and doesn't provide a real benefit to ratepayers

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

With all the extra money from the massive housing developments being added there is no need to increase rates. Stick to what we have and stop wasting money on the things that are not necessary or fake problems created by media

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 81
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 18:48:12 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 82
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 18:48:22 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

No Rate rise. Cost of living already high. Not our fault the Nangkita road debacle, council had made a big stuff up here. This road has been done, what 3 times in 15 years. Do it right to start with. Mt compass residents should not be slugged for footpath maintenance as there are not many.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Green an with more trees, nor a good idea. Trees have killed people with limbs falling. Extra leaf litter in storm water. Damage from roots to road's and footpaths.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As residents we do not seem to get anything that is a benefit to us.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 83
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 18:49:54 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 18:49:54 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No, not at this time until interest rates drop.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 84
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 21:03:17 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 21:03:17 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

All the money goes to other suburbs and does not benefit us at all. Council does little for us infact they have not even replaced a toilet door in the ladies Mount Compass toilets. It has been missing for weeks and we are being told it will still take a month to replace.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council expects everyone to agree to a rate rise with none of the money going to my area. Maybe we should split the areas and have separate councils.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 85
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 21:28:39 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 21:28:39 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We understand council has budgets to maintain inferstructure but continuing to increase rates as proposed will financially drive people into further polity with the current living crisis. Council needs to tighten there belts as we have until the economy improves. Funds need to be spread more fairly between areas as currently that are not.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Ref question 5

Q9. **Full name**
Corey Duke

Q10. **Email address**
usdukes@bigpond.com

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 86
Login: Anonymous
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Responded At: May 27, 2024 21:41:00 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 21:41:00 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Nil

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rate rise is too steep and not enough improvements

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not good enough

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 87
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 21:46:37 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 21:46:37 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Nil

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I have seen no planes or improvements to justify a rize in rates

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not justified as we still have holes in roads and lack of maintenance in my areas

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 88
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 22:18:27 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 22:18:27 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Considering the lack of services provided to residents an increase of 8.3% is unreasonable. Currently our rates are one of the highest with property in Hyde Park being valued at three times that of Mount Compass pay a similar rate; yet they get weekly general waste pick up, postal delivery and hard rubbish collection and have foot paths. The proposed increase will be detrimental to residents on a fixed income as the next 5 years of proposed rate rises well exceed that of actual wage increases. While projects are important they should be postponed until they can be budgeted without causing harm to residents. Further to this the contractors hired for road maintenance need to be held financially accountable as the poor work they have provided is costing residents excessive expenses on a yearly basis. If the temperature was the problem during road maintenance a qualified contractor would not have performed the task at this time. This means either they are negligent or council is. If this rate rise goes through, then it is clear that the current council does not have residents best interest at heart and as a result will be reflected in my upcoming vote.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I can understand the information because I have governance training but not being able ti ask questions to verify areas makes this largely just numbers on a page. Although, I understand that providing information beyond this is not possible without hundreds more pages or hours of questions.

Q9.	**Full name**	[redacted]
Q10.	**Email address**	
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 89
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Responded At: May 27, 2024 22:55:33 pm
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase of 8.3%. Mount Compass does not receive much support for the Alexandrina Council in that there is a lack of funds spent on the community.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Why should we have to pay a higher rate that other councils in this state.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 90
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 23:26:21 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I support no rate increase 0%

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Yes do not buy anymore electronic cars and do not spend anymore money for at least 2 years and freeze all wage increases asap Full disclosure of salaries of all council employees.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Again do not borrow any money at all if you have not got the money do not spend it and we can not afford to pay our bills now so we will not be able to pay our rates

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 91
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 27, 2024 23:39:29 pm
Last Seen: May 27, 2024 23:39:29 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No increase at all

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Dissatisfied with any rate increase, already pay enough for very little in return.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 92
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 00:15:52 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do NOT support a rate increase. As a single parent the current almost $3000/year is already well and above what the average person can afford. B

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

There is far too much in the plan and budget I do NOT agree with too mention here.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Our rates are not in keeping with pay rises and disability is getting beyond a joke. I have a friend who owns acreage (far larger than the block of land my home is on) who pays over $1000/yr less.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 93
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 00:33:31 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I support this council don't get any more pay rises, staff or whatever and we get all new staff that actually give [redacted] about residents and our town

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Alexandrina Council…… Just making it harder and harder for people to live

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I'm just sick and tired of this Council

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 94
Login: Anonymous
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

This survey is smoke and mirrors. Council couldn't care less about the financial stress to ratepayers. This is purely to generate more income to spend in Strathalbyn and Goolwa. You cant maintain roads, but by charging us more you're going to lower the earths temperature? Rates rise every year but the level of service goes down. Your point that a rate increase leads to increased services is [redacted]

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 95
Login: Anonymous
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Responded At: May 28, 2024 01:21:33 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We already pay an astronomical amount for rates and get sweet [redacted] all useful for it. The only thing I want from council is weekly household rubbish pick up and the continuation of school buses from Goolwa to Victor Harbor high and you lot can't even do that,instead you want to stuff around with all sorts of other useless [redacted]

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

My rates have doubled already in 10 years. If they go up much more I simply won't be able to afford them. I'm tired of struggling to keep afloat

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 96
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 03:05:37 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I only support greening if that money is actually put to use as intended and their is a noticeable difference once completed.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

How can you justify the increase in rates at a time of financial hardship for most families dealing with a cost of living crisis? Smells of corporate greed and profiteering and those thoughts are echoed through the Mount Compass residents. Road maintenance has been incredibly lacklustre and jobs have remained half done and unfinished due to poor workmanship. Fix the messes you create before asking hard-working people for more handouts.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 97
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 04:03:29 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 04:03:29 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Surely that's included

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Get rubbish and roads right first. A percentage breakdown which shows only 4% allocated to rubbish removal is extremely frustrating. The current fortnightly service is terribly inadequate. From ancient civilisation to this day, the health of a community is so largely impacted by the quality of drinking water, and proper sanitation. If the bins are full, it's harder to keep rubbish out of the kitchen and food prep areas tidy, the kitchen or laundry gets crowded, everything gets backed up, there's a flow on effect. Your argument that people in the country have more opportunity to compost than people in the city is untrue. Living in 1000sqm in compass and Adelaide metro is the same opportunity for compost. Same rates, half the rubbish removal service. Even less here if you consider hard rubbish removal which should be included. Far more snakes in the country so it's riskier to compost with children in the country. Families in the city often have two working parents and children in childcare, meaning everyone's rubbish throughout the day goes into office bins, childcare bins etc. I'd conservatively say we have more stay at home mums per capita, and so we care for our children at home and that's where the rubbish stays. While providing an extra bin is helpful for families with little ones in nappies, it's a timing problem, as well as a volume problem. The thought of a two week old dirty nappy in a bin for two weeks over summer is repulsive. It's unsanitary to empty bins only once a fortnight. When your budget shows similar spending on intangible things, it is very frustrating when you can t get the basics right. How are outcomes measured for "enabled" items like the 8% on community wellbeing? Speaking of wellbeing, and this may be an unpopular opinion, is there a way to bring in / incentivise healthy eating policies at schools? The canteen menus at mount compass and no lunchbox policy is very different to when we sent our kids to private school in the city, and it only hurts the kids. It's hard to keep explaining to our kids that different families make different food choices, when kids in their classes are having treat foods daily. Even harder to be the other kids eating [redacted] instead of nourishing foods. Could schools be incentivised with something like a rock climbing wall in the gym, or an inflatable world day on the town oval or something fun and active for healthy eating and movement? I'd be the first to put my hand up to research, implement and coordinate this, and have researched extensively already (and hold a PhD in Medicine). Many kids have no say in where they live, and the fact that live regionally shouldn't impact their health and wellbeing negatively, but enrich it. More footpaths would be great, but I'm honestly too nervous to take my kids out for a walk because of the weekly posts on the community forum of staffy's and other large dogs on the loose. What's your animal management plan? Dog breeds who are known to be aggressive, or can cause serious harm should be more closely monitored. They are often on the loose near the school and sometimes my children tell me that dogs enter the school grounds. I'm talking about big, undesexed Staffordshire terrier vs a 20kg kid. There have been family pets destroyed by dogs on the loose and it only a matter of time before it's a kid injured. If you search dog" in the mount compass community forum you'll see how frequent it is. There should be fence inspections for dog owners to be sure they are adequately contained, and a fine if they escape, and a requirement to have dogs of a certain breed desexed to reduce testosterone. My husband took our kids to the bike

track and said he's not going back without a whipper snipper because other children were too wary of the long grass. These areas need to be maintained for safety and aesthetics, and to show the kids that they live in a place that takes pride in itself, and they should be proud to be from Mount Compass too. Kids notice those types of things and they have impact. We recently sold our winery and could have moved anywhere, but the kids loved their school community so much that we stayed. I want to be able to look them in the eye and tell them it was a great decision and they can be proud to be from Mount Compass. We were proud and successful business owners, whose co-owners wanted to cash in on property price increases and sell, otherwise we would have continued to operate and teach our children about business. It would be great if there was an opportunity to teach kids / youth business skills with a councils youth entrepreneurs program. Perhaps a stall or shopfront on the main strip, available for kids to sell something they have made or sourced each Sunday on a rotating roster. Like a lemonade stand but with teaching attached and guaranteed foot traffic. For teens in the area - what infrastructure is there for them? It's a difficult stage of life and we should be doing all that we can to protect and support their wellbeing and mental health so that they thrive. We have to consider how they perform in health and education as compared to their metropolitan peers, and whether we could do better by them. I'd like to see a recreational space for them, drop in tutoring sessions, drop in social worker sessions, a "green room space for them to hang out - particularly in winter when the skate park isn t really an option. I'd volunteer tutoring services one night a week. What can they do for fun? No blue light discos anymore, but what replaces that? Especially if they don't play football. I don't have teens but see posts on the forum about them getting up to mischief, doing doughnuts on the roads or just hanging around near the IGA where they aren't welcome. Where else can they go for fun and not put themselves in harms way? I don't see any real mention of their demographic in the plan, and if you are talking about 2040, it's them that you need to consider. Ask them what they need. It doesn't sound very sensitive to the increasing costs of living, the cost of buying property or renting, and the RBA interest rate hikes. A council who showed compassion for the people in its communities would touch on that. We're all just hoping expenses will stabilise not increase unnecessarily, and our kids will be happy and healthy. And take the bins out.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)** not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 98
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 05:24:18 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Stop wasting money on frivolous beautification of other towns and fix essential infrastructure

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Fix essential infrastructure rather than spend money on making goolwa and strath look nice. Mount compass is always forgotten about and left with dangerous roads, fallen trees and broken amenities for weeks to months with councils knowledge. Rates/rate increases wont lower, they didnt when you took away weekly rubbish collection, this is just an excuse to hike rates to line pockets. This council is also vindictive as i know people who revenge was attempted to be taken against when pointing out councils legal requirements to keep the area safe.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You havent figured out how to run efficiently by now why could you manage that in the future with even more of rate payers money to waste

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 99
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No increase. You don t provide mount compass with adequate services as it is.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Residents of mount compass are seeing their rates go to service other parts of the council will we go without.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The asset management plan is a joke. You shouldn t be selling community assets. There is no plan for mount compass, we're lacking basic services and when you spend our rates on small projects, it's something that the residents don't want. Add to this the sports upgrade of goolwa which our rates paid for and we see no benefit.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 100
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:18:25 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 101
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:25:41 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 06:25:41 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I don't support such a drastic increase in rates given that I see no action, increase in services or substantial infrastructure investment for the rates that I currently pay. Why would I be happy to pay more!!!!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Fully support as long as you can show a detailed plan of action as to what this will do to benefit the region and its rate paying residents

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 102
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:34:43 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 06:34:43 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**



Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 103
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:41:20 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 06:41:20 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I don't support any rate rise. We pay way too much and get nothing. Give the Goolwa oval back to the football / cricket club which would save money and stop spending money in areas that is a waste of time and money.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Don't increase and stop wasting money

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**



Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 104
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:42:49 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 06:42:49 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No rate increase at all. Rates are already too high and services/works in Mount Compass do not reflect the amount of money Mount Compass residents are paying in rates.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We have to learn to budget on small incomes, council needs to do the same.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 105
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:51:38 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 06:51:38 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support any increase as we pay too much in mount compass with nothing to show for it - at very least give us weekly waste removal or give discounted dump passes

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

All I hear is that you wants little town to ppay for Tourist hotspots with no support

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 106
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 06:53:18 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 06:53:18 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
8.3 is crazy! Work it out Council! You blew money in Goolwa and now we are all paying for it

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Look outside of the big towns for a change. Mount compass needs some support for a change. Fix Nangkita road properly instead of constantly band-aiding it!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Still sounds like we will just be paying back what council stupidly spent

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 107
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:12:36 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 07:12:36 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**

[redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 108
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:14:25 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 07:14:25 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
During a cost of living crisis where ANY rate rise will Put additional pressure on families. It needs to be as little as possible, if any at all.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Costs continue to rise in this council with little to no return for rate payers.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 109
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:22:29 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Quit taking our money and refusing to maintain safe standards on roads and local infrastructure

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You haven t optimised current expenditure so why would that change if you had more money

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 110
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:42:46 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 07:42:46 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Beautifying our towns in Goolwa and Strath can be put on the side lines. We need our roads fixed properly. They fall apart too quickly with what they do to repair our roads. Is the Nangkita Rd finished as I thought it still had to have a finale coat on it. Council does not need more staff. Make it work with what you have. We I live in a rural area and feel left out with what our rates cover. They say but we have Library and parks to visit but we have to have money for petrol to get there

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 111
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:43:42 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 07:43:42 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Given the current cost of living how do you expect rate holders to come up with the extra money. Families are currently stretched to the limit. No extra money for these kind of increases. Can you please address what meals families need to go without in order to pay these increases! Wages are not increasing to match CPI let alone an extra 3% on top of this.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

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Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 112
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:54:56 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I expect a budget that provides essential services for the community, ensures operating costs are decreasing, and funds projects that are needed, not nice to have in this economic climate.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Addressing Climate Change should be a funded project within the budget, not another tax'. Find the money within current spend!

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Disappointing. The Plan and Budget should address essential requirement that shows Council are responding to the current economic pressures being suffered by residents. Tighten the belts!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The Plan takes the easy approach to solve the Budget deficit through increasing rates. Residents cannot afford this. Time to develop a solution to address the deficit by delivering essential services, removing unnecessary Projects and reducing operating costs.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 113
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 07:59:06 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 07:59:06 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
No increase. We pay some of the highest rates in SA. Pause all development and keep the price as is or you will lose residents.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 114
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 08:19:03 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 115
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 08:30:44 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**
Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Cannot afford any more rises struggling as it is

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**
not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**
Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**
not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 116
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 08:33:25 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 08:33:25 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I use the new/improved exercise path on Sandmine Rd almost daily for both walking and cycling in Mount Compass. I feel much safer, and I'm more inclined to go out and enjoy exercise because of it. Thank you! A link from the Heysen trail into town would be great.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 117
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 08:37:03 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 08:37:03 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I don't support any rate increase. The recent property boom has provided increased revenue for the council via property values. I see no increase in services provided.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Council needs to operate efficiently and effectively. Every business out there has to find ways to reduce costs and still provide an efficient service for their clients.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Lets focus on the current requirements and not introduce new projects when everyone is facing an economical crisis.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 118
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 08:37:08 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 08:37:08 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

At Mt Compass we get much less council spending because of the Extensive community owned and Maintained assets , which council does very little to fund. Contrast this with other towns where Council spends LOTS on asset upkeep. So…we are low cost, and cheap to run, but paying exorbitant rates to support other town's expenditure. These are tough times financially and we are having to CUT BACK . Now is NOT the time for Council to increase Staff and Projects. Putting B Double trucks along Nangkita road is a recipe for continuous damage, expense, and inconvenience to a fragile road whose foundation is not up to it.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The Budget needs trimming, just like our own households are having to do. Constraint please.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 119
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 09:10:07 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 09:10:07 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rate increases should be a maximum of cpi that is it and if its like all other councils save money by getting rid of some of the staff in the offices.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

High rate increases arent always the answer look internally at how everything is run and what you can cut to keep most things running to a high standard and how many office staff to outside staff.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 120
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 09:24:35 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

If ur going to charge more for rates then you need to bring back weekly general waste pick ups

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You cannot raise rates higher than people yearly CPI income rates as the cost of living is already more that most people can afford

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 121
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 09:27:51 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 09:27:51 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

I don't support the increase due to family's struggling and trying to survive right now...worried if they can put food on the table. Money is being spent in the wrong areas. And overspending on repeating getting roads fixed (ie nantika)which where not done correctly in the first place. Cars (who came to meeting) being provided with tax payers money. Lack of investment in Mount Compass...where other areas get fancy sport centres,paths, garden etc...we get sand paths(sandmine road) We are not even on the fleurieu tourism map...everywhere else is .again we are missed. We ate the poor relations. Bins only collected every other. We have no inferstructure for houses being built. Grants promised and not delivered. Sending duplicate checking for house builds using approved workmen...why check again costing tax payers money. Meeting held at menorial hall. no answers given again a waste of money and time.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

A load of rubbish

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

House prices go up and evaluated externally by an average local sales. Every single house is categorised at that price. Which they aren't. Then you expect people on the breadline to pay these exsorbant costing and have next to nothing done in return.the work of which is substandard. Ie nankita road. This was explained that the temperature was wrong on the day. This should be rectified at no cost to tax payers and should be covered by the contractors.roads and weather have been around for a long time. So , it should be the best material stated on the quote. Not the cheapest quote .

Q9. **Full name**	[redacted]
Q10. **Email address**	
Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 122
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 09:33:30 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 09:33:30 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

The complete budget needs to be sent back for an overhaul to identify proper savings. The budget is inadequate in addressing the icing on the cake expenditures often associated to executive management, ie Interstate and Overseas travel, vehicle and fuel costs and other sweeteners given. No mention is made of the amount of FBT ratepayers are paying on perks. If the current executive is unable to identify real savings and productivity gains I invite them to resign. Don t treat the ratepayers with contempt. Do you believe that we aren't watching. Take a look in your own backyard at all the council provided staff vehicles. Government have cut their fleet size time for council to do the same. How is it that Fleurieu Regional Waste aren t returning profit to council. Alexandrina is 48% owner. Surely properly run organisation would return a profit just based on Commercial usage of which there is plenty. As mentioned by others at the Mount Compass roadshow- TRIM THE FAT NOT THE SERVICES.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)

Surely our parks and gardens team can grow and plant some trees from seed. If not we have the wrong people. Come to think of it surely they could grow the annual flowering plants used in the display gardens from seed as well.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Time to open up the books. Show us exactly where the money is going instead of hiding in budget lines that ignore three 0 so that expenditure read as thousands instead of millions. We the ratepayer want to see a full spreadsheet of where every dollar goes including wages.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As mentioned previously - simply stop superfluous expenditure. We all know about the big ticket items, Goolwa / Strath footy clubs, Goolwa wharf, Signal point. Take a good look at all expenses. Why are we handing out money to clubs who already have substantial capital. Before any handout from council the applicant club etc need to put their finances up for review. I know of what club in Goolwa who has over 100,000 in savings and continues to get large handouts based on the apparent heritage and history of Goolwa.

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** — Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 123
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 10:24:27 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 10:24:27 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do NOT support a rate rise. We already pay too much for no service.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Yet again Mt Compass residents pay huge rates with limited council services.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Yet again Mt Compass residents pay huge rates with limited council services

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 124
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 10:28:45 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 10:28:45 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

Suggest spending of rates revenue on essential services such as 'proven' (not trial and error) infrastructure improvements. Do it once, do it right. Eg pavers. Address the the corella problem before even considering more greening. That's just more food for them. More damaged plants. You are proposing more staff and less services, if you are trying to save money you don't need more staff, you need to cut costs! We are not in support of the sound shell, which is just not needed. The grounds are beautiful as they are and should not be blighted by such a structure. The money involved is prohibitive and well spent elsewhere. This idea is a folly to say the least!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)

NO! You need significantly reduce the corella problem first and foremost. Then, if after consultation with residents this is a favourable option, the council should consider growing their own plants for greening the grounds. An initiative that would benefit the local community and the environment. The cost could be substationationally less and potentially offset with sales to the public of excess tube stock. The funds to set this up could be set aside from the 'sound shell folly' perhaps? The council may even have and at available somewhere to start up the venture which could provide work experience and jobs for local unemployed.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The next plan appears to be 'more of the same' see my previous comments. Selling assets to make a quick $ does not make a good investment. Taking on more staff to do less work is not good strategy. The residents are not a cash machine, they are at breaking point financially themselves.

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** — Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 125
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 10:37:32 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 10:37:32 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Whilst we appreciate the desire by the council to provide exciting fringe services to increase tourism, ostensibly, and support businesses. Residents need for livability and affordability need to be paramount. Considering the lack of services provided to residents an increase of 8.3% is unreasonable. Currently our rates are one of the highest with property in Hyde Park being valued at three times that of Mount Compass pay a similar rate; yet they get weekly general waste pick up, postal delivery and hard rubbish collection and have foot paths. The proposed increase will be detrimental to residents on a fixed income as the next 5 years of proposed rate rises well exceed that of actual wage increases. While projects are important they should be postponed until they can be budgeted without causing harm to residents. Further to this the contractors hired for road maintenance need to be held financially accountable as the poor work they have provided is costing residents excessive expenses on a yearly basis. If the temperature was the problem during road maintenance a qualified contractor would not have performed the task at this time. If this rate rise goes through, then it is clear that the current council does not have residents best interest at heart and as a result will be reflected in my upcoming vote.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Although it could go further, it is a start.

Q9.	**Full name**	[redacted]
Q10.	**Email address**	
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 126
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 10:41:35 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 10:41:35 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support any rate rise when the council cannot budget for the basic services. If you were a private company you would be bankrupt and administrators would be sent in

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
No this is not something we should be paying extra for .

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You need to revisit and cut the extreme waste in council.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Just shows you cannot manage money

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 127
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 10:43:26 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 10:43:26 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Get rid of the unneccessary spending . The Council is spending money on areas which should not be the responsibility of a local council - tourism, agriculture, climate . Get back to basics of being a local council that specifically looks are the needs of its ratepayers. Cut your spending !

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

see above

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 128
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 10:51:13 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 10:51:13 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Rate rise should no be used to fix council misconduct with finance

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
If you budget correctly we would not have to pay for this

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Go back and review as still needs work as you are still waiting our rates

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Budget correctly and stop paying for things twice or over paying and we would be in front

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 129
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 11:22:30 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 11:22:30 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Where is all the money going because our roads are no good nothing gets upgraded you’re just robbing people

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 130
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 11:25:26 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 11:25:26 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Feel funds have been used incorrectly in the past by council and that we are now paying for those. We seem to see nil services offered to the average household but continue to pay astronomical rates. With home loan interest rate increases it’s the last thing the community needs is to be paying more in rates. Pay cuts for existing staff could be looked at.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 131
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 11:35:06 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 11:35:06 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I am aware of the commentary that rate rises in the past have not kept up with increased depreciation and cost of assets, and can see this from the tracking of rate increases in the past. However I am also aware of the significant increase in salary & wages costs and resources at Alexandrina Council in the recent past. I am also aware that the 8.3% increase does not factor in increase in property values, which the Council does not report on when reporting a rates increase. In order to be transparent, Council should report on the % increase in rates as a result of increase in property values. I applaud Council in looking at other opportunities such as the sale of assets - however note that this is always only a short-term solution. I'd also be interested in understanding how our rates compare with similar Councils - noting that ESCOSA will be undertaking a review.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Rates increases of CPI plus 3% is not sustainable, given short term CPI expectations - this purports rate increases of 6-7% over this period which is unpalatable. Service reviews and increase in asset disposals need to be considered.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 132
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 11:40:17 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 11:40:17 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Obviously there will be a rate increase but how about a FAIR share of financial help in the Mt Compass area We do not need to prop up the prosperity of other towns which on the whole are much bigger than us

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
If theCouncil were to purchase trees from Trees for Life our newly formed Community Shed & Community Garden Group would willingly organise a working bee to plant them under Council directions as to where

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 133
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 11:53:16 am
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 11:53:16 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

8.3 % rate increase but no additional services!! The most expensive rates we've experienced yet and was a massive deterant when recently deciding to purchase our new property in the region. 8.3% increase and still only fortnightly bin services. 8.3% increase and no free greenwaste service as neighbouring council Onkaparinga have. 8.3% and no free hard rubbish collection. 8.3% increase and little council maintenance to nature strip and play ground area. The council need to produce 8.3% increase in rate payer services if they expect to increase rates by this ludicrous amount!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**



Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 134
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 12:14:22 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 12:14:22 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Minimal rate rise. I live in Mount Compass, my rates are extraordinary compared to that of the previous council I lived in and I see very little provided to my area by the council, compared with that of Strathalbyn, Goolwa etc. Charge them more if they are going to get all the benefits and charge us only what is necessary. With cost of living increases and a new young family I don't know how to make ends meet with 8.3% increase.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I would support it, if it was beneficial. I have seen Council's previous attempts at 'greening' and I found them superficial and under-researched at best. Poor tree choices for the areas etc. Council needs to work with Landcare to better choose greening options for specific areas within council.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I'm just vehemently against such a significant rate rise. Mainly because right now our family is really struggling financially. I could maybe handle it in smaller increments or if it were to happen in another year or two. But secondly, I'm just a rather disgruntled because I don't see what my rates go to in my local Mount Compass community. Nangkita Road is always in a terrible condition and what road works do happen seem constantly incomplete or inadequate. The "footpath" on Sandmine Road, is just a packed verge. Other suburbs get quality beautification. It's hard to get on board to paying what for my family would be an additional $35-40 per month, for other people to benefit from. Make Nangkita Road better, (reduce the speed limit on the road to 80 too! - sorry, different grievance of mine) and beautify my town, then the sting comes put of the rate hike. I know councils need to find more money as costs have gone up for them too....but you constantly get new families moving to the area, with new housing etc, that's new revenue. There are other ways. This is the easy option. And it makes everyone pay for only a few to benefit. Tax those getting the benefit.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I don't see how it benefits my family, my local community. There are other ways to reduce expenditure

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Visitor

Respondent No: 135
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 12:26:53 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 12:26:53 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support an increase but basic services must be maintained.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The voice of the people was heard at Mount Compass. Will it make a difference? Rate payers are sceptical! Behind Closed doors I suspect mount compass is considered insignificant, even a joke. Just a tee junction in Victor Harbor Rd for traffic to get to Goolwa. Stop spending my/our money on grants to groups and organisations that need to provide funding for themselves. Reduce the payrole. Restructure to an affordable level. Do the basics that a council is supposed to do and do it well. How much is the "climate emergency" costing? I'm guessing there is regular meetings of highly paid staff talking about it. Yes be aware of climate change and act accordingly, but no more. Times are tough, respond!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Restructure the work force to reduce costs. Maintain basic services that a council is expected to do.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 136
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 12:50:27 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 12:50:27 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

We don't need a rate increase at all. Considering the council does [redacted] all to begin with this is just another way of lining their pockets. When was the last time you sent a road sweeper through the streets. Where is there a park that families can take their kids to play. Why hasn't the door on the toilets been replaced. Why are we paying for an extra bin service that should be free. Why are we only getting fortnightly bin collection this is a basic human right to have our rubbish collected weekly.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 137
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 12:52:21 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 12:52:21 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Consult earlier more

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 138
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 13:02:54 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 13:02:54 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Do not support rate increase

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rethink your approach to compliance matters, Alexandrina Council needs to be more diligent as people are taking you for a fool ad it has become common knowledge that you do not enforce, or only selectively enforce comiance breaches as it seems to be a cost factor?? Not good enough!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 139
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Choose one option
Dissatisfied

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Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

An adoption of a 4% increase of rates would be fair to the community due to cost of living and other hardships.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

To ask the ratepayers to agree to additional rate rises every year on top of the purposed 8% rise is asking to much of your vulnerable constituents eg:pensioners, low income families.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 140
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 13:49:12 pm
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IP Address: n/a

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Get rid of debt as a priority. Fix current problems that affect community physical and mental health. Stop giving money and making allowances to private development that should be able to finance themselves.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 141
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 14:01:52 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 14:01:52 pm
IP Address: n/a

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At a time when everyone is suffering due to cost of living increases you propose to increase rates at over double the current rate of inflation? People are struggling and you seem to think that the lower and middle income earners should take yet another hit? Start looking at value for money, $400k for a toilet block in Mount Compass? You really can't find an alternative cheaper than that? You could build a whole house for that! Clayton Bay toilets being upgraded for $485k?

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Your increased revenue is coming from the rates. You seem to think that the council budget is your money to play with, it isn't, it is the money of the ratepayers.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 142
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 14:04:57 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 14:04:57 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
A rates freeze, such as Burnside did recently - for two years in a row! There is cost-of-living CRISIS - please respond accordingly.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I'm already paying $2500 a year in Rates - why is this an "added extra"? Surely it's Council job to allocate funds for greening, so that "our towns have more shade, cleaner air, are cooler and more beautiful places to live" - isn't it?

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Our rates are approximately double what we paid to Burnside Council for a property three times the size of our current property in Alexandrina Council. We need to REDUCE our rates, not increase them.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

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Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

There is no justification for increasing our rates - they are already too high when compared to other Councils. The natural growth in the number of rateable properties should be more than sufficient to cover any increases in expenditure.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Council Rates

My past experience of putting matters to Council in an unemotional manner, has unfortunately not met with any success. In this submission I will therefore adopt a more forthright and pragmatic approach.

So the Audit and Risk Committee recently uncovered Council's sub-par performance on asset replacement. This is of course not news to us residents – we can see our rates aren't being used to fix our roads and infrastructure. Anyway, it seems the Council is now in a panic about this (good! about time!).

But instead of calling in the accountants to "stop the bleeding" (e.g. cost-cutting, removing inefficiencies, and crucially, firming up asset management processes, etc) – the Council's proposal is to simply raise the rates! How lazy! We are NOT YOUR ATM!

And raising the rates means there's no need to then identify the root-cause of this "bleeding", so the money-wasting will just continue!

So, for example my car's not running as it should - I have it analysed and they find it's using twice as much fuel as it should. Do I have it fixed?
No! Not if I'm Alexandrina Council – I simply keep pouring more fuel into the tank!

I don't mind paying $200k for executives who do their job well – I can think of many of my past students who could fix up things in this Council very nicely – but we're paying top dollar for managers who clearly aren't up to the job!

Money is not going to fix this asset replacement crisis – it's not a money-problem, it's a management problem. No amount of money is going to fix ongoing mismanagement.

The role of elected members is to represent the views, needs and demands of residents and ratepayers to Council. Instead they seem to have become apologists for Council's bad management, poor communication, and lack of attention to ratepayers' ongoing calls for action on the things that matter to them, such as simple maintenance.

A revaluation of assets does not affect the costs of maintaining that asset. The cost to maintain an asset is a certain amount, no matter what value is attached to the asset. If an item costs $100,000 to repair, it does not matter whether it is valued at $1m or $10m, it still costs $100,000 to repair.
Yes, budgeting properly for future maintenance does require its valuation to be reasonably accurate, but there is always a fair bit of subjectivity involved in valuations anyway.
Much more important is ensuring there is a clear management plan for maintenance, rather than an ad-hoc arrangement to just "fix it when it breaks".
Again, money is less important than proper, effective and responsible management.
The recent Audit and Risk Committee have uncovered a serious lack of management in the maintenance of Council's assets.
Fixing this is a MANAGEMENT issue, NOT a BUDGET issue!

As a result, I repeat my refrain, voiced at every Council engagement:

We, the Ratepayers, demand a REDUCTION IN OUR RATES!
This can be done, sustainably, if Council can find the courage to do it.

Unfortunately, past experience of Council's behaviour – ignoring ratepayers' requests – does not give me confidence that the required courage will be found.

The ratepayers are sick and tired of being ignored, fobbed off, and disregarded. We are extremely frustrated, and Council appears to be unperturbed at our ongoing frustration. And presumably the CEO will again be surprised when a highly frustrated someone scribbles obscenities on public walls.

What do we have to do to make you listen?

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 11:49 AM
To: Keith Parkes
Cc: Tanya Cregan
Subject: E202444550 - 18.20.047 - Re: E202444362 - 18.20.047 - Draft Budget - response

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Dear Keith,

Many thanks for your prompt reply - much appreciated.

I echo your sentiments on reducing costs and focussing on key items, and likewise hope that Council can be frugal regarding the rates levied on the Alexandrina communities.

Kind Regards,
[redacted]

On 05-June-24 14:35, Keith Parkes wrote:

> Dear [redacted]
>
> Thank you for your email and comments which I have had a good look at.
>
> I understand your frustration and I am for ever encouraging members to stop spending on other than urgent items and focus on key matters.
>
> The depreciation factor in our asset maintenance is based on the cost of replacement amortised over the life of the asset, unfortunately as we all know material and labour costs have go through the roof since covid.
>
> There is no desire to reduce services but there is to reduce costs, significant operational savings have been made over the past year and administration are working on further saving opportunities.
>
> Let us hope that we can be frugal and reduce the rate rise impact on our communities , the budget adoption meeting will tell the story.
>
> Kind regards
> Keith

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Alexandrina Council region intersects with the traditional lands of the following Aboriginal Nations and Clan, Ngarrindjeri Kukabrak (Nation), Ramindjeri Iakinyeri (Clan of the Ngarrindjeri Nation), Peramangk Kukabrak (Nation), Kaurna Yerta (Country). In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this region and acknowledge their connections to the land, waters and community.

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Dear Elected Members,

I have responded to the "My Say" survey but this platform continues to be a simple push-poll - offering a simplistic choice between increased rates, or decreased services. Push-polls do little to gather useful information, and this survey is no exception.
(I can recommend Sir Humphrey's excellent 2-minute treatise on Push-Polling)

I have been alerted by other ratepayers that my responses will likely be lost in the aggregation that Council presents to Councillors, so I have attached my response to this email. In this way each Elected Member has a more personal version of my response.

I look forward to some action from Council that addresses the issues that I and other ratepayers have taken the time and trouble to present.

Yours sincerely,
[redacted]

Respondent No: 143
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 14:07:52 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 14:07:52 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Very dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

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I don't believe it is the responsibility of rate payers to cover shortfalls after poor planning and miss management of council funds. Being elected to council is a privileged position and their aim should be to further their community, not to jeopardise the live-ability of the community.

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Choose one
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Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

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Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 144
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 14:25:49 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 14:25:49 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

no increase our rates in mount compass are high enough and we get nothing for them , you can only give the mount compass netball club $1000 for new courts yet you payed the whole amount for goolwa netball club, we pay for our bins if we need new ones and our lids and we have to pick them up , no good if you have a small car like mine , onkarpringa gives you free bins and fixes the lids for nothing and delivers them , our council gives nothing for our rates

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Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 145
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 14:41:20 pm
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IP Address: n/a

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 146
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 15:12:41 pm
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IP Address: n/a

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We want Smaller council, less fees, less projects

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Choose one
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Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council have been useless to help us with matter that issue such as road infrastructure and fire safety. Council has had no presence or interaction on CFS Group committed as required and have turned down CFS requests to make roads such as Wilson and Blackwell roads accessible to fire appliances. Council are making life harder for residents, not better. Need to start truly listening to residents wishes and needs as we are the ones paying your wage.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 147
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 15:31:58 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 15:31:58 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

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Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 148
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
This rate rise is above CPI and what the majority of other LGA's are offering. Get real Alexandrina, manage your assets and finances better and stop trying to bleed ratepayers because of your [redacted] administration.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
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Stop investing in new assets when you can't afford existing.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Reduce your service levels, you can't afford them.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
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Respondent No: 149
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support any increase in rates while the money is being wasted on anything but basics the council needs to remind themselves of what is their responsibility and what is not

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I do not support any increase in rates while the money is being wasted on anything but basics the council needs to remind themselves of what is their responsibility and what is not

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The Council for way too many years are Putting the ratepayers money into projects that they should not they need to get back to basics and look at just what is required why there is so much debt our roads are appalling the cost of Rubbish collection is appalling I paid 94 for not much more than three wheelbarrow loads only yesterday if we speak to the council they always say not our problem but it is it is a council that oversee rubbish collection they are just dodging the bullet

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We need to stop all expenditure other than basics until our town is back in a good state of repair service at the council is absolutely disgusting everyone dodges a bullet especially in the building department rubbish collection is absolutely disgustingly overpriced there is no wonder why so much rubbish is dumped on the side of the road the state of our roads and the amount of potholes is an embarrassment and tourists do comment on this

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 150
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 16:26:14 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 16:26:14 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No increase as Nangkita, Yundi and Mount compass residents get minimal council support

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 151
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 17:42:43 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 17:42:43 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support this excessive rise when Mount Compass where I live see none of it. And in fact have less services than most areas

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We have very high council rates for very poor return. Mount Compass has grown but still no postal delivery. The toilets are not repaired in our town despite being main thoroughfare to councils favourites of Goolwa and Victor Harbor. No hard rubbish services available to our area, perhaps a yearly voucher for rate payers to Goolwa refuse dept would stop constant illegal dumping. I'd support this council being put under scrutiny on how district is managed.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 152
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 17:48:33 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 17:48:33 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase. I would prefer to see a more sensible use of ratepayers money. Perhaps the council should examine the manner in which the Mount Compass memorial Hall committee, achieved a spectacular restoration of the community's Hall on a very small budget. There are lessons to be learned here!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Yes, provided this is fairly shared between the Towns. All often the towns of Goolwa and Strathalbyn receive the Lions share of funding. Mount Compass is too often overlooked. As the first town on the way south of Adelaide. It should be the gateway to Fleurieu Peninsula and as such, deserves better than it gets from the Alexandrina Council.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Read above comments.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

All too often we see Council wasting money by paying too much to have work done. Nangkita Road is a prime example of throwing good money after bad. Nangkita Road has been built over a swamp. It will always subside and was never suitable as a truck route. The never ending destruction of the road surface and the half hearted Band-Aid repairs are a disgrace and a danger to its users. A different and more stable route should be found for Trucks.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 153
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 17:49:43 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 154
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 18:19:30 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 18:19:30 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
CPI increase only, although there should be no increase as there are so many new houses bringing in extra rates.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Get back to basics - roads, rates and rubbish. Get back in the black - no deficit.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

There are too many administrative staff employed and quite a few in unnecessary areas such as in the climate change area.

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 155
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 18:44:20 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**



Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 156
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 18:58:34 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 18:58:34 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Better management reduction of operating expenses

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**



Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 157
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 19:11:30 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 19:11:30 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We are you young family living in Pages Flat and cannot afford any increase to our rates. The cost of living has sky rocketed, we are setting up a small business at the farm and and increase of this level would make us reconsider this location for us. We need to get back to the basics as a council, prioritise the things we need to survive and consider other larger investment in years where things are more prosperous. This years dry spell has and continues to affect us and our profits, we are only just keeping a roof over our head and food on the table.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 158
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 19:16:11 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 19:16:11 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We currently pay $812.00 per quarter in rates in Mount Compass and the will rise to almost $900 under your new budget plan. I have two separate family members living in the wealthy Eastern suburbs on multimillion dollar properties who pay less in rates than I do and they have access to multiple services and public spaces that we do not. It concerns me that Strathalbyn has had so much money spend on 'ornamental' grey and white paving stones all around the town and Goolwa has constant 'cosmetic' developments and upgrades - while our local roads have pot holes that are rarely fixed and so poorly done when repaired that they reappear soon afterwards....and the footpath' the council installed last year along Sandmine Road is without doubt the worst example of a footpath installation I have ever seen anywhere - rough, stony, with cracks and holes all the way along - and not even an attempt made to pave or seal the walkway. It's impossible for mothers with prams to navigate - and with no distinct edging or guttering, cars just use it as a parking lane so that walkers need to cross out onto the bitumen road to get by. How can we pay so much for so little visible or actual positive benefit? As a retiree, paying so much to see so little in the way of community development is concerning.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

More and more houses are being built in the region - affordable housing is being crammed into what was once farming land or open spaces - which means more rate payers paying more rates at ever increasing rate levels. That's a significant input of funds to the council. Furthermore we even have to pay costly amounts just to dump our rubbish and green waste at the tip. It is difficult these days to see just how we are served by our council - it seems more that we are required to serve and support and fund you.

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 159
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 19:17:50 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 19:17:50 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
We can t afford it

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Excessive spending over and above what we can afford

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 160
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 19:20:49 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 19:20:49 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

I do NOT! support a rate rise at all! this is atrocious given the lack of any upgrades , maintenance and rubbish collection we get in mount compass. People are struggling enough as it is without your money hungry grab to fill your own pockets!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

yes. absolutely appalling you are asking for more when you do not provide half of what other councils do in regards to rubbish collection, upgrade and maintenance. you people are so out of touch with the community it is not funny.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

rather than increasing rates, you could be lowering costs by getting rid of the fat cats and dead wood in your ranks that provide no genuine enhancements to your council. there are too many that are looking out for themselves rather than providing what is genuinely needed for the area.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 161
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 19:47:31 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 19:47:31 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Cpi

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Review it and make savings.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 162
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 20:15:48 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 20:15:48 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Do not increase Mount Compass rates- Mount Compass needs to be subsidised as they don't receive any beneficial funding as it is. Why should Mount Compass rates be utilised in other areas? Maybe the Management need to take a reduction in wage - $290000 is rate payer robbery.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I lack confidence in management of the fiscal and economic policy and budgeting of the council . No employee should receive benefits or increase wages. Do not put our rates up in Mount Compass, families cannot afford it.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 163
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 20:20:21 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 20:20:21 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase, as a Mount Compass resident I do not see any value at all in our council rates

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Very dissatisfied in where our rates are going to be used. There is other areas besides Goolwa and Strathalbyn where money is needed to be spent. Mount Compass rates are being used elsewhere and not to the benefit of the Mount Compass community!!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

How can you expect to service the council responsibilities, when the money is being given to the upper management that is not fulfilling their obligations to the rate payers!

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 164
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 20:37:59 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 20:37:59 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Not impressed. With rates higher than most other council areas and proposing more big hikes, this has to be one of the worst performing councils in South Australia.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I think this needs to be reviewed further with both long term and short term vision.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 165
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 20:40:05 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 20:40:05 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I support better council financial management. The services provided by the current rates are lacklustre. General waste collection was cut in half, but no financial fees were altered. Dirt roads continue to get an increase in traffic, but no sign of sealing the roads as previously proposed in the 'paving SA' incentive.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

- seal more dirt roads (grating is an inefficient way of reducing road ware) - propose a more compassionate rate increase based on CPI

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We are struggling now! The current rates are already ridiculously high for the lack of services provided and lack of foreward planning.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 166
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 20:55:43 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 20:55:43 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Where is all the money going? Why are we second to Burnside?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I think that the rate hikes are disappointing.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 167
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 20:59:30 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 20:59:30 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**



Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 168
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:04:44 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:04:44 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I fully support revegetation and conservation. This could be done without such a large cost. I have asked for advice and offered to help revegitate our roadsides and rather than support or assistance I just got threatened with a fine if I dont Jump through the correct hoops to do so. Clearly by approaching council I was trying to do the right thing. By working with the community rather than threatening fines for everything I'm sure you would get a lot of community involvement in a project like this.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

One of the highest increases in south Australia, is ridiculous. People can't afford these rate rises especially when our employers cant meet CPI. you are saying that council can't find the money, where do you think rate payers that are already struggling to get by are going to find it? I have seen your job summary and the pay rates and the vehicles that managers are receiving. I'm sure some money could be found in there.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 169
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:07:18 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:07:18 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I feel as a mount compass resident we do not get value for money. We constantly get higher rates and receive substantial repairs in return

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

It is unrealistic during this current economic period to expect your average mt compass resident to stump up significantly for basically nothing we consider necessary.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Nangkita road is a complete disaster. When questioned at the meeting it was stated the temperature was wrong. Either the tender did not state what to use higher temperature materials or substandard materials or workmanship was incurred. The majority of money goes elsewhere to build fancy roads and paths. Sandmine road path was layed with sand. To much money is wasted on unnecessary over discussed bureaucracy

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 170
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:31:17 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:31:17 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support any rate increase

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The additional 1.25% increase for the greening strategy is ridiculous. I've watched the video. Alexandrina council is an agricultural and costal region. the proposal of increasing tree canopy to be in line with other councils doesn't make sense because we are not like other councils. Burnside city for example does not have farming.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 171
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:31:40 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:31:40 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Mount compass does not seem to be a priority and does not seem to benefit from the current rates that we pay, why should we now pay more on top of current rates

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 172
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:38:19 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:38:19 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Other (please specify)

I don't support this at all. I get nothing for paying my rates other than you picking up my bins. No mail service, no mains water, nothing.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Roads are terrible, the potholes pop my tyres but all I get back is too bad and I have to pay.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

It's all about being flashy and you don t listen to the actual rate payers

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 173
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:52:40 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:52:40 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**
Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I don't agree with any rate increase . There should be a decrease

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**
not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**
not answered

Q9. **Full name**
Lisa Jane

Q10. **Email address**


Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Respondent No: 174
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2024 21:56:26 pm
Last Seen: May 28, 2024 21:56:26 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Reduce your spending on non rate payer expenses, extra staff, staff entitlements, Tesla cars and chargers.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Living in Mount Compass with community held and maintained facilities such as town oval, community hall it should be reasonable that council acknowledge this through our rates.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 175
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 29, 2024 07:40:14 am
Last Seen: May 29, 2024 07:40:14 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Increase should be minimal and cut back on spending given the current financial climate.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

In general, focus on a few key areas to reduce rate increase. It seems like we are still trying to do it all when we need to slow down and create less cost impost to rate payers.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

In general, focus on a few key areas to reduce rate increase. It seems like we are still trying to do it all when we need to slow down and create less cost impost to rate payers.

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**

[redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 176
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Spending on more projects needs putting on hold No new positions or projects until debt is paid. Our ratepayers are struggling with day to day expenses, you spend thousands on ovals and other non essential projects. NO rate rises.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Figures don't add up. Spending is too high. Ratepayers are not happy. Smoke and mirrors comes to mind. And don't sell off our assets.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As above

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

How can Council honestly justify such a large increase ie fairly close to double the current CPI increase? And the proposed 8.3% increase is AFTER a 9.5% increase in property market valuation. Why is council subsidizing EV Charging Stations - has it previously subsidized petrol stations? Why no mention of community batteries? As Appendix D states, the proposed agribusiness position could come from the existing Economic Development team - why not? Lastly, how does the council justify the greater than doubling of staff expenses between 2022 and 2034?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

There appears to be a doubling of staff expenses between 2022 and 2034 - but with no explaination?

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I support large cuts to spending where such spending exists on non-basic local government services, such that rate increases are the lesser of CPI or WPI, and such that debt is reduced

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I support ONLY if a corresponding amount is cut from the non-basic services that AC has drifted into. Refer to my answer in Q5 re what is basic and non-basic. Greening is a basic and universally supported service, NOT an optional extra

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

All the Councillors and the Mayor promised that Council would be Getting Back to Basics, if they were elected in late 2022. But even now, with the Council facing a financial crisis of depreciation expense, my observation is that Alexandrina Council has not gone anywhere near far enough back to basics with this budget. In the corporate world, getting right back to basics is what is required when facing a financial crisis. In 2014 / 2015 the iconic South Australian company Santos faced a financial crisis when the international price being paid for its gas & crude oil, plummeted from $US100 a barrel to $US50. Santos revenue plummeted correspondingly, and the gap between revenue and expenditure narrowed to negativity, just as the gap has narrowed to negativity with Alexandrina's current finances. To deal with its financial crisis, Santos DID NOT go back to the shareholders and demand a top up of 10% (8.3%+1.35%) on the value of each shareholding followed by a 7% top up each year for the next 5 years. There would have been a shareholder revolt and the Board would have been removed from office. What they did was look at all their operational expenditures and decided to continue with just the basics, which was producing gas. If the expenditure was NOT directly devoted to producing gas, it was stopped immediately, and not resumed until the financial crisis had abated. My research suggests that the following 5 headings define BASICS in Local Gov't, and we should be getting back to these basics, and cutting the non-basics Maintenance of Infrastructure and Assets Waste Management Regulatory Services Public Health and Safety Limited Community Services (Minimal) Basic Infrastructure & Asset Mgmt is: Maintenance of existing Roads, Stormwater, Community Halls and Public Toilets. It is not: spending money on Starthalbyn's proposed $50 million Lot 10 project, or Strathalbyn's proposed Sound shell, or Goolwa's $20+ million on the Signal Point and Wharf Precinct We are in a financial crisis Basic Waste Management is: ongoing garbage collection, green waste and recycling, It is not: spending money on wholesale relocation of CWMS facilities We are in a financial crisis Community Services are: Library services Maintenance of parks, gardens & recreational facilities They are not: building brand new sporting facilities, and NOT significant funding to 3 Community Centres. We are in a financial crisis. Basic Regulatory Services are: development & building approvals, zoning and land use planning, and compliance with local laws & regulations Basic Public Health & Safety is: Inspection of food premises Monitoring public health risks Animal mgmt I have 8 simple questions for the Mgmt, & Councilors: 1. Is spending $2.11 million (3% of the General Rate Revenue of $56.6 million) on Economic Development, Business & Tourism, a basic function of Council?? If business wants to promote business, why not let them do it through their own funding of a Chamber of Commerce. Afterall, we are in a financial crisis I say NO, that spending on business is NOT basic, and should be cut 2. Is spending money on Agriculture a basic function of Council?? Why not let the National Farmers Federation and the State Department of Agriculture spend money on Agriculture. We are in a financial crisis I say NO, spending on Agriculture is

NOT basic, and should be cut 3. Is spending $20.7 million on assets so we can stick to an outdated 10 year Infrastructure & Asset Mgmt Plan, a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) Why can't we forget the out of date 10 year plan for a while. Don't forget, we are in a financial crisis I say NO, this expenditure is ripe for cutting 4. Is spending significant money on an expiring Strathalbyn Town Plan a basic function of Council when Milang, Middleton & Port Elliot are still waiting for their first plan?? Why not let Strathalbyn extend their existing plan for a while, without cost. We are in a financial crisis. I say this expenditure should be cut. 5. Is spending $700,000 on Environment & Climate Change initiatives that DO NOT even include on-ground works (1% of the General Rates Revenue of $56.6 million) a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) REMEMBER, We are in a financial crisis I say categorically NO, that this spending is NOT basic, and should be cut 6. Is spending $1+million on Cultural & Visitor Experience, a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) Is it really necessary, particularly when visitors from Adelaide and other parts of SA & Vic. overwhelm the region in summer, and on weekends for the remainder of the year. And the State Government has a grand growth plan for the Fleurieu, without our financial assistance I say it is NOT a basic function, and it should be cut 7. Is an Enterprise Bargain Agreement that awards all staff a pay increase each year, at least equal to the CPI %, sustainable?? Why not follow the Federal Govt lead of changing indexing from CPI to the lesser of CPI and the Wage Price Index (WPI) We are in a financial crisis. Given that wage increases across Australia are nowhere near CPI, I say this EBA should be renegotiated, downwards 8. Is spending significant money on a review of service delivery standards to find budget savings a basic function of Council?? Why not just ask any ratepayer who has had to deal with Council, where the savings are. They will tell you willingly & for free, where the duplications and wastes are. And a comment before I present my conclusion: the attempt to make Greening & Cooling an optional extra, when Village Conversations across the the entire region make it a #1 priority, has been universally referred to as "disingenuous when being very kind, and tricky & shifty by those being less charitable. So in conclusion, I put it to the Mgmt, & Councilors, that this draft budget is a gross overspend and needs a more serious attempt to get back to basics by cutting out non-basic services, thus cutting costs. We are in a financial crisis! I AM ALSO VERY DISAPPOINTED AT THE APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST BY MANAGEMENT IN CUTTING NON-BASIC SPENDING, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT WAS CLEARLY WHAT RATEPAYERS WERE SUPPORTING AT THE DABP&B ROADSHOWS

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)** not answered

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Choose one: Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The LTFP deals only with increasing revenue through rates, as a way of solving a serious financial crisis. I believe it needs to look at and cut spending on non-basic services, as detailed in my answer to Q5, and more

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Increasing rates above CPI should not be justified simply from an asset revaluation

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

More alternatives need to be explored

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Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

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Choose one option
Dissatisfied

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Yes, I support

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Way to big rate increase!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I do not support the rate increase.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Further consideration and community input needed

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Increase of this magnitude unwarranted stop spending on assets that can wait like beautifying areas we would rather sit on a plastic bucket than a padded chair give us the choice of supporting projects hold off spending the same as all of us atm

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Should not be continually increasing rates but planning better choices

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

What services for rural so reduce rubbish to monthly and grade roads yearly

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Rates to stay on hold. Council has had a windfall with increased property values. If rates increase at this time, people will be priced out of the area. Higher rates here than Unley!! Too much ‘fat’ in Council. Trim to cut costs. Passed errors by Council have cost ratepayers dearly. What about the asbestos contaminating rubble & then had to be recovered at extraordinary cost. Didn’t see too much about that in the media.No to any increase. Projects must be put on hold. More & more business will close if the increase goes ahead. More empty shops. More people will become homeless unable to afford rents which will be increased if rates go up!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

As above. Put projects on hold

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Overspending when the community is struggling

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I support cost cutting and efficiency improvement

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Why do councils always take the easy option of never the ending addiction to dipping into ratepayers pockets. Have you never heard of cost cutting, efficiency improvement, productivity improvement, waste elimination. Why can't you make every dollar work harder as everyone else in the community has to do. If you were truly competent business brains you would be able to reduce expenditure by the 7% required to balance the income with expenditure, but no!! the mindset of council is for ever increasing expenditure funded by the bottomless pit of ratepayers ever shrinking pockets. Council needs to take a serious look at where every dollar is being spent and find a 7 - 10% REDUCTION in operating expense.

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council is fixated on ever increasing rates but nothing is being done to reduce expenditure.

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Spending too high. Don't need extra staff. Need to reduce debt. Can't justify spending level on plant and machinery. Need to revert to core local government business.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council's LTFP are a furphy. They are never realized. Council uses an inflated CPI. Current CPI is 3.6%. Council should re-evaluate its role and effectiveness in environment, climate emergency and the business hub. These services are the responsibility of other Governments or Boards e.g. Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, RDA etc.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

[redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 187
Login: Anonymous
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Responded At: May 30, 2024 10:52:08 am
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Other (please specify)

While I recognise there will be a rate increase, I think efficiencies can be found by eliminating some of the funded initiatives e.g. climate emergency operating budget, carbon measuring equipment, and delaying others e.g. Strathalbyn Town Plan

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No further

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 188
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Email: n/a

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Last Seen: May 30, 2024 12:15:14 pm
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

I do NOT support any rate rise at all we pay enough already. What are you going to do when people can't afford to pay their rates?? Make them homeless? I know where I'll be camping if it comes to that, Cadell St Goolwa. Mr Craig Maidment told us at a town meeting that money is not an issue for the council so you obviously have enough as it is now so you have no need to raise the rates!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No more rate rises take off the CWMS FROM THE RATES IMMEDIATELY! This was meant to be a 5yr charge that was meant to stop 10 YEARS AGO. No rate rise ever!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I an very dissatisfied with this council in general. They don't listen at all to the community and do whatever they want anyway so filling these things in seems pointless.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 189
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 30, 2024 13:22:55 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rates increases should be kept at CPI. Council should return to basics, and cut expenditure on projects/committees/personnel that are the domain of state or federal government. All spending on civil construction services and tender processes should be independently audited. Staff expenditure and outsourcing should be independently reviewed and audited.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

It appears to be a lazy solution - just seeking more money and reviewing - rather than actually cutting unnecessary spending and making hard decisions. Staff expenditure should be audited by an external and independent auditor.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 190
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 30, 2024 13:28:37 pm
Last Seen: May 30, 2024 13:28:37 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

increase of the proposed rate is totally unacceptable in this time of financial crisis that grips the country. The council needs to accept that people are hurting trying to make ends meet and the council needs to focus on this reality and show restraint in determining any increase this financial year and make appropriate cuts accordingly.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

It appears that insufficient data has been reviewed by council when forecasting and predicting possible global factors that will contribute to determining what effects the Australian market in terms of potential costs and wages opportunity are long term which will flow through to funding of councils. Global conflicts for example show no signs of ending which may well contribute to effects on future cost of living staying high.

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 191
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Reduced wages and staffing numbers will assist in meeting financial forecasts

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council must reduce spending at this critical time.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 192
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 30, 2024 16:27:41 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase of 8.3%. I feel that the council spends money and does what ever it wants even when the community degree with it.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

It would matter what we think of the budget because you the council will do what you think you want. Council has lost touch with the community. Community does not trust the council anymore.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I feel like the council goes ahead with what ever it wants not matter what the community wants or needs. Road upgrades or maintenance instead of gardening upgrades.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 193
Login: Anonymous
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Responded At: May 30, 2024 18:32:22 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
The Council needs to rationalise its projects and services substantially towards its core business. There is no scope, need or innate expertise supporting continuing expenditure on economic development, tourism and business hub. Similarly agriculture. These are functions which are either unnecessary or better handled by someone else. Other pet projects like the $25 K for a car rally, contributions (in kind and other) to the tour down under, and development of the bikeway are for other economic circumstances if at all. Rates should be increased at CPI this year and a very substantial review undertaken of function, projects and staffing.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
This is a core activity for the Council, particularly in the face of climate change, global warming, coastal inundation and biodiversity losses. Green assets should be seen as core infrastructure and assets. This approach, of making greening activities an optional extra flies in the face of the very clear community response via A2040 and various village conversations, at least in Middleton and Port Elliot. That this is being put to the community in this way is very wrong when comparing it with the elements "locked in" to the draft Budget. A profound change in mindset is needed. This should be a core element within the budget and room made for it.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

In need of a root and branch review on the basis of redefining what are core activities for the Council to be engaged with, how to streamline substantially its cost base, and how to rid itself of the excess and waste currently inherent in its operations. Examples of the latter: - why spend $350,000 on the Encounter Bikeway when the project is unaffordable, even with some grant funding, and the "approval to proceed" was given by elected members without their having been provided with the community responses demonstrating the profound conceptual and environmental flaws with the proposal - how does remedying a vandalised stone wall of a ruin in Ratalang reserve blow out to $90 000 when insurance cover provides around $11 000 under the Council's management of trust funding - why is a substantial amount spent on a hydrologist report into the Middleton floods when there is no will nor apparently capacity (technical expertise or otherwise) to do anything with it - what value is derived by the ratepaying community from funding a car rally to the tune of $25 000 or the tour down under? I have read Peter Nicholls' submission and agree with his approach. The idea that funds should be allocated now for a further Strathalbyn Plan is breathtakingly absurd given the amount of funding and attention it has received in the past decade. So too the idea of going again on the A2040 Strategy when so little of the existing one has been discharged.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one — Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

See above. There is no scope for business as usual .

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address** — [redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 194
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The town greening project is great for the towns that need it, but not all do. It would be good to see a break down of what taxes are contributed by each town and how that money is used for that town, and a certain percentage that goes to overall council costs. The rate increase is very high and at a time when the lower and middle classes are struggling with all costs of living increasing this is not supportive of the residents. Yes rates need to rise, yes inflation is a thing, but this rise seams excessive and may be the tipping point that forces residents to relocate to lower cost housing or go into significant debt. Many businesses that rely on customers (especially those whose products are considered nonessential) are doing their best not to increase prices/rates as they know this will lose them business and have had to find other ways to cut costs to stay open. Increased prices with no customers makes less money than lower prices with customers. Council has the fortune of being able to demand payment, but that doesn t mean it’s a good choice.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I agree that rates need to rise and a surplus is a good thing, but this needs to be also created by more than just rate rises

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 195
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 30, 2024 22:11:37 pm
Last Seen: May 30, 2024 22:11:37 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
See my written submissions attached - I am astounded and hugely disappointed at the tone deaf lack of sensitivity in proposing a budget which describes a serious financial crisis but which not only virtually ignores the expense side of the ledger, proposing increased rate income as the solution, but has the hide to propose a range of new initiatives - including addition staff (Agriculture support)but a 4600.000 greening project which should have been embedded in Council's core business around climate change planning.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

See submitted my 4 page response paper re this year's budget together with, as an addendum, my separate 5 page 2023 budget submission paper which is as relevant to this budget as it was last year/ PLESASE NOTE The system would not allow me to upload my addendum file - I will repeat the survey procedure to do so - they will need to be placed together,

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**



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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The claim that Council has a shortfall of $4.6 million from that forecast by the LTFP is a furphy - it presumes that the LTFP is somehow set in stone whereas it has been created by Council and can be amended by Council as may be necessary - and to claim this $4.6 million nominal shortfall as the basis for these rate rises is a nonsense - built in compounded 'sustainability rate increase components to enable Council to do more each year than the year before has apparently created a gravy train culture which the CEO and Admin appear incapable of bending to be fit for purpose.

Q9. **Full name**	[redacted]
Q10. **Email address**	
Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Alexandrina Council Budget Consultation Submission 2024/25

[redacted] **30th May 2024**

NB As an addendum to this 2024 submission I am resubmitting my submission for last year's budget consultation process, (which includes also reference to my submission in 2022), because everything which I put forward then is as relevant now as it was then - but even more so in the current financial crisis.

Preamble

1/ Three years ago, a prominent Alexandrina small business owner told me in conversation that their business requirements of Council were to provide safe and convenient access for their customers via footpaths and roads but that the responsibility for promoting their business rested entirely with them. A view with which I concur completely.

2/ That Council Administration when considering potential cost savings has persistently refused to acknowledge the discretionary and expensive nature of their 'trickle down' Economic Development and Business Promotion activities; is just one indication of a much more serious problem for Alexandriana Council ratepayers; viz **an apparent and increasing disdain over these past three years for the concerns of ordinary residents.**

3/ At the South Ward budget consultation Roadshow public meeting at Goolwa on 13th May 2024, a ratepayer (name unknown) stated that he was now retired after 40 years of experience in local government, including as a Council CEO, and expressed the view that Alexandrina Council had a "culture problem" around the excessive expenditure which has led to the current large rate increases.

4/ At the West Ward Roadshow meeting at Mount Compass on 27th May 2024, [redacted] a resident of Port Elliot, gave a detailed presentation on the potential discretionary 'non-core' activities of Council which could be considered to make the necessary expenditure cuts to address the current financial crisis. I believe he has circulated the transcript of that presentation to all Elected Members and I recommend it to you.

5/ Without attempting to address budget items line by line, for which I have neither the time nor expertise, if I accept as I am told that the financial situation for Alexandrina is dire, I come back to **an obvious and urgent need for Council to cut spending**, but I see no indication in these proposed budget consultation documents that this need is accepted and understood by Council – with the proposed budget responses directed almost solely to the income side of the ledger.

6/ Indeed, rather than expenditure cuts I see proposals for increased expenditure for new initiatives.

7/ There is a clear disconnect between the dire financial reality we are told is upon us and the budgeted proposals to address the situation by merely raising yet more rate revenue now and into the future.

Value Judgements and Policy Inertia

25/ Page 49, headed **'How we Raise the Rates'**, is loaded with debatable value judgements and cliches about the importance of the 'local economy' to ratepayers and, in these times of financial crisis and exorbitant compounded rate rises, begs serious questions about the costs of historic budgeted support for the Business and Primary Production sectors.

26/ The claim is that the whole community benefits from the economic investments made in supporting Business and Primary Producers – so show me the economic benefit to ordinary ratepayers who must fund those investments.

27/The 'trickle down' economic theory upon which this is based has been thoroughly discredited, not least by the example here with rates going through the roof, while those investments continue.

28/The local example I referred to in my budget submission two years ago, should be enough to raise a red flag of concern. Alexandrina's "Growth Team' won a national award, credited with bringing in $612 million in tourist business for a mere $1.1 million of ratepayer investment. One might now ask where those 612 million dollars went because they certainly haven't kept residential rates down these past three budgets.

A Footnote From Last Year Repeated

An observation - sadly again relevant

29/ If the time and effort put in to the 'marketing' format of the budget consultation documents, with 'pretty pictures' and blocks of colour which attempt to 'sell' the budget but which serve only to make the extraction of relevant data more difficult; was spent instead upon ensuring that the information provided is consistent, does not contradict information given elsewhere in the document and is accurate and complete, this would have been a much more functional and credible exercise.

30/ If for example the apparent extension of the primary producer differential rate discount to include vacant and other properties as indicated in the Table on Page 64, had been picked up as just a careless typo before the document was printed and distributed, it would not have caused me to publicly question the process for the apparent change, at the May 21st Strathalbyn Roadshow meeting.

32/ It should have been picked up long before then but it wasn't, and it should have been publicly corrected online and before the next Roadshow meeting but it wasn't. Such errors in the published data do not engender confidence in the data itself or those managing it.

[redacted]

Milang May 30th 2024

SEE AS ADDENDUM - also submitted - My 2023/24 Budget Submission Paper

Some Specifics

The Primary Producer differential rate discount

8/ Budget document numbers indicate that this discount will provide an average material benefit to primary producers of $491 at a cost to general ratepayers of an average $84 per rate payer.

9/ It might be remembered that those benefiting at the top end will receive considerably more than a $491 reduction in the rates that would be payable but for the discount, (and will include big corporate winegrowers for example} – and that those paying the cost of this concession to primary producers will include fixed income pensioners, some paying a considerably larger share of that cost than the average $84 and deriving no income from their properties as do primary producers.

10/ A matter of equity and a fair go in these times of financial stress.

11/ But in December 2023 the Elected members could not bring themselves to allow even a review of the differential rating policy, the two primary Producer Councillors and used a loosely drafted and open to interpretation regulation under the Local Government Act to avoid the consequences of their clear material conflict of interest and to move a three year deferral of Councillor Coomans' review motion – which the chamber supported.

12/ The argument given by Councillor Miller, that ESCOSA was due to review Council's finances this year anyway is a distraction and a furphy in that it remains with the Elected Members themselves who must make any decision to change the quantum of the differential rating policy.

13/ My submission last year (see addendum) raised the ire of the CEO who communicated with me directly taking exception to my use of the word 'dishonest' to describe the editing out in public documents of the last sixteen words of the sentence in Council's Rating Policy statement which seeks to justify the primary producer differential rate discount.

These sixteen words read. *"- - - while at the same time not enjoying the level of Council provided services as other sectors."*

14/ These words remain in Council's rating policy statement and have again been edited out of current documents when referring to the rating policy justification for the primary producer discount.

15/ But this attempt at justification for this 'historical' material benefit bestowed by Council upon the primary production sector, is and always has been, invalid when one considers the fact, now used by Council to explain and justify these very large rate rises, that the 770 (or 793) kilometres of unsealed roads; the roads with maintenance and depreciation costs going through the roof and generating the current crisis: **are the very access roads required by primary producers.**

16/ I will state again my view that the repeated editing out of the last 16 words of that rating policy sentence is a **dishonest** attempt to avoid the inevitable confrontation of facts when Council then attempts to explain to the public why Alexandrina rates are high and now much higher again.

17/ If CEO Morris is genuine in his ongoing attempts to 'turn the financial ship around' as he puts it on Page 4 of the budget consultation document; and if Council is genuinely concerned about the apparent 'need' for a 30.6% compounded increase in residential sector rate revenue over these past three budgets; (this despite the claimed 5.37 million in savings and efficiencies), **they will take urgent steps to address costs.**

18/ The cost to ratepayers of the **Economic Development/Business Promotion** exercise and the cost to general ratepayers of the **Differential Rate concession for Primary Producers**, being two obvious places to start.

Some Further Points for Consideration

The Long Term Financial Plan

19/ Council's website, in the introduction to this budget consultation process included -

"Council is very aware of the increased cost of living pressures on the community. However, Alexandrina Council is about 4.6 million short of the revenue out of our Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) forecast we should have at the end of 2023/24 due to the impact of past decisions to lower rates less than the predicted LTFP values."

20/ And on Page 4 of the consultation document, CEO Morris states -

"*Alexandrina Council is about $4.6 million short of the revenue our LTFP forecast we should have at the end of 2023/24".*

21/ Dare I suggest that the LTFP was not ordained from on high and set in stone but was created by Council and can be amended by Council when it is clear that is necessary.

22/ The LTFP rates 'requirement' has included for many years a vaguely described 'sustainability' component of 1.5% (now 3.5%) on top of CPI and this has compounded from year to year (along with any other excessive expenditure that may have occurred in any one year] to generate the 'forecast' referred to here.

23/ CEO Morris explains it as a continuing necessity so that Council can each year do more than the year before, but the 'gravy train' culture generated by that expectation must surely now come to a grinding halt, as unpalatable as that may be for the current CEO and Administration.

24/ Fine words of concern and intent are scattered throughout these consultation documents but do not appear to be matched by actions.

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

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Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

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Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Alexandrina Council – 2023/24 Draft Budget Consultation Submission

June 2023 [redacted] **Milang**

In the justification of the draft proposed budget for 2022/23 Council claims to have cut expenditure line by line to include only that which is necessary to meet community needs.

Viz, so that **"**- - *Council can ensure that rate revenue is used* ***effectively*** *to support the community's* ***needs and aspirations.****" (P42)*
And
"Council is mindful of keeping rate increases to a ***minimum****, while still being able to deliver the service* ***required by the community.****" (P42)*

I can only agree with these aspirations, described here in Council's own words, – to minimise rate increases while providing for 'essential services' and to meet the 'needs and aspirations' of the community **- worthy aims to be sure BUT they beg very big questions about what this actually means.**

What's essential? What does the community really want? What further cuts can be made?

Demands for expenditure on such basics as rural road maintenance are inevitably greater for Alexandrina than for urban Councils (as emphasised in the Roadshow presentation), but this provides all the more reason to refrain from unnecessary, expensive, perhaps desirable, but clearly non-essential, activity; in the declared interest of keeping rates as low as possible. **What discretionary expenditure can a Council like Alexandrina and its ratepayers actually afford, given its unavoidable costs as a rural Council?**

Appropriate Growth?

The rationale used to justify expenditure on economic growth is that of the discredited 'trickle down economics'. While we are told that 'growing the local economy; is good for us, see this excerpt from my budget submission last year re **Growth**

- The emphasis and subsequent expenditure Council is giving to 'growing the economy' of the Alexandrina local government region, is in my view not appropriate.
- The recent award winning acknowledgement given to Council's Growth Team in bringing in $612 million dollars of tourist business investment is a case in point when significant rate increases are anticipated.
- Council has reportedly spent $1.1 million of ratepayer dollars plus the 'in kind' commitment of staff time and salaries, to achieve that result.
- It is clear that little if any of that $612 million has flowed back to Council in such a way as to provide any substantial rate relief. It would appear that this large financial inflow to the region has benefited a particular set of businesses, who one might argue are in a position to promote their own business growth without the need for Council grants or for direct ratepayer investment.

That 22/23 residential rates subsequently increased by a whopping 10.9% proves my point.

And so
Business and Economic Growth

In the interest of fair and equitable application of Council's rates income across the ratepaying community, and to make further significant reduction in Council expenditure, I propose that Council immediately ceases its promotion of business and local economic growth at the expense of general and residential rate payers; with an immediate saving of costs, those positions phased out and current staff redeployed in the interim to better service Council's core business.

A couple of years ago, a local small business owner told me that her expectations of Council were that her customers had safe and convenient access to her business via footpath and road, but that the responsibility for promoting her business was hers and hers alone – a view with which I totally concur.

These excerpts from the Draft Budget document represent value judgements with which I most definitely do not concur -
*"- - - ensuring that the rates are fair and reasonable **for businesses.**" (P43}*
Continuing - with a very big value judgement which I would very strongly question as an expression of community needs.
"It is important for Council to continue to support and encourage a diverse and healthy business sector which is essential for the economic development of the community."

My view is that Council's prime concern should be to ensure that the rates distribution is fair and reasonable for **all** ratepayers; but the cost to Council of the Business Hub/Business Solutions project is in fact being subsidised by all ratepayers, not least residential ratepayers whose average increase last year was 10.9% and where this year it is proposed to build a further 8% increase upon that.
(See below attachment, P19 Roadshow presentation, Table - Average Rate Increase 7.2%)

Potential savings and rate reduction?
We are told that Economic Development takes $3 of every $100 of rate revenue spent by Council, ie 3%
But there are six different numbers given for Council's rate revenue, from a low of $41,110,000 through [$50.5 million - top of page 43], to a high of $51,800,000 (P30), making it difficult to quantify just how much would be saved by eliminating the business promotion exercise; but 3% of $51,800.000 is $1,554,000 – does this include salaries and oncosts I wonder?
We are told on Page 35 of the draft budget document that a decrease of approximately $400,00 in expenditure will represent a 1% decrease in rates – and so on these numbers alone there is a potential saving here approaching 4%.

Removal of current Economic Development, Business Promotion and Growth projects would account for over half of the proposed 7.2% average increase in rates (8% for Residential rates) (See attachment – Table- P19 Roadshow Presentation document)

Differential General Rates

"Council will continue to apply a differential rate for primary production. The primary production 'rate in the dollar' is currently 83% of he general 'rate in the dollar'." (P43)
And goes on to justify this 17% subsidy of primary producers by the general rate community,
"Council recognises that the rural sector not only contributes greatly to our economy but also has significant responsibilities in environmental conservation."
But stops there, leaving off the added justification given in Council's published Rating Policy document, (alexandrina.sa.gov.au/rates – referenced P44)
*"- - - **while at the same time not enjoying the level of Council provided services as other sectors."***

This **dishonest** omission from the budget consultation documents presented to the public, is telling, as it provides a stark rebuttal of the Consultation Roadshow presentation's attempt to justify Alexandrina's high rates by drawing upon the need to maintain 770 kilometres of unsealed rural roads, the very roads that provide access to the rural properties predominantly occupied by the same primary producers said to not enjoy a level of Council services. (See attachment below – Chart Page 10 Roadshow Presentation document)

If the costs of maintaining Council's unsealed rural roads are a significant factor in burdening residential and other ratepayers with high rates, as claimed, Council can hardly at the same time claim that primary producers do not 'enjoy' a high level of Council services.

In addition to maintaining the road surface, roadside vegetation management along rural roads is also a significant and increasing cost to Council.

The reference to primary producers 'contributing greatly to our economy' is another attempt to use a 'trickle down' economic rationale and is as unconvincing in its claimed benefit to the residential ratepayers who are paying for this subsidy as is the business promotion activity to which I refer earlier.

As for the claimed 'responsibilities in environmental conservation' I would question the extent to which primary producers are actually required to fund conservation above and beyond what might be deemed good farming practice and incorporated into their standard operation. Beyond making this vague claim Council provides no evidence of actual costs to primary producers.

Council's justification for the differential rating which provides a 17% discount to primary producers does not stand up to scrutiny and should be discontinued forthwith, with a resultant boost to income of some $1,550,086, representing a reduction in required general rate revenue approaching 4%

Conclusion

The draft 2023/24 Proposed Budget as presented for public consultation does not live up to Council's claims to have reduced expenditure to the minimum required to meet community needs and aspirations, nor does it justify the reduction in rates applying to primary producers.

If Council were to remedy these two matters alone, the proposed average rate increase of 7.2% could be eliminated completely. (Providing a 4% reduction in expenditure together with a 4% increase in rates income)

Footnote

An observation

If the time and effort put in to the 'marketing' format of the budget consultation documents, with 'pretty pictures' and blocks of colour which attempt to 'sell' the budget but which serve only to make the extraction of relevant data more difficult; was spent instead upon ensuring that the information provided is consistent, does not contradict information given elsewhere in the document and is accurate and complete, this would have been a much more functional and credible exercise.

There has clearly been attempt to provide much more information than has been provided for budget consultation in previous years but sadly this has served only to expose significant limitations and contradictions.

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Milang

June 17th 2023

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Average Rate increase 7.2%

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	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Change
Land Use - General Rates - Gross (excluding rebates)				
Residential	$27,566,410	$30,905,546	$33,392,612	8%
Commercial - Shop	$458,790	$457,497	$487,395	7%
Commercial - Office	$68,623	$68,986	$75,451	9%
Commercial - Other	$580,060	$582,330	$633,261	9%
Industry - Light	$93,847	$97,774	$105,602	8%
Industry - Other	$180,234	$163,030	$179,227	10%
Primary Production	$7,537,506	$7,162,164	$7,549,462	5%
Vacant Land	$1,566,642	$1,673,311	$2,042,484	22%
Other	$249,309	$282,732	$312,582	11%
Total Land Use	**$38,301,421**	**$41,393,371**	**$44,778,076**	8%

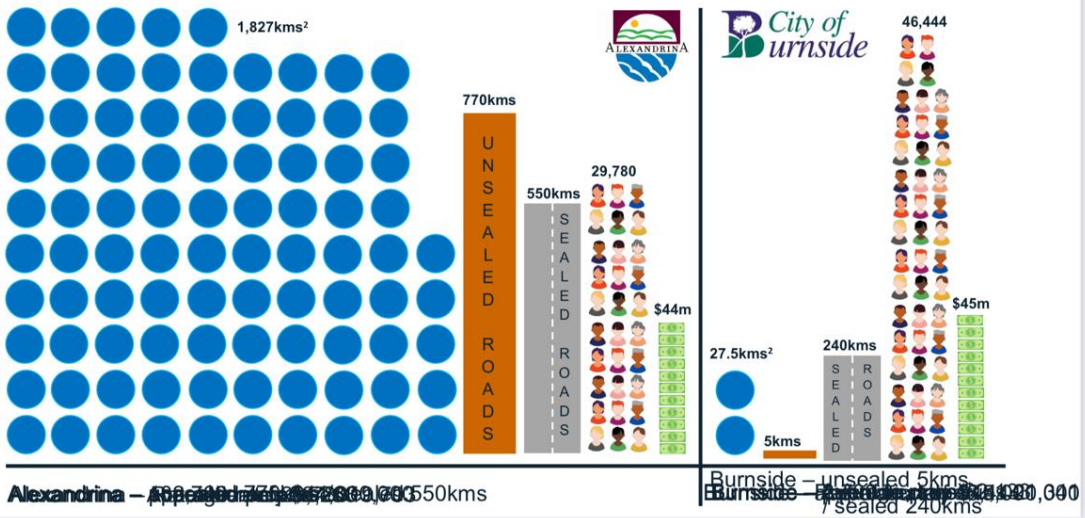
Suburb	2022/23 No
ANGAS PLAINS	64
ASHBOURNE	184
BELVIDERE	73
BLACKFELLOWS CREEK	19
BLETCHLEY	41
BULL CREEK	28
CALLINGTON	1
CHITON	439
CLAYTON BAY	623
CURRENCY CREEK	295
DINGABLEDINGA	37
FINNISS	243
GEMMELLS	47
GOOLWA	1,601
GOOLWA BEACH	1,677
GOOLWA NORTH	755
GOOLWA SOUTH	1,165
HARTLEY	114
HAYBOROUGH	1
HIGHLAND VALLEY	144
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Our rates seem high…why?



Our rates seem high…why?

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

It seems to me as a so called business which is top heavy in the office department and wastefulness and people who if actually did there job properly you wouldn t need so many people.If it was a commercial enterprise it would run better and efficiently but all we get is wastefulness and mismanagement and political spin .I know let's kill the ratepayers and send them broke and possibly homeless it's impractical you cronies have no morals or integrity it's disgusting but you be alright with your fat wages and use of our ratepayers cars at your private disposal bet they us rate payers a packet but alas you won't do anything about things we all just die out here hang in shame if you had any

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Yes disgusting behaviour wasteful over staffed in office by people that don t do job properly if they did you would need less and private use of vehicles is a joke being local government

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Look properly at beaucratic operations etc private use of vehicles and so

Q9.	**Full name**	[redacted]
Q10.	**Email address**	
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I support on condition that an effort is made to implement footpaths on Excelsior Pde Hindmarsh Island on the left side as on the original plan when I became a rate payer and marina payer in 2014

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Other (please specify)

8.3 percent is excessive in the current cost of living crisis, especially considering nothing much is being done to benefit the community, quite disappointed

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Bill Coomans and I have been speaking and he is advocating for the land next to number 12 George Francis drive in the Mt Compass Golf Course estate be used to create a park/ play ground area for children and young families as this is something that is extremely lacking in Mt Compass, particularly around the golf course estate where there are many young families. I think this area would be perfect for such a thing

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We still pay a lot, we should be getting benefits, we don't get hard rubbish, we get fortnightly bin collection, there's no parks or anything in Mt Compass, no good walking trails either, pot holes everywhere, what are we paying for in the first place?

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

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Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

No i do not consent, Council is already paid far too much money, how have you got it so wrong. $22.5 million on employees (approx 38%) for what, this massive overhead needs to be scaled back, not increased, perhaps you need to assess the need for this. Go back to Roads & Rubbish, they need improvement. Remove this ridiculous climate emergency that you declared in 2019 and remove the community (that didn't ask for it) from Climate Emergency Australia, Cities power partnership (C40 Cities), ICLEI, Cities race to zero, Global Covenant of Mayors, CLARA. Have you actually read these policies and agenda's? This is one of the main reasons for the wasting of $. 'climate change is happening all the time - and has been taking place for billions of years. However, we're now witnessing a deliberately orchestrated, growing global trend to use 'climate alarmism in an attempt to blame all kinds of illnesses, personal crises and socioeconomic problems on 'climate change,' about which there is no scientific consensus Greenhouse gases, Scientifically, it's a gobbledygook phrase, CO2 is not a pollutant but is, rather, essential to life. If you look at the actual historical data we are suffering from seriously depleted CO2 levels.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)

No i do not consent to an optional additional rate rise. If you stopped wasting money on this useless climate emergency nonsense (1100 eminent scientists have declared there is no climate emergency) you could use the money to plant trees, Actually get out and monitor the climate and habitat of Alexandrina, take soil and water samples, look into reasons why manmade chemicals like aluminium, barium, strontium and surfactants are present in these samples. Why are the trees we have dying from the inside out or under duress when they in the vicinity of transmitters. Do you realise that the farming industry has to be irradicated in order to try' and achieve net zero? ('Agriculture contributes about 33% of all the emissions of the world. And we can't get to Net Zero—we don't get this job done—unless agriculture is front and centre as part of the solution John Kerry). I'm sure you know Agribusiness is Alexandrina's largest industry. Are you trying to destroy our region?

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Choose one — Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Absolutely no confidence in this business (Alexandrina Council ABN 20 785 405 351) , sucked into borrowing and then wasting money on promoted ideologies, this vulnerable position is then exploited by government and corporations. (Policies and infrastructure)

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Given the unprecedented cost of living crisis and that this community is made up of so many young families and retirees an almost 10% increase in rates cannot be justified. I times of tough economic times it would justify council to pare back its expenditure to allow for a reasonable level of rate increase. Any CEO of a large business would look to reduce expenditure dramatically to avoid going to shareholders for a bail -out. It would appear that council management and the majority of Councillors think they can place a burden on ratepayers to fix their debt and poor management practices that got them here in the first place. This council has some of the highest rates in South Australia and still find themselves covered in red ink, time to take harsher measures to fix the issues without outrageous levies on ratepayers/renters etc. It is not difficult to find expenditure in this plan that is not essential in nature and could be cut to enable better financial management of the budget and service of debt levels. 1. Strathalbyn's $50 million Lot 10 Project and the Sound Shell and Goolwa's $20 million Signal Point and Wharf Precinct would deliver a cost saving of $70 Million 2. Postpone or cut the plan to move CWMS 3. Delay or cut expenditure to build new sporting facilities and community centres 4. Cut the 2.11 million budgeted for economic development, business and tourism. This is not a valid council expenditure. If business wants to promote let them do so via their own funding. If business wants to promote tourism let them do so via their own funds. More tourism needs more infrastructure spend which this council cannot afford. 5. Cut agriculture funding, let the state and farmers federation spend thier funds doing so, why should ratepayers fund this activity? 6. Cut 20.7 million from assets and shelve the outdated 10 year infrastructure and asset management plan. 7. Cut further spending on the Strathalbyn town plan. 8. Cut the $700,000 planned for Environment and climate change initiatives that do not include 'on-ground works. 9.Cut $1 million from Cultural and Visitor experience activity. We have substantial visitor numbers throughout the year and the state government have funds to promote the region. 10. Review senior management salaries and expenses, maybe it is time for a freeze on those wages until the financial position is properly addressed. I conclusion we have a council in deep financial trouble and their answer is to increase rates way beyond anything that is acceptable. Time for management and councilors to look at significant cuts to their budget and forget having ratepayers bail them out! It would not happen in a business environment and it shouldn't happen here.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one — Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Given the current financial position 10 year planning is almost irrelevant as past performance here can be no predictor of future budget management

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** — Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 202
Login: Anonymous
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Responded At: May 31, 2024 16:01:55 pm
Last Seen: May 31, 2024 16:01:55 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Other (please specify)

We get nothing for our rates already, no nice parks in mt compass, no weekly rubbish collection, no hard rubbish, no good walking paths, pot holes, the Main Street is derelict, no child friendly cafes etc. nearby, what are we paying for?? We were always happy with Onkaparinga when we lived there up until 15 months ago.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)

No way, it should just be apart of the councils duties!? What a joke. Everything seems to be up to the community members to volunteer their time rather than the council do their jobs

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Bill Coomans is advocating for a parcel of land next to 12 George Francis drive, next to the mt compass golf course, to be turned into a park/ play space for young children and families which is something we desperately need in mt compass, particularly in the golf course estate

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As above, funds need to be cut from unnecessary things like the sound bowl in Strathalbyn and put into things like parks, etc.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 203
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 10:10:13 am
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 10:10:13 am
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I don't support a rate increase at all. Family of 3, about to become 4, cannot afford any change. Can barely afford food!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
No I do not support this either. It's so unfair. We live in mount compass and the golf course has been cutting down trees for a while. But that's ok as long as houses go in right? So he can cut down trees but you want to plant them again that we have to pay for? I don t think so.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

People are struggling to survive with mortgage rate increases, fuel, food, insurance and whatever else they decide to increase. Putting the council rates up will push some people over the edge. Please just think about the people for once, the ones that are struggling.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

This is just a prediction. Who knows what's going to happen in a few years. With how expensive things are now, who knows how much they will be in the future. So if things do go up, the council rates will change right? The council rates need to change. For people who live in Goolwa, strath, port Elliot and so on should pay for the area that they live in. It's not fair for people like us (who live in Mount Compass) having to pay for things getting done in Goolwa and strath.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 204
Login [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 15:50:01 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 06:02:39 am
IP Address: [redacted]

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The Council already has an increasing income built in to the rates system by virtue of the steady increase in valuations. Perhaps too much is being spent to support facilities for tourists and visitors rather than residents. If properties now being used as air B&B and other types of holiday rental are rated at the commercial rate rather then residential this would provide more income to Council and reflect the real use of the property.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 205
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:16:14 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 19:16:14 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I support a 4% rise

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You are spending more than your income. Pretty simple , cut cut cut.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Didn t give any other options than the large rise.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 206
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:17:52 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 19:17:52 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We pay more in rates than any other council in South Australia , and we don't even have curbing to our roadside.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 207
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:18:31 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 19:18:31 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Every single house has to tighten the budget and you think spending more money is the way to go. How irresponsible. Alexandrina council is on a path of providing less for more money.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 208
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:21:54 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 19:21:54 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The wage indicator for a graduate accountant is overly generous and needs reducing. Some spending needs to be stopped to reduce the rate rise.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

In a perfect world, getting rid of debt is great. But, pensioners cannot afford current rates due to the cost of living crisis. I am a carer on a fixed income with a disabled child. I cannot afford my current rates for my tiny 3 bedroom 1 bathroom property. There is no assistance for pensioners who can't afford rates. I have fines and late fees applied every quarter when I simply cannot afford it. I've cut back to one meal per day and no longer take required medication so my kids can eat. I can't afford rates now, I'm not getting an 8.3% increase in my pension so I definitely won't be able to afford them going up. Where is the support and assistance and understanding?

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 209
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:31:18 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I don't support a rate rise at all. I am struggling to pay the current rates with the rise in petrol, mortgage, groceries and everything else

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 210
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:43:26 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Cost of living needs to be considered, not everyone can afford constant increases

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 211
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:44:41 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 19:44:41 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I don't support any rate increase

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

It's just poor planning and money not being spent in the right places

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 212
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 19:51:01 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 19:51:01 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Middleton always seems the poor cousin in the Alexandrina Council. Poorly maintained parks with minimal play equipment and lack of services. The council keen to up our rates but with very little in return.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Monies need to be spent evenly across the council district. Funds seem to be directed to Strathalbyn. The Middleton Community seem to be the ones improving the environs not the local council.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 213
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 20:02:55 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
The rate rise increase is far too great. The options for this on the survey do not allow for adequate feedback to be given. Must be less than 8.3 % and ideally only increased in line with the income of the community you serve.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I support greening the community but not at that cost. There are many community groups that target greening the community already.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rate rises are unaffordable and unrealistic to the majority of residents.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 214
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 20:07:00 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 20:07:00 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

To see such a lazy council that contributes nothing to the community other than emptying bins raise rates to pay an outdated CEO and employ more nepotistic workers is an insult to the intelligence of the community. With the current cost of living crisis upon the broader community I would expect that the current council would be trying to save money and shorten their own expenditure rather than lifting it.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

See number 5

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 215
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 20:14:31 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 20:14:31 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

As a home owner residing in Mount Compass, I DO NOT support the 8.3% rate increase & am of the opinion that a number of recent past & planned works &/or upgrades, especially in goolwa & strathalbyn, are frivolous, especially when compared to other more important community safety requirements (roads & footpaths in particular) The cost of everything is already hitting the vast majority of households, with little relief forecast & what is coming (tax breaks, energy bill relief) are a minimal joke! It is irresponsible of council to hit rate payers with a nearly triple cpi increase to rates! Hold non-urgent projects & works, we don't need another building or sports complex upgrade! What we do need is a council who is in touch with the common rate payer & not only listens but also actions what they are being told!

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Poor financial management of funds by the council should not be put onto rate payers, look into all other avenues of budgeting & saving costs, instead of having rate payers pay, hypothetically & figuratively, to save the council of their poor actions.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 216
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 20:31:53 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 20:31:53 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**
Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No increase

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**
not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**
Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**
not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 217
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 20:34:13 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 20:34:13 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Don't waste money on big projects for only certain towns and there will be more money for the main jobs

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Some of the highest rates around and the least services, get the rates down or start spreading the funds around everywhere evenly. This is not the time to be going hard on rates with lots of people struggling.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 218
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 20:57:59 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 20:57:59 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I live out of major towns in regional we struggle to get any work done of trimming trees grading roads resheeting roads water management

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Rates can’t become unaffordable

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 219
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 21:10:10 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 21:10:10 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Services need to stay the same as long as rates are not exceedingly high.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 220
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 21:14:02 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 21:14:02 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Stop wasting people's money and realise people are struggling. Put off projects and stop wasting money on rubbish. If people are struggling to live then its time to stop and only provide minimal services.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 221
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 21:32:46 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 21:32:46 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

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Times are the toughest it has been for years. Specially hard on lower income now I am semi retired and currently self funded. When I fully retire and wife retires sooner or latter your proposed budget will make it hard to stay here with such a steep increases in all cost of living. Put simply all need to cut back to basic living only. Currently only heat one room with a gas camp heater as cost of electricity to high. Compass water turn off as cannot afford it. Useing tank water carefully only. Please start being real to many people who are doing hard now.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Ok you need to repay your borrowed money. Please do not borrow any more till all debt is paid. Do a budget that we is affordable only. Only fix what has to be fixed. No new projects. No extra staff in council.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 222
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 21:35:33 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 21:35:33 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rates to excess for the services we receive in Mount Compass

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The increase in not within the cost of living

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 223
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 21:45:59 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 21:45:59 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rate rises need to be kept at a minimum. Funding needs to be sought and secured for expenditures entertaining expenses should be curtailed to a minimum

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We need more ratepayers to even the expenditure load. Empty Council buildings need to be leased for income.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 224
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 21:49:36 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 21:49:36 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

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Salaries for this council are far too high considering skill levels and spending in useless items that are stored in plain sight. I've seen a building in the main street which has council paid items which collect dust (heaters, electrical items etc). But happy to charge home owners more in fees because they want to invest in more projects... how about selling off the un used items to free up funds within.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 225
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 22:04:33 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 22:04:33 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Keep rates to cpi....

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Back to core basic services.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 226
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 22:07:07 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 22:07:07 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**
Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No rate rise. Better management. Review existing Spend

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**
not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**
How in dept. too much will change in 10 years.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 227
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 01, 2024 22:28:09 pm
Last Seen: Jun 01, 2024 22:28:09 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

1. Is spending $2.11 million (3% of the General Rate Revenue of $56.6 million) on Economic Development, Business & Tourism, a basic function of Council?? If business wants to promote business, why not let them do it through their own funding of a Chamber of Commerce. Afterall, we are in a financial crisis I say NO, that spending on business is NOT basic, and should be cut 2. Is spending money on Agriculture a basic function of Council?? Why not let the National Farmers Federation and the State Department of Agriculture spend money on Agriculture. We are in a financial crisis I say NO, spending on Agriculture is NOT basic, and should be cut 3. Is spending $20.7 million on assets so we can stick to an outdated 10 year Infrastructure & Asset Mgmt Plan, a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) Why can t we forget the out of date 10 year plan for a while. Don't forget, we are in a financial crisis I say NO, this expenditure is ripe for cutting 4. Is spending significant money on an expiring Strathalbyn Town Plan a basic function of Council when Milang, Middleton & Port Elliot are still waiting for their first plan?? Why not let Strathalbyn extend their existing plan for a while, without cost. We are in a financial crisis. I say this expenditure should be cut. 5. Is spending $700,000 on Environment & Climate Change initiatives that DO NOT even include on-ground works (1% of the General Rates Revenue of $56.6 million) a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) REMEMBER, We are in a financial crisis I say categorically NO, that this spending is NOT basic, and should be cut 6. Is spending $1+million on Cultural & Visitor Experience, a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) Is it really necessary, particularly when visitors from Adelaide and other parts of SA & Vic. overwhelm the region in summer, and on weekends for the remainder of the year. And the State Government has a grand growth plan for the Fleurieu, without our financial assistance I say it is NOT a basic function, and it should be cut 7. Is an Enterprise Bargain Agreement that awards all staff a pay increase each year, at least equal to the CPI %, sustainable?? Why not follow the Federal Govt lead of changing indexing from CPI to the lesser of CPI and the Wage Price Index (WPI) We are in a financial crisis. Given that wage increases across Australia are nowhere near CPI, I say this EBA should be renegotiated, downwards And a comment before concluding: the attempt to make Greening & Cooling an optional extra, when Village Conversations across the the entire region make it a #1 priority, is being referred to as being just a bit too cute. So in conclusion, I put it to the Management & Councilors, that this draft budget is a gross overspend and needs a far more serious attempt to get back to basics by cutting out non-basic services, thus cutting costs. We are in a financial crisis!

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

We need to go back to basics. We are in a financial crisis.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

For the serviced that are provided it shows that the money is not managed properly and there is wasted expenditure which is not essential during this financial crisis.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 228
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Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**
Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**
not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**
not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 229
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

It is not clear whether any potential costs or liability of council for the asbestos debacle at the waste management facility will be or are included in the proposed costings to be passed on to ratepayers? It is also not clear what council land assets may be sold to further prop up council coffers? This is a short sighted strategy as once those assets are sold they are on from ratepayers forever.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The proposed rate rises in the current climate appear out of touch. There is also mention of the sale of undeveloped council land but not specifically where. That is a very short sighted strategy to plug holes.

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 230
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Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

With everyone already under financial pressure, I think that council should consider freezing rates for the year to assist rate payers with cost of living pressures. They should then look to increase things gradually next year i.e perhaps 4%. We don't need new infrastructure right now, just focus on repairing and maintaining what we currently have.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Anywhere where we have to pay more money isn t good in my opinion. I can't see the council ever reducing the rates once we get to their goal.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 231
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rate increase is excessive. Save money in other areas. Sack some staff, become more efficient. Your rates are excessive already.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

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Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Rate rises are ridiculous has to be mismanagement. Council has to amalgamate with other councils

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No more sending

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council should declare bankruptcy and get someone in to manage properly

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 233
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Ratepayers are mostly limited in their capacity to increase payments of any kind , refer to increases in wages of your constituents , ie 2-3. %. My income rates have been cut by 10 % ,,, other household costs increased by 6 to 10 % , so try doing the maths , all responsible planning should consider the ability of those (constituents) to absorb increased costs across the board , ie everyday families ,

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Maintain footpaths only

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The proposed increase in rates shows a contemptuous irresponsible unrealistic approach to managing local council

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The council has over borrowed so the council has to cut spending , start with a 3% wage cut increasing on a sliding scale to 25% for the higher paid positions

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council rises should be capped at federal govt PROPOSED inflation targets 2-3%. Council should drive productivity and internal organisation review and action to achieve this. +5-8% rises especially in current times are unacceptable to rate payers.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

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Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I have not lived in the region for long enough to make a clear assessment on all of the aspects addressed.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

A rate rise of 8.3% at the same time as house prices are increasing quickly is too demanding for most people who live in this area. Money does not fall off trees. Find a better way to save money and cut back on extravagance.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As above

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

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not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
No increase. Reduce spending. Think about cost of living for ratepayers at this stage.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Just cut spending/trim fat

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I would support a rate increase that quarantined a specific percentage increase dedicated to debt repayment and the remainder for Council operating budgets. New capital projects, excluding maintenance capital projects, should be deferred until all debt is paid back

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

There is no consideration of amalgamation with neighbouring councils. I do not support spending $350,000 on a bikeway study. Council should survey the waste collection services in terms of the actual bins collected from each property each collect period as there would be a number of homes that don't require the service. Could there be an option to drop off your own rubbish for a fee.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I struggle to understand the relevance of local government when there are no economies of scale to lower Council overheads to delivery programs and services.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 241
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

These rate rises are excessive and well above forecast inflation. They are unreasonable and place too much burden on rate payers during a cost of living crisis. Council should be pursuing grant funding for greening, township upgrades, sport and community facilities rather than relying on rate revenue.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As above. Rate increases are considered excessive, and grant funding should be considered.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

Regarding our recent rate rise - here's one idea... OK, so we've all heard the heroic take of Robin Hood right? Take from the rich, help the not so rich. With the recent "news" that Alexandrina council rates, allegedly already the highest in SA, will be going up again, why don't we adopt the "Robin Hood Rate Rise" strategy? Anyone on a state or federal support payment, ie the aged care pension, disability support pension etc, gets either no rate rise, or a modest rate rise (let's say 2.5%). At the other end of the scale, anyone wealthy enough to have a second, third, fourth home etc, ie a "holiday home" pays more? In many other countries there are significant taxes on owning multiple homes. For "investors" any additional expenses, such as council rates are a tax deduction anyway. So they'll be able to use it to offset any other income. But those on fixed incomes, like retirees - which we have plenty of in this region - will be able to afford to live in the one house they own?

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)

See prior comment. Put the burdon on those who can afford it, those with multiple houses, not those who can least afford it like pensioners

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

How real is the $5.37m in savings?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Activate more dormant assets or liquidate them. Increase returns on existing assets such as PS Oscar W. It's a spectacular piece of history, but needs to be better run. Would it be better operated by the Steam Ranger group, for example.

Q9. **Full name**	[redacted]
Q10. **Email address**	
Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 243
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Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Greening should be core expense not optional extra, in addition to multiple unnecessary non-core projects.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Cut back on non-core business spending eg Strathalbyn $50M lot10 project, Goolwa $20+M Signal point and wharf, new sporting facilities, business and tourism promotion, Environment and climate change Reduce borrowing.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not happy about going into debt for unnecessary spending.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 244
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Council needs to cut back spending

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council needs to stop spending on projects that don’t benefit the community with a dollar cost return. Also council needs to look at mergers with other council such as Victor Harbour or Mt Barker to reduce costs

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 245
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

This council needs replacing, amongst the highest rates anywhere. Self serving incompetence is all I see. Lots of areas within the region neglected, poor roads and reduced services. We should not have to pay higher rates and more money to this incompetent bunch. We need an independent audit now, what are they doing with our money

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Why would anyone be satisfied with CPI plus 3%, this is financial mismanagement

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
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Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I consider a rate rise comparable to the rate of inflation appropriate, but not a twofold increase over inflation

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 247
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I don't support any increase

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Greediest council in the state. Property values increased substantially and rates were increased inline with this.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 248
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 12:09:40 pm
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
No increase in rates as they are escalating every year for no benefit to a lot of residents who do not live in the town boundaries and do not join the minority who benefit from Council derived expenditure.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Percentage increases penalise people. Have a definite dollar figure instead.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

In these times of financial hardship for all except the well paid expansion/new developments etc should not be undertaken. We have to wait for the economy to stabilise and people to get back on their feet before developments, grandiose or otherwise, are undertaken. Streamlining Council, advisory board and use of outside companies to do evaluations when we could be using State Government resources should be undertaken instead of funneling our taxpayer dollar to these undertakings. We are not a Metropolis and, I would say, the vast majority of residents don't want our towns to become one. We live here because we want a country/semi-rural Lifestyle.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I am not an accountant, but, as I have detailed in my other answers we need to have the economy stabilise before thinking about proceeding along Councils proposed lines and only then, after a truthful Community consultation on what we want, not what someone "thinks" or "forecasts" is good for our Community.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Inflation is sitting at 3.6 and you are asking for an 8.3 increase with all the new homes in the area I would have thought we could have had a decrease or at least stay the same. We are on fixed income pensioners where is this rise supposed to come from. This is well above what we expected.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

$80000 for an action plan. My god no wonder are rates are getting out of reach.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I’m sure like most governments Savings can be found like how many times do you have to get quotes and coatings for a footpath for Hindmarsh island the entrance to the Marinas are a disgrace we also pay encumbrances to the marina. It is becoming quite unaffordable to live here with no transport from here into goolwa even. .

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Time to listen to the ratepayers. The staff level seems to be top heavy on administration area. Stop taking on unnecessary projects. Back to basics to some degree using council staff instead of contractors.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

To heavy on projects that may be unnecessary at this time. All struggling and you seem to just want to add to the struggle.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Gets back to unnecessary projects and top heavy administrative staff. As well as rediculous CEO wages

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No:	251	**Responded At:**	Jun 02, 2024 15:19:35 pm
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Email:	n/a	**IP Address:**	n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 252
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Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

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Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council will increase rates beyond many home owners means regardless Developers should be responsible for replacing the trees they destroy not ratepayers

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 253
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 254
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 16:47:46 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 16:47:46 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

No, I ve not reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
No rate increase at this time

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No Increases in rates j oh r in wages for staff until the economy pucks up

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

No action over the next few years until Council manages to allocate the budget efficiently which it obviously cannot currently do. Need new staff that are budget conscious and not there to just spend money, rationalise assets.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 255
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 18:50:27 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 18:50:27 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 256
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I feel that we pay exorbitant rates already. I have heard that it is because our council area is so large that is why it is needed to cover costs. Unfortunately, in the area I live I have seen no improvement in the 8 years of being here. I saw one section of kerbing replaced on one occasion and a council employee sat and watched the contractors do the work. I do not feel confident monies are bring spent appropriately. The Greening project had no explanation to go on to make a judgement. In our area trees are being destroyed for development.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

As above

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 257
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 19:01:09 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

In relation to greening, I think Cadell Street is well greened as is Goolwa north where we live. What about existing trees that are growing so big and not maintained or cut back when threatening house and property damage if a branch breaks etc

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I think we already have high council rates for very little services. We already recycle and use green bins but often run out of room before the next collection. Then I have to pay to dump any additional green waist. There should also be a few times a year when hard rubbish can be collected like other councils do.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 258
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 19:20:54 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 259
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Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 19:33:19 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Stop increasing rates

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Visitor

Respondent No: 260
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 19:40:08 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)

I do not support another rate increase because council is not providing basic service at current rates which are already higher than some of the most expensive suburbs in Adelaide eg. Burnside. Debt management by Alexandrina council is the result of irresponsible and unchecked management. To punish ratepayers for poor management is criminal.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Are you seriously telling me that out of $2.5k rates you are unable to manage maintenance of parks and gardens in our towns?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

This window dressing consultation exercise that excuses extorting ratepayers by council is ridiculous. Could we please have some basic infrastructure maintenance such as roads, footpath and gardens in towns. Not major contracts for councillors friends. Just council employees on the job. Maybe too idealistic but hey

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 261
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:06:38 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

The rate increases that are suggested are out of control, and unaffordable for many families in the current financial climate. Unnecessary projects need to be put on hold if the council can't afford them. Many of us don't want them anyway, but the council refuses to listen to feedback from rate payers.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Again, instead of increasing rates to an unaffordable amount, council need to put unnecessary (and generally unwanted) projects on hold until a better financial position is reached.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 262
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:08:54 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 20:08:54 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I think the new capital works should be scaled back to relieve the cost of living pressures on residents.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Consistent rate rises in conjunction with rising property valuations will put significant pressure on residents. More creative ideas to cut costs should be explored.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 263
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:11:44 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Less increase, no new projects for this financial year. No new positions or consultants or legal expenses

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Try cutting back on in efficient administration appointments. Can all unfunded consultation planning. Elected members personal wish lists and set budgets as normal business practices and not expect ratepayers to continually fork out more money every year

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Who can afford 3% plus cpi. Your plans treat ratepayers disrespectfully

Q9. **Full name**

Q10. **Email address**

[redacted]

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 264
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:18:27 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
I don't support a rate increase. They are to high already.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Reduce rates.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Money being wasted

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 265
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:20:10 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 20:20:10 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

If you increase rates at anything close to this, no-one in this councils jurisdiction will support you. To even consider a rate rise with interest rates at this level is ludacris, bordering on maniacal.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

We've just built here. If you want us to pay that much more, and increasingly so over the next 5 years, you're basically telling us to prepare to sell, right now.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 266
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:23:34 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

This increase is excessive to the community and businesses. .

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Other (please specify)
Family of rate payer who cannot complete survey.

Respondent No: 267
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:28:17 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

This comment stood out for me - "Our independent Audit and Risk committee suggested measured, incremental and a long-term approach to increasing Council revenue to meet rising costs". I don't believe that an 8.3% increase is measured, nor is a 10 year debt reduction plan to be considered long-term. Slowly, slowly please. And perhaps we could have greened our urban spaces with the money being spent on the stadium & wharf upgrades.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

While creating a surplus & being debt free are noble ambitions I don't believe it should be pushed through so quickly as to create the opposite effect for your rate payers.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 268
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:35:41 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 20:35:41 pm
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase at all. People are suffering, I and so many others are already at the point of being unable to pay for extortionate rising energy bills, fuel costs, food increases and insurance costs. We are a family of 3 which includes an adult child with a disability and we can't keep going. My wages have not increased, I don't know how people are expected to keep up with these costs.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Learn to make proper savings like we all have to. Cut costs, cut wages, stop double handling issues, do things right first time rather than having to rectify ongoing problems year in year out (Nangkita and Victor Harbour road for example). Why do we as Mount Compass residents have to fund projects in Strathalbyn, Goolwa, Middleton etc. We pay rediculously high rates compared to many other councils, for very little benefit. The majority of works done by Alexandrina Council is in Strathalbyn and Goolwa, not Mount Compass. There should be a fair pay scale system where Mount Compass residents pay for Mount compass issues.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You have made so called financial predictions in a very uncertain time. An increase like you are suggesting is untenable.

Q9.	**Full name**	[redacted]
Q10.	**Email address**	
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 269
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 20:42:07 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 20:42:07 pm
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support the 8.3 per cent rate increase (an additional $15.75 a month on average compared to 2023/24), which will maintain current services with a small number of proposed new operating projects $1.45m and $20.7m of capital projects.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Start with smaller amount and build up when you have the plan.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Axe the unfunded initiatives.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council needs to be financially sustainable. But service reviews and cost cutting needs to be to going.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 270
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

With the cost of living and current home loan rates the rate rise will dissuade people building or buying here due to the price of rates

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 271
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 21:20:17 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 21:20:17 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Any rate increase should only be to CPI and not above.
CouncilExpenditure should be reduced to meet this requirement

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Council should concentrate on basics and above all reduce staff and debt

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Administration should work to reduce expenditure

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 272
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 21:24:01 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
This shouldn t be an optional extra and should be incorporated into the current fees. Also it can't just be to plant more trees - we have volunteer organisation and grants to fund that.This should be going towards cooler bitumen design, better recycling/waste facilities including buy back schemes for compost, solutions for light pollution reduction, promoting greener living in the community by partnering people with the right organisations and offering incentives if people green their own verge or backyard.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Aside from the obvious typos, I really don't understand how we're in so much debt and why we pay some of the highest rates in the state. As a single income earner with a dwelling, I put my bins out maybe once a month and I'm going to be paying something like $70 a week for that and CWMS. It's simply not justified.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Need to wait until the strategic plan review is complete.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 273
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 21:51:07 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 21:51:07 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
No i do not consent to another rate rise for the poor services we receive

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You are clearly out of touch with the people who pay your wages, Remove the climate emergency nonsense and get back to providing good simple services that we actually require.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Clearly it's more of the same, I have absolutely no confidence in this business (Alexandrina Council ABN 20 785 405 351)

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 274
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 22:05:52 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 22:05:52 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
Rate increase much less than 8.3% with a decrease in unnecessary services that attract tourism, support business. No new projects even if funded from State/Federal gov. as there are always additional future costs to council. Stop gold-plating everything.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
No rate increase for township greening We don't need to increase rates to do this - there are far more effective ways to deliver additional tree canopy.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

You need to do much better with our money. No more debt, just provide the services we need and support the most effective resource - volunteers

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

CPI + nothing. Cut non-essential services and get some productivity gains. No more projects and get back to basics. Stop spending $700 per street tree and planting them in the wrong place.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 275
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 22:15:45 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 22:15:45 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase. I don't feel that Mount Compass gets value for their rates compared to the larger communities within the council area.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 276
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 22:27:30 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 22:27:30 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council doesn't listen to the rate payers. Money is wasted in useless unwanted projects such as ugly soundshells and overpaid and over staffed council employees with cars and other perks. Previously lived in West Torrens council. Facilities, parks, roads everything worked well and rates were less than here.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 277
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 22:36:41 pm
Last Seen: Jun 02, 2024 22:36:41 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

There must be another way to solve this problem considering the economic situation. I for one have no way of producing extra money to pay for the increase therefore my standard of living decreases again.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 278
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 02, 2024 23:18:39 pm
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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Too high level strategic and not enough day to day. No new major projects yet a huge proposed increase is poor and feels like you re taking advantage of the rate payers. Perhaps more efficiency within the council could deliver some much needed funds. Still waiting for you to deliver projects for this FY…. I don’t know where we are going to find an additional $15/mth at a minimum, repeatedly for the next 5 years. Please get more realistic with the vision and planning.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 279
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

NO

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

A 1980s era black path was laid last year on Carfax Street.Absolutely [redacted]and embarrassing job by this council.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 280
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 08:52:42 am
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 08:52:42 am
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
i would supportbit if you cut other foolhardy plans for capital spending, such as a sound shell in Strathalbyn - a luducrous 1930's idea which woukd be used once a year! and a dog park - why?

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

i know you are addressing costs, but you should go right back to staffing. how many senior roles in council admin do you have? how many project managers and above. Dont cut jobs at the coalface, cut management roles that are not adding value.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I'm pretty sure there is still fat in the operations, particularly looking at recent hires in projects management, middle management. Since moving here I've seen ridiculous overspend in Strath - council hire of paving contractors who have had to do paving again and again because they are not competent. The ridiculous work being done on the town hall ie potential white elephant. Who is doing the oversight of these two projects - they should be sacked.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 281
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

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Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

My only issue with the rate rise is that property values have gone up considerably in the last 10 years I've been a home owner in the Alexandrina council area. A higher rates percentage along with with higher property valuations is going to become too expensive for some residents that are already struggling with financial pressures, a rates rise should also be delivered with rate relief for the lowest income households. I also live in an older development in Strathalbyn that doesn't have proper footpaths or walking access to a playground so would certainly support a rates rise if it meant that those projects would be more likely in my area.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

If rates rise is necessary then so be it, but with higher rates come a higher expectation of the council to provide for the region.

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

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Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not everyone owns expensive houses down here and simply cannot afford the ongoing rate increases. We retired down here and are on a pension. The rates would have been cheaper if we had stayed in Adelaide. We are all for progress but your projected rate increases are just not viable for older residents on a pension.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 283
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Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 09:35:45 am
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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I support a rate increase on the proviso that other strategies are implemented around expenditure. Particularly in the area of litigation fees, consultation fees and general misspending of funds in all areas.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
I support the greening of our council area with natives that are good for the environment as a whole. Making funding available for communities to revegetate via grants

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not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

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Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

After attending the recent budget roadshow I am not convinced that enough critical thinking has been done around the reduction of councils spending. Yes assets need to be maintained however there is too much needless spending. The funds wasted on doubling up of engineering costs for households, litigation, consultation fees could certainly be better spent by the community for grass roots initiatives that support the people

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer Alexandrina Business Owner

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Choose one option

Satisfied

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No, I do not support

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Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Have not had time to digest information

Q9. **Full name**

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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Feedback to Council Draft Budget prepared by [redacted] 1st June 2024

The following feedback is based on my interpretation of the draft budget with reference to past budgets available on the Council website. My focus is on the overall income & expenditure with reference to Alexandrina Council imposition in the budget who have once again proposed for 2024/25 increases for all ratepayers well above inflation.

The Announcement

In the 2024/25 draft ABP & Budget on page 05 it states savings of $5.37 million has been made together with additional $240k. In the same budget papers on page 37 the adopted budget for 2023/24 was for a deficit of $271k however the projected 2023/24 figure has grown to a deficit of $5,177k. Where is the savings announced gone as the deficit grew by just under $5 million.

Comments on rate increases

Residential rates bring in the majority with 75% of rate revenue and therefore widespread frustration from the silent majority.

In 20022/23 we incurred an average increase of 12% in 2022/23, this was followed by 6.4% in 2022/23 and we now have another budgeted 9.1% for 2024/25. A total of 27.5%. Interestingly primary producers have increased 10.9% over the same period. CPI over the same 3 years totals 16.9% percent. In summary residential where most revenue comes from cops a huge increase, primary reduced.

While I am appreciating that running a council budget can be challenging, in business before any expense is incurred a cost benefit analysis is undertaken. Will it provide a return on investment and in case of council who and how many will benefit.

As residential ratepayers carry the major burden with 75% of the rates collected. Of those most would not use the services of council outside Roads, footpaths and Rubbish.

How rates are spent

In the budget papers $9.4 million is the cost of roads and rubbish out of $56 million collected. Clearly too many expenditure items, and virtue signalling projects.

We in Coorong Quays see little for the millions paid in rates. The long-promised footpath in Excelsior has not started. In the 2022/23 ABP (Appendix B2) works were planned for Randell Rd between the 2 entrances into CQ. This work was not done and was removed on 2023/24 and not in 2024/25 either. This part of Randall Road carries an increasing number of vehicles since the opening of the 2nd entrance. It is narrow and in bad condition.

Environmental projects and any expense aligned to Climate Change should also be scrapped. There is no scientific evidence that the climate is causing more floods, fires or natural disasters. This is supported by evidence by scientists in the UN body - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Where is your research to justify the Climate Emergency policy of council and subsequent expenditure for a Climate officer and associated expenses? Where is

the scientific research that CO2 is causing global warming? Scientists pointed this out to me – I believe it does not exist. The vibe is not research.

Over the last 3 years we have seen Employee costs increase from $17,973k (2022/23) to budget of $23,136k – an increase of 35%, Way above inflation. This is where cuts need to be made by making more efficient. In business we had a saying we need more Indians and less Chiefs! The Indians get things done and, in my observation, this is not where council has a problem. Most likely too many levels of management (the chiefs). Get rid of duplication and levels of approval.

I have a real example – the forms and process for a community group to use the Community Meeting Room for 2 hours for $11 revenue. The $11 is not a problem but the internal workings to generate $11 revenue is ridiculous.

Other thoughts

Methods of increasing revenue to reduce the rates of the residential ratepayers.

- Change the rating system on primary producers to pay the same rate at other ratepayers. They are running a business and most likely can claim a tax deduction for the expense. Rural roads often require more upkeep they should also bare significant part of this cost.

- Rental Properties including Air B&Bs be charged a levy as they are also operating a business – renting property.

In Summary

Undertake a major review by slashing expenditure with emphasis on levels of mid management staffing and ridding of expensive and “does it feel good” services. One that stands out is the Aquatic Centre.

12 months ago, I attended the roadshow and here we are today, and nothing has improved in expenditure.

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support a rate increase, we are already paying ridiculous rates for very little services.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

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No to the Sound shell in Strathalbyn! No to toilets on Sugars Beach! Yes to greening strategies for towns No more half baked plans that are not fully funded by grants, not wasting ratepayers money.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Do not divest assets they will then end up costing the community more money overall. Look very closely at staff and their roles. If there is an option for a federally funded staff placement, access that funding to fulfill position

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Business Owner

Respondent No: 286
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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No, I do not support

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
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Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 287
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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IP Address: n/a

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Q9. **Full name**
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Respondent No: 288
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 11:59:37 am
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Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No rate rise. We are in a cost of living crisis, people are struggling to pay for their current rates let alone any rise!

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No, I do not support

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I support better council financial management. The services provided by the current rates are lacklustre. General waste collection was cut in half, but no financial fees were altered. Dirt roads continue to get an increase in traffic, but no sign of sealing the roads as previously proposed in the 'paving SA' incentive.

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council needs to better manage their budget and assets, raising rates in a cost of living crisis is not the answer.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 289
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 12:18:38 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 12:18:38 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Spending on the least needed things as usual!

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Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

No vision e.g - Basics like charging to go on Goolwa Beach! Not hard to crunch that opportunity!

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 290
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

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Q9. **Full name**
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Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Choose one option

Satisfied

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No, I do not support

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I am a ratepayer with a property in Clayton Bay. My family travel the Milang to Clayton Bay Road often. On at least two occasions members of our family have experienced near head on collisions on that road. I refer you to my email of 29th August 2023 in which I state: " On travelling to our place from Adelaide via Milang on Saturday 19th August 2023 my wife and I very nearly had a head-on collision on the Milang to Clayton Bay Road – location 35o27 20”S; 138o57 10 . It is about 5.9km from the intersection of Lake Road and Ameroo Avenue at Milang." I received prompt acknowledgement from Council's Shaun Smith of my correspondence and the fact that I was not the only person who had reported that issue in the previous few months. His response on the 1st September 2023 was as follows: "Please note that this was brought to Council’s attention last month by another resident in which Council investigated the road and identified it is lacking Barrier Lines (double lines) and has determined that this should be rectified. Unfortunately, Clayton-Milang Rd was only just repainted 2 months ago which would have been an ideal time to upgrade the Linemarking when it was being repainted as part of the Linemarking renewal program. As such, due to Councils limited Road Linemarking budget, this will most likely have to now wait until next Financial Year when there is a larger budget allocation." I therefore am seeking confirmation that this matter is suitably funded in the coming Financial Year's budget. The detail provided does not allow me to ascertain this level of detail, which I understand [redacted] This is replicated in the attachment below.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

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Choose one — Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The attempt to achieve a surplus is difficult. In my opinion the attempt to achive this as outlined above is both prudent and responsible.

Q9. **Full name** — [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** — Alexandrina Ratepayer

Submission to FY 2024/25 Budget.

I am a ratepayer with a property in Clayton Bay. My family travel the Milang to Clayton Bay Road often. On at least two occasions members of our family have experienced near head on collisions on that road. I refer you to my email of 29th August 2023 in which I state:

> *" On travelling to our place from Adelaide via Milang on Saturday 19th August 2023 my wife and I very nearly had a head-on collision on the Milang to Clayton Bay Road – location 35o27'20"S; 138o57'10". It is about 5.9km from the intersection of Lake Road and Ameroo Avenue at Milang."*

I received prompt acknowledgement from Council's Shaun Smith of my correspondence and the fact that I was not the only person who had reported that issue in the previous few months. His response dated the 1st September 2023 was as follows:

> *"Please note that this was brought to Council's attention last month by another resident in which Council investigated the road and identified it is lacking Barrier Lines (double lines) and has determined that this should be rectified.*
>
> *Unfortunately, Clayton-Milang Rd was only just repainted 2 months ago which would have been an ideal time to upgrade the Linemarking when it was being repainted as part of the Linemarking renewal program.*
>
> *As such, due to Councils limited Road Linemarking budget, this will most likely have to now wait until next Financial Year when there is a larger budget allocation."*

I therefore am seeking confirmation that this matter is suitably funded in the coming Financial Year's budget. The detail provided does not allow me to ascertain this level of detail, which I understand.

Regards

[redacted]

Respondent No: 292
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 13:43:43 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 13:43:43 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Yes go back and rethink the greening plans. Community needs to do more themselves.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Not sufficient information

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 293
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 13:48:35 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 13:48:35 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

There should not be an extra rate charge for greening in the streets and reserves. This should be part of the normal works program as it used to be. Instead of spending $80,000 on a study, which is a waste of money, this amount should get about 2,000 trees in the streets and even more on the reserves. One of our rural properties had a rate increase of 60% last year, which was a big shock, and is set to increase another 20% this year with the proposed rare increase. We receive very little sevices for these rates and so increases like this are unjustified. Council needs to reduce its spending on non essential services and forget about the grandiose projects and reduce its top heavy administration and concentrate on reducing its rediculous amount of debt accrued over the past few years.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Council should not be attempting to sell off community assets, in particular community land, to try and balance the books. These are held in trust for the following generations and are not to be disposed of. A more equitable way of raising revenue should be looked into rather than the currant reliance on a rate in the dollar on the set value of a property. There shoiuld be a serious reduction in the overall operating expenses of the administration of council.

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10.	**Email address**	[redacted]
Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 294
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 14:31:31 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 14:31:31 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I support the Encounter Bikeway Design Project. I do not support the toilets at Sugars Beach or the Car Rally in Strathalbyn.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

I do not support spending proposal for Economic Development or for Agricultural Officer - - unnecessary

Q9. **Full name**

[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 295
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 15:10:38 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 15:10:38 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
No more rate hikes

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

No more hikes for now

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

With everyone struggling we need to halt All prices hiles

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 296
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 15:43:12 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 15:43:12 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Please keep the rates low, we are struggling with cost of living crisis and are very worried about our financial future.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Sensible approach

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 297
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 15:52:40 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 15:52:40 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Rate hikes well above inflation rates across Australia. Living in a residential property does not provide income to pay rates. Won't be voting for local councillors who approve such massive hikes in rates

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 298
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 15:58:47 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 15:58:47 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of greater than 8.3 per cent which could provide an opportunity for an increase in the number/level of services, projects, and infrastructure or for repayment of debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

Rates should be increased more on holiday homes and airbnb etc than residential property.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Satisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Reducing liability is needed

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 299
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 16:08:40 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 16:08:40 pm
IP Address: n/a

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I support the Encounter Bikeway development project. I do not support the Toilet facilities in Sugars beach or the Sound Shell and car rally in Strathalbyn. We do not need an Agricultural Officer, nor do we need to spend $580,000 on Economic Development.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

Present rates are comparatively double rate levels in other Council areas.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 300
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 16:20:54 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 16:20:54 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

not answered

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**
not answered

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident

Respondent No: 301
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 16:30:34 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 16:30:34 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Neither satisfied nor disssatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I support a lower rate increase over the next several years than is being proposed, combined with targeted cost reductions to more effectively manage the current and future debt situation.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
No, I do not support an additional rate increase for township greening, particularly given the current fi nancial circumstances. Council should provide a level of this as part of its basic functions, and use targeted funding to encourage local groups to be involved. Council should also consider its current tree planting / replacement policies to ensure it is working in harmony with energy supply, waste and storm water and footpaths.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

1. Capital projects - whilst there are no new capital projects proposed in the document there has been communication about a sound shell in Strathalbyn which does not seem to be appropriate in capital or maintenance costs, and certainly not in the current financial situation. 2. An increase in staffing costs, which the CEO explained was aiming to reduce the cost of contracting services. This was a significant increase not matched by a reduction in contract costs and in addition the new staffing (not management) would be employed on a workplace agreement which precludes forced redundancies - which reduces the councils ability to be flexible in how it manages costs. 3.I note that there are a number of new initiatives - Animal Management Officer (1 FTE) and Environmental Health Officer - Wastewater (1FTE) Position Proposal and Agribusiness Officer - (0.60FTE) Position Proposal (ASART and Council) which total approximately $337K per year ongoing - have the needs for these roles been full assessed? 4. Has the council considered the use of shared services with other councils to reduce costs, such as HR, finance and other back office functions?

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)**

not answered

Q7. **How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?Background information:To ensure financial sustainability the Long Term Financial Plan has been updated with the latest depreciation figures and updated modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% for the years 2026 to 2029 to derive a surplus in year 5 of the plan, in reality a combination of cost control and rate increases above CPI will be needed to be utilised to achieve sustainability. By using these assumptions, the Long Term Financial Plan forecasts that within the 10-year timeframe, Council will repay the majority of its outstanding borrowings.In order to lower the rates increase assumption over the next five years, the revision of the A2040 Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan performed later in 2024, to target:an overall reduction in operating expenses to be performed in conjunction with current service reviews.increases asset disposals.increases in revenue raising opportunities.**

Choose one

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The forecast figures are based on assumptions which can change and require that council proactively manage each and every dollar as if it was there own. The disposal of council (ratepayers) assets needs to be very carefully considered - once sold and the income spent then there is no return.

Q9. **Full name**	[redacted]
Q10. **Email address**	
Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Resident Alexandrina Ratepayer

Respondent No: 302
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 03, 2024 16:30:59 pm
Last Seen: Jun 03, 2024 16:30:59 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**

Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP and I attended a Budget Roadshow

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I don't support your unrestrained rate hikes. You've completely fail to provide your promise of a "Back to basics Budget" Keith Parkes made a big announcement about getting back to basics. All you have delivered us since then is increased rates, increased debt and increased staff numbers.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
Absolutely not. It's been your responsibility to provide / maintain tree cover. You've failed to do this in the past. Now you have the nerve to ask us to pay for another one of your failings. You've managed to come up with a cost and an advertising campaign, yet you've provided no other details. How many trees? Where are these trees to be planted? When are they to be planted? Considering you've completely turned you back on the protection of historically significant trees here in Strathalbyn. What guarantee can you provide that our $600,000 trees don't just fall victim to the same Corellas that you can't manage?

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

DOG PARK. You have utterly ignored years of requests for a dog park here in Strathalbyn. There is now mounting evidence of the fact you are ignoring us. You have received a significant number of requests for a dog park here over a number of years. Particularly in budget submissions last year, and all that is mentioned this year are the words "Future Consideration" YOU ARE IGNORING US. Yet somehow you've decided we need a sound shell with very little to no evidence of anybody asking for this. Nor evidence of an income stream attributed to it. Unlike dog registration money. Your own documents state dog money will be spent on dogs. You've raised over $2.5 Million dollars since you last opened a dog park. The numbers quoted to me over the costs of dogs are doubtful to say the least. SOUND SHELL. Absolutely not. Your ability to mismanage all the other projects you've touch in recent years in a good enough reason to say stop taking on projects you can't handle. Everything you take on has cost blowouts, timeline blow outs, lack of consultation where it matters, and a legacy of poor decision making. One good example of poor decision making attributed to your sound shell. Is the hypocritical notion that you would never allow a rate payer to build any significant structure that close to a river. A river that you know has sever floods from time to time. Who's going to pay for the flood damage when it happens? It sure as day won't be the people that ignored the communities resistance to the development. TOWN GREENING. How dare you ask us to pay an extra tax to cover for your lack of foresight in the past. Planting trees is a bread and butter function of councils. You've been spending our money for years on art galleries that next to nobody is better off for. You've prioritised this kind of spending for far too long. Now you expect us to cover for your ongoing oversights? Your cute Greening promotional video insults our intelligence. We don't need to be told trees are good. But this is all the justification you have for trying to make us feel bad on the matter. This project is seriously lacking in detail and you're pushing it on peoples consciences with a price, a dead line, but no details. Would you hand a Real Estate Agent $600,000 without knowing what sort of house they will provide you? You won't know where this house will be? You don't bother to ask how big this house will be? The Budget. Anybody that stood up and promoted a "Back to Basics Budget" should be ashamed of themselves. You have done nothing in this area. We have rising Debt, rising rates, rising staff costs and rising staff numbers. The only thing you've managed to reduce is our faith in you to manage our money. Your claim that you have reduced your reliance on contractors and bought job "inhouse" is a joke, typical of your smoke and mirrors mode of operation. Your staff numbers cannot be reduced when you call for a back to basics budget. These ever increasing staff numbers will never go backwards. You will need to keep creating these people new projects or initiatives in the future, needed it or not. To keep these people busy.

Q6. **Upload submission (optional)** not answered

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Choose one Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

You've failed to control the debt up to the point where you just keep asking us for more and more money to cover it. Just saying "Cost Control" is lip service. Claiming you are going to to repay the debt you've imposed on us in 10 years is ludicrous. You can not demonstrate the restraint required to turn around your ship of debt. You will never pay off the debt you've signed us up to through thoughtful economic restraint. So we will be lumped with astronomical rate rises in the future as you can't achieve this goal any other way. Your continued use of "random guy" in you budget presentation highlights three things. 1, Random guy started with nothing only a few years ago, so his ability to service his debt and achieve real results far outweighs yours, given the progress he has made. 2, Rate payers, nor "Random Guy" can demand a pay rise to cover their poor economic decisions, yet you can?. 3, Putting up Random guy as a rationalization for you economic position is a joke, proof of your smoke and mirrors act. A lot of us can see straight through this façade. Start being responsible with our money instead of dreaming up such pathetic analogies. You've failed to achieve economic restraint in the past, so why should we trust you to do this over the next 10 years? My rates have gone up over 30% in 3 years and the only thing it seems to buy is things that suit yourselves, your mates and tourists, not what suits rate payers. The decision makers at Alexandrina Council are on such high wages and far so detached from life on struggle street. None of you could understand how to manage a fixed low income budget. Put in our shoes, you'd all be quick to complain about soaring rate rises that pay for nothing than other peoples lifestyles too. Stop spending our money like you stole it.

Q9. **Full name** [redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s** Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Q1. **Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?**
Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
I support a rate increase of less than 8.3 per cent which would potentially decrease the number/level of services, projects and infrastructure or lead to higher debt.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
Yes, I support

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

I consider the proposal for a sound shell at Strathalbyn to be a waste of money and a potential white elephant. We do not need an agricultural officer. Surely that is a role for the State Government? The amounts of money for IT and fleet renewal are obscene. Surely there are more suitable alternatives? The money proposed for economic development is not in line with the Council's critical needs.

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Choose one
Dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

This is a huge rate increase over the next five years. Why is such a rate increase being proposed?

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Choose one option

Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
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No, I do not support

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Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option

Very dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**

Other (please specify)
I do not support this rate nor do i support the threat of reduced services.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**

Other (please specify)
This is core business and should be included in the budget not added to it.

Q5. **Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?**

see attached

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Choose one

Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

The plan is based on no revenue other than rates - like the appalling Revenue plan of 2023.

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Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**

Alexandrina Resident

Alexandrina Council draft ABP and budget response 2024 – [redacted]

3 June 2024

The comments below are based on what is publicly available.

The contents of the budget cannot be adequately reviewed as the huge amounts in the operational budget are not broken down nor transparent – one can only hope the Elected Members have had this information, although in my experience it was given to us two hours before the Budget Adoption meeting (on one occasion) so my cynicism in the Elected Members having access to this information is based on experience.

Firstly, the very assumption by staff and endorsement by the Elected Members of a budget with rates starting at 8.5% is completely out of line given the current economic climate and rate payer's appetite.

You only have to look at our towns to see real hardship, the number of homeless, the demand on charities giving food parcels and ultimately the number of businesses closing because the rate payers don't have money to keep warm or feed their children – as Cr Nicholson stated: Mum's at Bakers Delight putting back the bread because their cards bounce.

If you look at a town like Port Elliot, arguably one of Alexandrina's tourism assets seven businesses have closed in the last 12 months:

1. Thunderbird – a high-end restaurant in The Strand – the replacement Pizza chain has taken over 12 months and still no opening in sight.
2. Earth Works – healthy food shop in North Terrace appealing to young healthy families – closed.
3. The Strand Gallery – a high-end exhibition space to show our finest artists.
4. Marie's Chrystal Cave – sold fairy items for children and alternative clothes etc
5. Knead Pizza (behind Cockles) – well used by locals in the past.
6. The Indo Mex restaurant - now a struggling Vietnamese restaurant
   Yeo Haus – moved from the Strand and the retail shop is now empty and only recently sold.

Finally, on the weekend

7. Retro Vibe – a café that sold toasted sandwiches and frequently by the elderly as the only affordable option for retirees.

So where is the ROI on the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on Economic Development when such a mix of retail cannot survive in the premium tourist town?

We then have to question the $500k investment into the Port Elliot Hotel by the previous Liberal Government – announced with much fanfare by the Member for Finniss, supposedly, to create work for our young with a Hospitality training school. During the development the owners wanted to extend their 470+ patrons to over 700 but the locals protested on the grounds of parking and need. On any given day, you can drive past this extension that is not only is it predominately empty, but not only does it not have a training facility promised. During consultation with the Heritage Advisor from Council, the developers revealed plans to demolish the Heritage Morgue, as part of the negotiations,

they promised a tourism information site which has also never been delivered. What is evident is that Council does not follow up and slowly the Heritage fabric is being eroded.

So, while the frustration of the lack of consideration for the constituents continues, I will address the actual figures and projects as published:

> *Materials, contracts and other expenses Materials, contracts, and other expenses are expected to account for -31% of the total operating expenditure for the 2024/25*

This figure is not transparent nor is it able to be publicly scrutinised.

> *Employee costs are expected to account for 36% of the total operating expenditure for the 2024/25*

When was a staff audit undertaken?

Every time there is a new initiative it is not included in existing roles – more staff are required. A business could not survive this mentality. A staff audit – looking at the strategic plan, what skills are required and what skills are lacking should be undertaken. I have asked about this for three years and every year the staff budget goes up and no accountability. The CEO should have cascading KPI's - I know that some staff have not had a performance review for five years. How is this good management of public funds? If there were cascading KPI's feeding back up to the CEO then he would have the skills needed to undertake Council's Strategic direction.

RATE REVIEW

At the recent Council meeting when voting down the fiscally responsible task of a rate review, Cr Scott said he didn't want to impact on young people buying land to build houses – clearly he hadn't read the ABP as on page 68 Vacant Land rates have increased 18% .

The insistence that a review will happen because the Audit Committee has recommended it, shows the lack of understanding of the processes of Council. The minutes of the Audit Committee may have been approved but their recommendations need to be formally adopted.

There is no Rate Review on the resolutions register.

So, with the Primary Production differential, we have **15% of the constituents receiving a differential at the expense of the other 85% this is not fair nor equitable.**

Specific Capital and other initiatives in the plan:

1. Hold over Strathalbyn town plan, Council has only just finished the paving and Town Hall renovation from previous plan, let the town recover and review. It has been a traumatic process for Strathalbyn businesses and this expense is not necessary. Another issue that wouldn't be a problem with the right staffing skills.
2. Strathalbyn Sound Shell – all over the world these are being removed as antiquated, out of date technology and maintenance issues. The formal structures becoming shelter for the homeless

and urinals for addicts. It is not in keeping with the beautiful park landscape and for the limited use and long term maintenance expense it is an absolute folly to spend another cent. It has also never been formally endorsed by Council, it was one man's idea that was just appropriated by staff and you have to question the motivation.

3. Masterplans: Milang has had two plans paid for and not completed. In 2020 the $28k from Middleton Plan was given was to complete the plan and yet in 2021 when we got the funds for Middleton and Port Elliot the excuse was that the previous Milang plan was not up to code. The Port Elliot plan was largely based on the 'youth' input by one tenant who has moved. The plan does not reflect the views of the community and should be rectified.
4. Sugars Beach toilets – put on hold for another year – get some of the other projects completed and the debt down first.
5. Adelaide Car Rally should not even be considered – this is a commercial enterprise – ask the small businesses how much business it actually bought to Strathalbyn and if they are interested in paying lower rates without supporting this event. Again, no community consultation and no business case for Strathalbyn.
6. AG officer – this role is not Council's job leave it to RDA or State Government.
7. Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre $738,477* while this cannot be adequately considered as the budget has not been received on time, one has to question such a huge increase over the last few years. In 2019 the details were given to Matt Grant (the then Chair) for a federal grant for alternative Solar (film cells) energy supplies which would have reduced the budget by $1m per annum. The failure by the Board to not action any alternative energy supply is unconscionable and the ratepayers continue to support their incompetence.
8. Community Centres – I have been a vocal supporter of Community Centres and I applaud their work however, grants should not be to pay for rent. Staff were instructed years ago to create a sustainable plan for Goolwa Community Centre. This should be presented annually and yet now is just accepted and we can see from their annual report that Goolwa is still not sustainable and the small amount for the other community centres is not equitable. Each Community Centre should present a business case. Council staff should assist them if they are not able to do this.
9. Encounter Bikeway – I find the figure of $350k for scoping absolutely astounding – again because the huge staff levels don't have these basic skills, Council is going out to consultants. I agree this is a good project to be shovel ready for, but believe the amount budgeted is excessive and should be accommodated in house. I also do not want to see any further capital projects until Council has its operational costs under control. Get the house in order first.

Finally, to create diversion from the larger and opaque costs it is always the low- lying fruit to gather community attention:

> *Review of service delivery standards to find budget savings including library services, wooden boats and customer experience.*

Council is never clear in the budget as to how much the State Government (through Public Libraries SA) fund our libraries, there is always the threat because staff know that the public will react strongly and thus create a diversion from the real issues.

The return on investment from public libraries is probably the highest in Council's actual spend, so a review which was promised in 2019 might enlighten the Elected Members. As for wooden boats this has been a target from day one of this term. If Goolwa had no wooden boats, there would be no wharf and no tourism attractions. Stop targeting a hard-working group of volunteers and look closer to home for waste.

Other budget issues:

1. Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority:

I have read through the Fleurieu Waste business plan and see that they are predicting a profit – this is intriguing as there is a $10m remediation of asbestos project of which Alexandrina as a 48% owner is liable for $4.8m – they are also in the middle of litigation (as documented in the Advertiser) and yet **no evidence of a risk strategy. There is absolutely no mention of any insurance pay out and no pay back to Alexandrina and the other Councils for footing the bill to date.**

- In 2022/23 $380k was contributed
- In 2023/24 $400k was contributed and in 2024/25 there is no mention either in the FRWA report nor the Alexandrina budget and one can only assume this is again hidden in the operations budget as it was last year.

A transparent breakdown of the costs and risks should be published.

2. Economic Development, Business Hub and Tourism. Amount $581,492

While each of these should be a separate articulated business line it is interesting to note this year the amount includes salaries – in which case they would be under the staff line and so the actual amount split into salaries and operational costs would be more transparent.

Given my initial statement, it is clear that this initiative, initially funded with drought funding is not sustainable. These roles should be contract and reliant on independent funding like the Business Victor Harbor model. It was also interesting to see that Strathalbyn has its own Business Group who gave a deputation to the May meeting, citing that Goolwa Hub is too far and the Strathalbyn Group operate without cost to Council on a volunteer basis. So, who does the Hub serve? Not the businesses of Strathalbyn, Port Elliot or Middleton. **When was a business case presented to support this ongoing cost?**

The budget line Page 94

Public Private partnership opportunities - Use of other peoples money to deliver property projects $80,000

If the Business Hub Staff cannot do this task there is a serious lack of skills, it is bad enough to outsource the Business Case for Lot 10, but to not be able to know how to develop commercial partnerships is a serious deficit and requires an immediate review.

An urgent review with criteria for staff to raise their own salaries should be undertaken.

3. Climate Change and Greening.

To make this a discretionary amount, shows the total disregard to the **A2040 plan where constituents raised this as the number one issue.** Instead of superficial comments about the cost of delay, the staff should be reporting on the cost of not investing in our green canopy and citing the heat mapping documentation etc already invested in by Council. **Council cannot afford to delay and should actually be reporting on last year's investment. What has been achieved to date?**

Again, lack of transparency in the figures it is unclear what the initiatives are:

Climate Change Initiatives* $195,000 Other Environment Initiatives* $305,250

If these include staff, take the salaries out and state what is being proposed and the cost.

> *One significant unfunded initiative Council Members would like the community to consider is $600,000 to deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan - and provide the resources to put trees into the ground*.

These figures on top of the opaque costs above are unpalatable. **A1.25% increase in rates to cover them when there is no sign in operational costs being managed is offensive.**

4. IT Costs:

On page 70 of the Alexandrina Council 2023/24 Annual Business Plan

- IT Equipment Alexandrina Council $90,262
- Budget IT Equipment Alexandrina Council $255,484
- Implementation of Corporate Software system Alexandrina Council $**1,100,000**

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- IT budget and Improved Cyber Security with Microsoft Azure $20,000
- Integrated CCTV System Upgrade $32,000
- Licensing upgrade for Microsoft 365 to facilitate Modern Workplace features, communications and cyber security $67,200
- Specialised Structure Query Language (SQL) Database Management $39,000
- Transformation of the corporate Local Area Network $54,000

So, what was the $1.1 million from last year spent on? Surely the above is in the cost of doing business and part of the amounts quoted here:

- IT Equipment IT Equipment New or Upgrade Corporate Systems Implementation Goolwa South $975,000
- IT Equipment Renewal ICT Renewal Goolwa South $394,940

Again, smoke and mirrors – for the last five years we have paid excessive amounts for IT upgrades and yet we seem to be paying again this year. If we knew what the Operation Budget was this should be

amortised over the years and yet **rate payers are paying about 2% per annum (based of $400k being 1%) for IT.**

5. Fleet renewal

The 2023/24 APB Light Vehicle Fleet Alexandrina Council $670,000

In this year's business plan: Fleet renewal $942,500 compared to footpath renewal $190,000 (page 68) so much for getting back to basics!

If there was evidence that the fleet renewal was for sustainable vehicles this could be palatable – but this is not for Plant and Equipment it is for staff and pool cars!!!

6. Independent Living Units and service fees .

Last year I wrote an extensive line of questions about this given the Parliamentary enquiry into IDU's. In the past the staff have made arbitrary decisions on this without informing nor consulting the Elected Members – in particular the deal done with Lendlease expires this financial year and suddenly the residents of Elliot Gardens are going to be hit with an extra $171k expense base on previous years.

These are retired people many on fixed incomes. Council has the ability to create different service fees but this is not communicated to the Elected Members. I believe all Independent Living units should have a reduced fee – in the case of Thornbury Park in Goolwa, they don't even get bin collection as they have a bin bank. The villages are responsible for their own roads and services so to be charging each unit is unconscionable. Some retirement villages are rates as 'residential parks' like the one Cr Gardiner lives in – they are not hit with these fees so the system is not equitable.

7. Discretionary rebates and profitable not for profits and eligible recipients.

In the past I wrote to you about Gilberts Museum not having a separate ABN or NFP status and therefore Council should be questioning the due diligence undertaken when public funds are distributed.

A recent example of not displaying due diligence is in Cr Scott's recent Motion to give $500 to a Million Trees project, I believe the organisation was not informed and had recently returned a Council Grant because they are not a registered organisation. Council Governance should have raised this with Cr Scott's Motion, so the Elected Members were not given information with the appropriate due diligence undertaken on which to inform their vote.

The ATO has recently changed reporting legislation for all Not for Profits that have an income greater than $416. In future any funds will have to be reported to the ACNC. Therefore, it is imperative that Council now complete appropriate reviews as this will be accountable through the ATO and this financial year 2023-4 is the first accountable period. The Million trees project will now fall into that reporting requirement based on the Council's resolution.

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

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Choose one option
Dissatisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
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Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

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The budget shows a lack of leadership by the council in not looking at it's own spending and expenses. There should be a focus on the core business of council, not for example on projects that could and should be run by other forms of government (eg agriculture and business) and other vanity projects such as the Goolwa wharf and sports ground which now rate payers are expected to more in for. It is false to put the greening project under a extra rate raise, why not ask if the community wants other projects instead of a rate raise. A poorly done budget with much emotional choices that should be a part of the councils actual plan.

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Choose one
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

not answered

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Q11.	**Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**	Alexandrina Ratepayer

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Yes, I ve reviewed the ABP

Q2. **How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?**

Choose one option
Very satisfied

Q3. **Please tick your preferred viewpoint:**
Other (please specify)
Rates remain the same as the services I receive do not warrant an increase.

Q4. **Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?**
No, I do not support

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My area receives very little that is relevant to my needs in this Council area. Projects for improvement need to be curtailed until the basics in planning, development, rubbish, water & roads are addressed.

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not answered

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Choose one
Very dissatisfied

Q8. **Please explain your answer.**

There needs to be some basics observed to deal with the constituents wellbeing within this Council area instead of beautifying & upgrading areas.

Q9. **Full name**
[redacted]

Q10. **Email address**

Q11. **Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s**
Alexandrina Resident
Alexandrina Ratepayer

Appendix 2 - Written and hard copy submissions

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan

My Say Alexandrina

Survey - Draft ABP 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan

Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- [ ] Yes, I've reviewed the ABP
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How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?

(Required)

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Choose one option		✓			

Please tick your preferred viewpoint

(Choose any 2 options) (Required)

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Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?

I FOUND THE BUSINESS PLAN A BIT DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW, PERHAPS AN OVER VIEW LIKE A PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT. THERE SEEMED TO BE A LACK OF DETAIL OF EXPENSES.

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Please explain your answer.

I BELEIVE SELLING COUNCIL OWNED LAND ASSETS IS NOT A GOOD WAY TO RAISE FUNDS TO EITHER REDUCE DEBT OR SUPPORT OPERATION EXPENSES AS THE POPULATION IS GROWING, THE COUNCIL MAY REQUIRE THIS LAND/ASSETS IN THE FUTURE REDUCE DEBT BY SPENDING LESS THAN YOU EARN.

Full name

(Required)

[redacted] MT. COMPASS.

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Do you support an additional 1 25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan? — No, I do not support an additional fee for Greening, I do believe that greening is essential and is a higher priority than other expenses. Greening should be included.

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Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?

Reduce spending.
Greening is essential
Non-essential : business promotion, agribusiness.

Note Answer this question if it applies

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Submission 3

[redacted]

Consulting Engineering Services Offered

Agricultural Engineering

Air pollution, mine rehabilitation,
remediation engineering, waste treatment

Australian Standards

Bulk materials handling

Clay brick making, kilns, dryers

Combustion, furnaces, incinerators

Contract administration, management,
contract law, tendering and evaluation

Corrosion Engineering

Cost Engineering (& analysis)

Earthmoving, mining

Energy efficiency, power plant engineering,
advanced power cycles, heat engines

Energy Engineering
(energy management, renewables)

Engineering economics
(valuations and investment evaluation,
capital budgeting evaluation)

Engineering Law
(Energy & Resources law, mining law,
joint ventures, environmental law,
construction law, contracts....)

Engineering Materials
(Ceramics, refractories, plastics, concrete)

Environmental Engineering
(& waste treatment, pollution)

Estimating, life cycle costing, value engineering

Fluid power

Forensic Engineering (machine failure analysis)

Hazardous waste

HVAC

Lubrication, tribology

Maintenance, reliability centered maintenance,
asset maintenance, reliability engineering,

Maritime economics

Material science
(including, ceramics, refractories, plastics,
concrete)

Mechanical Engineering

Metallurgical Engineering (& Mineral Processing)

Mineral economics (& industrial minerals)

Mining Engineering (& contract management)

OH&S, industrial hygiene, industrial hazards,
hazardous substances (toxicology)

Operations management,
engineering management & management
science

Piping, pumps, tankage, slurry systems

Port & railway engineering

Risk management and analysis

Thermal systems

Transport & logistics engineering

Waste water treatment & reuse, storm water piping

Philosophy of [redacted]
(with apologies to others)

First stage in solving a problem
is to establish if there is one.

(Horne's restatement of Occam's razor)
"It is vain to do with more what can be done with fewer".

If you would know the value of money,
try to borrow some!

(Horne's law of thermodynamics)
Things get worse under pressure.

(Horne's law of fluid dynamics)
When something hits the fan it is never equally distributed.

There are 2 kinds of people in this world,
those who are important and those that actually are.

Half the harm done in this world is due to people who want to feel important.

An engineer is someone who does for $5
what anyone can do for $10.

A computer will do what you tell it to do,
but that may be much different from what you had in mind.

All a computer does is tell a consistent story:
a consistent truth, or if the programmer's guesses are unlikely, a consistent fiction.

It is better to know nothing than know what ain't so.
Trouble with the world is not ignorance, but that too many people know too many things that ain't so.

On management.
the art of management is to make difficult things simple not simple things difficult.

On financial markets:
that which artificially rises to record highs ...inevitably and naturally falls to record lows

On investment:
If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is!!

On risk analysis.
The risk in a project is proportional to the square of the hype associated with it!!

On failsafe systems:
There is no such thing as IDIOT PROOF as idiots can be quite ingenious.

There is an old proverb that the squeaky wheel gets the oil, I do not agree ...
sometimes it is better to let it seize and replace it, especially in areas like HR.

The society that scorns the humble activities of a plumber and exalts the activities of a philosopher is unbalanced and doomed to fail, neither it's theories nor pipes will hold water.

Horne's law of continuity: what goes in comes out ...
sometimes not where you'd expect it!!

Corollary no 1:
He who observes where and why it came out, gains wisdom.

Corollary no 2:
He who only sees half the problem will be covered by the other half!

Horne's restatement of the 80:20 rule (Pareto Analysis): The first 80% of the project will account for 80% of the cost, and the remaining 20% accounts for the other 80% (of the cost)!

The future ain't what it used to be!

On procrastination: Never put off 'till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

Shire Suggestions

Note these are just suggestions , I am sure that other residents will come up with better ideas,,

-Budget and Business plan papers to be reduced in size

-Less emphasis on (absolute (rather than relative) financial figures and more emphasis on performance metrics (eg K:PI's ,. BSC etc)

-Focus on functionality rather than fashion

- More due diligence (& auditing performance re;porting) on engineering and construction project-No concession rates apply to rural properties or property owners who do not live here as their main residence

-More emphasis on evaluation by engineering economics rather than cost accounting.

-Limited beach access for non-resident vehicles

-Review of zoning requirements to prevent high density housing (& all the problems that go with it)

-Assets evaluated by utility value and ranked in importance by questionnaire attached to rates notice (rate notice number to be printed on questionnaire form to allow for demographic analysis) to establish priority for projects undertaken by the shire)

-Greater use of demographic analysis

-Restrictions on use of heavy vehicles (on dirt roads) after rainfall events. Any fines levied for transgression ploughed back into road repairs NOT state revenue coffers.

_No political endorsements or advertising.

-Quarterly information flyer to be streamlined, colour is not necessary

-Disenfranchisement of the Indigenous industry (But endorsement of the indigenous culture) Refer to attachment on the voice for an explanation.

_No endorsement of Renewable energy (and other fads) unless they can be proven by engineering economics beyond reasonable doubt

-Joint ventures with adjacent shires/councils for things like sharing plant for waste treatment or dealing with migratory pest species (European Carp, feral deer, corellas) etc.)

-Less emphasis on tourism and more focus on residents.

-Decoupling of rates and charges with CPI (there are more appropriate indices, but it is not for me to decide)

-Realignment of ward boundaries (eg Goolwa beach should be in the south wared not the western ward.. Voting on expenditure

-Rates for wards (no cross subsidization across ward boundaries, what rates are collected in a ward stay in that ward, this is a de facto cap on spending)

-establishment of a mulching/composting operation at the waste dump using idle labour and mobile plant, mulch supplied at cost to residents rather than any green tree initiative

-moratorium on capital works if economy is in recession (ie 2 successive quarters of negative growth in GDP)

Local Council

The job of government (Irrespective of whether it is Federal, state or local) to govern, it is not there to win opinion polls, endorse or compete with private industry, win tidy towns competitions , tree planting contests or run tourism. Local council is there as a service provider, it is a cost centre not a profit centre, it is a fiduciary; It is not there to do what it thinks the people need or ought to have, it is there to serve its constituents and keep them informed (and not just by saying there is a copy in the council chambers), , and not everyone has a computer or expected to have pone or be able to use one. It is not the function of council to generate political rhetoric, feel good motherhood statements or pander to the false morality of political correctness. Now having said that, it is important to remember that you can't please everyone and council should not dilute its efforts by trying to do so, but in order to get some direction, the council needs some feedback on the needs of its constituents, there is obviously some complacency here. Or so it would seem , not everyone can attend council meetings so there needs to be some convenience added. As the recently released "Draft Business Plan and Budget and Budget 2024/2025"shows there are no shortage of initiatives, but they need to be ranked somehow. A suggested way of doing this with minimal bias is to have a questionnaire attached to the rates notice where the resident ratepayers pick their top (five ??) choices which are then ranked. And a cutoff applied What guarantee is there that people will comply, A (five ?) dollar rate rebate applies to every correctly filled out questionnaire, Only rate paying full; time residents are eligible and if you don't vote , don't bother whinging. There is another benefit here, but I will only discuss that face to face This would give the legitimacy of a popular mandate, and I stress that is popular not populist.

Now there are probably a lot of issues to consider. Are demographics applied in planning, for instance in Goolwa there are more aged people than young people so do we need a larger cemetery or a skateboard park because it is fashionable to have one (excuse the gallows humour). Should ward boundaries be reconsidered. Inclusion of dense population centres should not necessarily be included in less populated areas, Is a resident of Goolwa beach going to go to Mt Compass to use the skateboard park in Mt Compass? No they are going to use the one here in Goolwa. What rates are raised in the region stay in that region (Ward), which sets a ceiling on frivolous unnecessary expenditure. It is time to introduce a hypothetical hamlet in the shire of Alexandrina called Hooterville, at the risk of insult I am not going to nominate which ward it is in. Hooterville has 3 houses a memorial hall and plenty of dirt roads. The memorial hall is in a state of disrepair, and is only used once a year for the annual Hooterville hog calling championship , npo doubt the committee of which is seeking event sponsorship from the shire Should the people of Goolwa , Pt Elliot or Strathalbyn pay for the upgrade and wear the public liability. In these tough economic times you cannot afford to be sentimental. Should the 3 inhabitants of Hooterville rightfully demand bitumen roads, there is an old saying that the squeaky wheel gets the oil, but sometimes it is better to let it self-destruct and replace it.

The above mentioned draft document contains a wealth of financial figures but how much of it is relevant? There figure are absolute not relative, they are not measurements of performance. The Draft mentions "Key Financial Indicators" but it is important to note that these are Key Result Indicators NOT kEY PRERFORMANCE INDICATORS. Key performance indicators should be formulated to reflect efficiency of service provision and asset utilisation (I suspect the Hooterville Hall does not have a great deal of Asset Utilisation),, There are is plenty of scope for KPI development eg Admin cost per bin pickup., Utilization of fixed assets. Are thgere any measures of utilisation for services or so called assets, if there were it would certainly assist in ranking their utility value

The draft makes mention of an impairment charge, does this mean the council paid too much for something, underestimated the maintenance or chose the wring size of machine" Who makes the decisions are they based on engineering economics or cost accounting? What is the due diligence

procedure, obviously spending $10 M requires a different level of due diligence than ten thousand..
What is the policy on selection of preferred subcontractors or tender evaluation?
My biggest bone of contention is the concept of assets, What constitutes an asset? . To my way of thinking the shire should only recognise an asset if it has some utility value, nor future benefit to the shire s residents and the economics of opportunity cost are applicable, Is a dirt road in Hooterville an asset , I think not. Valuation of assets is generally done by 2 methods, it is either based on a discounted cash flow basis or by multiples. The revaluation of assets apears to merely a means of justifying rate increase (this is analogous to wage increases and bracket creep from a taxation point of view, It only results in inflation) There is a revaluation of assets reserve in the accounts, looks impressive and is intangible and largely illusory, it should not ber included in ythe accoiunts , nor should nonm core activity income. They should be stripped out in the same manner as extraordinary income in company accounts .
The touted economic miracle of tourism is a mirage, people justify spending on tourism by saying it brings money into the town and the multiplier effect and motherhood statements such as "it show cases the town" Reality is, people fill their car up with petrol when they leave Adelaide, they bring their own lunch but might buy a pie or a pastie, big deal, we have to pay for the clean up after they have gone, reality is the multiplier effect is less than unity. I would much rather see the money that was spent on the tour down under spent on a kids toy Libran economic benefitry, and I am not talking about Barbie dolls or plastic throwaways but educational toys. The ex <Mayor of Coober Pedy, Steve Baines said it quite succinctly. When Grey nomads tourism was touted as an economic benefit he called them grey vultures, saying that they buy everything in Pt Augusta (including toilet paper) and trhe only deposits they leave here are second hand toilet paper in the roadside parking bays. I see similar issues witrh tourism here in Goolwa, should out of towners be allowed on the beach if they only come down here to decimate pipi stocks and leave all their rubbish in the sand dunes?
Shire Assets or "so called Assets" should be classified in a number of categories eg
Must haves (essentials) such as rubbish collection, sewerage, maintenance etc
-Community benefit such cycle tracks, libraries, community centres sporting facilities (but not necessarily club rooms with bars bistros and Pokie alcoves
-Nice to haves (but not essentials) heritage monuments, sponsorship of events
The spending on the above should be weighted in favour of the local residents not people from out of town.
The council is not there for the benefit of the real estate industry, buffer zones are just that not reserves for future high density housing. Planning approvals should be used to maintain the heritage of the town that is where its real value lies. We already have too many two story hardie plank boatshed styled weekenders. Nonresidents that own property here should not be paying concession rates if they are using real estate as a means of speculation, street lighting and roads etc add value to their properties so they should pay for it. The locals residents should not be subsidizing the lifestyle of others. Concessional rates should only apply to community service groups such as the Lions Book shed (there are others that are equally important). Construction approvals for overseas investment should be on the basis of reciprocal rights, if I can't invest in your country then you can't invest here, it is only distorting the local real estate market and making housing more unaffordable
I notice in the draft, there is a statement "the equity principle of taxation requires that taxpayers of greater wealth pay more than those of lessor wealth" is a totally inappropriate political and discriminatory statement. Socialism has been tried ion many countries and has failed to provide a better standard of living in all instances It also states that "Property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth and capital value which closely approximates the market value of property and provide the best indicator of overall property value" This is a statement of opinion and certainly not of fact. Where is the

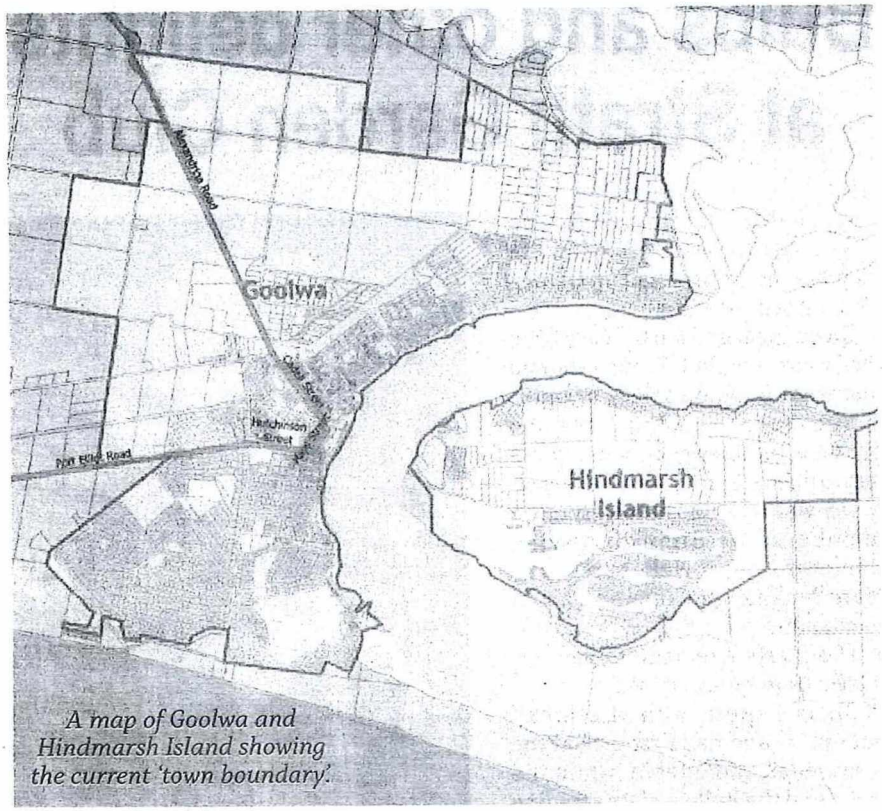
evidence to support that? Council does not get any credibility from making such statements, and should refrain from doing so.
The council has announced cost savings of $5M , are these based on illusory assets?. There needs to be a focus on real not ideal; Primary producers should be paying full rates, the rates are tax deductible (unlike ordinary residents) and furthermore losses are carried forward. If the council is grading the dirt road past your farm ordinary householders should not be subsidizing it.

The Draft has signaled it intends to employ a few people as an initiative. Is the agribusiness person going to be able to advise of the effects of the calcium magnesium ratio in the s oil or is it just a phjone answering shock absorber to deflect the energy of irate farmers? Will the farmers get any say in the selection process? Similarly a ciouple of data entry clerks may be better vaklue than a graduate accountant, the computer does all the accounting and spits out the KPI's.. The Council does not need to be a training school. Similarly is the cat person going to handle the corellas or are they a one trick pony. If there are environmentally sensitive areas then no one should be going there and that includes environmentalists. There is a difference between environmentalism and economic vandalism but sometimes it is hard to tell.
The tone of the information session last mon (13th) would indicate that there is some concern about costs. The financial figures in the draft report are absolute, they are not relastive and convey no real indication of performance as would appropriate KPI's, You only need about 10 of them , there doesn't need to be an exhaustive list, and they do not need to absolute figure, they only need to demonstrate trends or which ay things are going. I While a lot of consultants advocate continuous improvement, I ask the question, what is the point of continuous improvement with a depleting asset? I have asked this question many times but have yet to receive a satisfactory answer or explanation.. If the council is serious about cost saving initiatives it needs to be looking at engineering economics rather than cost accounting. I have included a number ofpapers with this noter to demonstrate engineering analysis and economics. It is taintred with my sense of humor for which I apologise. Mercifully my printer is about to run out of ink so I will probably not get to finish what I have to say.
WRT to the quarterly publication some people have suggested that the quarterly newsletter be in black and white to save money, I am encouraged that people are thinking, there is a need for some engineering horsepower to progress savings. I swould rather have bad news in black and white than feel good stuff in colour. This written stuff is tlo be taken as constructive criticism, I am not an arm chsair critic writing letters to the editor which is akin to throwing jafgfas from the back of the cinema. Please feel free to bring others to our meeting on tues, I would be happy to explain my views. Some of the papers that accompany this note have some political and social comment, and if you find it offensive I apologise, but there is a message in every one of them, and they are all relevant to local government. I apologise for the typos that will invariably be in there, even t he spell checker has given up on me.P

What services should the council be offering??.

This list is not an exhaustive or suggested list, I am just making a point. No doubt others can come up with a better one but the point is what services do people want, or more to the point what is the priority. Some things may not be that important as far as some people are concerned and the money spent by council in providing those services should reflect that . So here is my list

-a) Community Services (Community centres-multiple user, Book Library, Toy Library etc)
-b) Parks and Gardens (cemeteries riverside facilities etc..)
-c) Recreational (ovals, tennis courts, skateboard ramps, indoor sports centres, bike path etc...)
--d) Community information
-e) Volunteer service assistance (Lions book shed. Wildlife rescue, lifesavers and many other local services that are obviously here but are generally unsung heroes etc
-f)Security (street lighting, security cameras, central CCTV monitoring etc ..)
-g) Water management (this is a Category on its own as water shortages beyond 2030 will be a bigger global problem than climate change)
-h) Heritage management
-i) Community health.
-j) Maintenance (of community facilities, public works, council mobile plant,, recreation facilities, roads , footpaths etc...)
-k) Energy Management
-l) Project Management (due diligence, contracts, request for pricing, tender evaluation, cost bewnefit analysis, project ranking, cost engineering and analysis...)
-m) Tourism (even sponsorship), tourism facilities, ...)
-n) Corporate Operations (Accounting, asset management, KPI's and performance statistics, public liability, governance, operations management etc...)
-o) Environmental Management (Beach access,, blue algae and river health ag chemical runoff ,pollution, toxicology , airbourne diseases, mice ants feral pests. .)
-p) Waste management (curbside collection, waste treatment recycling...)
-q) Town Planning (zoning, by laws, zoning...)
-r) Government liaison. This one needs a bit of an explanation. Sometimes State and Federal Governments make decisions which affect local councils adversely and do not represent what the local district needs or supports. The Local council should be a united voice to assert its rights in an orderly manner (eg Have we really got anywhere with Murray River water allocations? Why should we subscribe to the Murray Darling Water authority if all we get is the ag chemical runoff from upstream). Also the State and Federal governments can often fly off onealistic (and unrealistic) tangent which does little more than waste money that could be better spent elsewhere.
In consideration of all the above other people have different priorities and expectations and some of these services overlap so other people can formulate their own list, Noteit is important to realise that the council cannot do everything, to attempt to do so is only diluting effort and incurring unnecessary cost. My priorities are a),g), p), l) , I couldn't care less about tourism .A survey should be conducted with other people's thoughts and aggregate a list in terms of nominated priorities to allocate funds and expenditure proportionately.



A map of Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island showing the current 'town boundary'.

Have your say on engagement charter

Alexandrina residents interested in housing growth in the council region's coastal areas, particularly Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island, are encouraged to share their input on proposed changes to the State Government's Community Engagement Charter.

The charter is a crucial strategic document that aims to provide opportunities for South Australians to influence how people live, work and move in urban and rural areas, and streamline delivering planning rules such as rezoning land by introducing a new engagement process.

One significant change being considered is the possibility of 'streamlined' rezoning processes, which could see rezoning fast-tracked with minimal community engagement, potentially limiting residents' chance to have a say in the matter.

For example, if the Minister for Planning Nick Champion deems prior community engagement sufficient then consultation on proponent-led rezoning proposals of land within a township boundary may be as short as 14 days, with limited opportunities for feedback.

To have your say, either fill out the survey at (https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/community-engagement-charter), email a submission to (PlanSAsubmissions@sa.gov.au), or post a submission to Submission – Community Engagement Charter, Department for Trade and Investment, GPO Box 1815, Adelaide SA, 5001, before 5pm on Thursday, June 6.

All feedback will be presented to the minister for consideration.

Exhibit "A"

Potential Code Amendment for Langhorne Creek region

By Giorgina McKay

A scoping study has been initiated by Alexandrina Council to inform a potential Code Amendment that would look to increase more accommodation opportunities for the Langhorne Creek region.

A large portion of the town and its surrounds is affected by flooding on a relatively regular basis, which has restricted any expansion and meant that as the population has increased to support the growing wine industry, the local community has had to seek accommodation in nearby townships rather than in Langhorne Creek.

This has in turn had an impact on services, shops, industry and schools in town.

An initial desktop review has found ways the Alexandrina Council Development Plan and current Planning and Design Code could be amended to enable flexibility for housing and accommodation in the Langhorne Creek region while maintain protection for valuable horticultural and primary production land

It comes off the back of enquiries over several years regarding current zoning restrictions, and how the guidelines could be changed to enable more dwellings and other forms of accommodation around the town

Given the 'clear messaging' from the community that it supports a proposed review of housing and accommodation policy, council proposed commencing investigations into a potential Code Amendment.

It proposed to do this through the commencement of a scoping study, which was approved by councillors in April, with a further report to be brought back upon its completion to endorse the preparation of a proposal to initiate a Code Amendment.

Council will apply for a Federal Housing Support Program grant for $50,000 to enable a review of flood mapping, and an accommodation analysis and review for the Langhorne Creek region as part of the scoping study

"There's no harm at all that can come from this," North Ward councillor, Sue Miller, said.

"It will be a robust and fair process, and it will allow everyone to participate.

"It's community-led and I love the way it's been presented as how it will be progressed"

If after that, council endorse the preparation of a code amendment, administration will prepare and present a document for consideration and endorsement, which if approved, will be formally lodged with Minister for Planning Nick Champion.

Government Liaison.

The attached article was on page 9 of one of the local papers. It did not appear in the other 2 papers that are circulated in this shire One could easily come to the conclusion that it was inserted merely to meet an advertising criteria requirement and that the state government were trying to introduce something that people may not6 want, so they didn't really want you to see it to reduce the re4sistance of its passage I only saw it by accident, how many others saw it? To me it appears that the state government is trying to create an avenue for developers to bypass local council town planning and zoning, I am vehemently against this Also included is a article entitled "Potential code amendment for Langhorne creek region" This is a much better approach and Cr Millers stance is commendable, but the point I make here is that it is located in the North Ward, and only the North ward residents should be voting on it, and the shire should only commit rates from that ward to it NOT from the larger region. The people from that ward can and should be allowed to establish the priority on that without bias from outside that region.
This concept is similar to the "Royalties for Regions in WA" where Brendan Grylls successfully lobbied the state government (with the assistance of the shire councils) to retain a certain of mining royalties from mines in a region to be retained for expenditure in that region instead of going to Perth or Canberra. So the "Government Liaison Service" is all about intelligence gathering, keeping the constituents informed on relevant government legislation changes and lobbying (although I hate to use that word after the David Coombs debacle) and Paul Keating's efforts of late)(

Engineering Vs Science.

Engineering is both an Art and a science The Art component uses qualitative analysis to determine the methodology to solve a problem or identify a problem But the quantitate analysis is the nuts and bolts number crunching that resolves the problem. Some postulate that there is hard science and soft science, and that soft science invents problems and hard science solves them. Engineering is clearly a hard science, it relies on immutable laws of physics (and to a lesser extent chemistry) plus some pretty fancy mathematics, which isn't always necessary. The best engineers re pragmatic. Albert Einstein was a pretty smart guy having formulated the theory of relativity (and other things related to quantum mechanics and nuclear energy), but if you asked him to calculate the horsepower developed by 2 bullocks pulling a plough I seriously doubt whether he could do it. Is that relevant ? Well in India they still have bullocks pulling ploughs (as well as nuclear energy). See questions below
When you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it, but when you cannot measure it, when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of meagre and unsatisfactory kind, it may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely in your thoughts, advanced to the stage of science
William Thompson, Lord Kelvin (1891 -94)
An example of an Art pretending to be a science (a soft science at that), they were once immune to quantitative analysis like many other sciences. In an article in in Business Week on 13th Dec 2004 , entitled "making Marketing Measure up", it was stated that

"For years Corporate marketers have walked into budget meetings like neighborhood junkies. They couldn't justify how well they spentpast handouts or what difference it all made, They just wanted more money...But those heady days of blind budget increases are fast being replaced with a new mantra "measurement and accountability"

Kaplan and Norton (1996) "The balanced Scorecard: Translating Strategy into action" Bost on MA Harvard business school press, went even further sating "If you can't measure it ; you cannot manage it!" My take on that in valuing the management of companies is that if you cannot quantify you have no voice in decision making. Many a company has had it's management effort diluted by soft science devotees. Evaluation of failed (medium sized and large businesses with multi-tiered management structures) would support this view.

Q: A Pair of Bullocks exerts a 200kgf pull at 25 degrees to the horizontal while making a V shaped furrow, 35 cm wide and 15 cm deep. What is the horsepower developed by the bullocks?
Ans: 2.0 Horsepower.

Q: An MB plough is drawn by 2 bullocks weigh 550 kg each. The ploughing speed is 3 km/hr. What is the horsepower developed by the bullocks?
Ans: !.22 horsepower.

Electric Vehicles, pollution free?

Harmful pollution from vehicles is not restricted to chemical laden gases and liquids. There is a thing called particulate solids, and the most dangerous of them is those in the 2.5 micron size range, hence the referral name P (2.5 subscript). These sized particles (irrespective of chemical composition or where they come from) will clog up the pores in your lungs and kill you by asphyxiation. Those manufactured silica bench tops have certainly been in the headlines lately and have been banned. Particulate solids in this size range can be emitted as a result of wear and tear on brakes and tyres. Despite having regenerative braking capability, the wear and tear on tyres and brakes is supposedly 25-30% greater than a conventionally powered vehicle. The increased tyre wear results from the torque characteristics of electric motors. So the particulate emission is greater than from a conventionally powered vehicle which these days have filters on their exhaust systems to trap these critical sized particles If the source of electricity to charge electric vehicles is generated by a power house using fossil fuel, the greenhouse gas emission is merely transferred somewhere else. And because of transmission losses the emissions are higher on a unit of power consumed basis.

So electric vehicles will generate more scrap tires., they are a resource and things such as rubber crumb , can be made from them. Other materials cvan be recovered from them using high temperature pyrolysisd, which unlike combustion does not produce any noxious gas. One of the problems in recovery /recycling ios transport to a central processing/recovery plant Transport is a significant cost because you [pay by the volume. The volume (density) can be reduced by using a ttire shredder. This could be purchased and shared between several councils to get rid of a problem that they may have at their waste disposal site. AS shredder would also assist in better compaction of landfill, landfill is something that is expected to run out , or at l.east become more expensive. So there is a saving to be had by extending the lifeof existing landfill sites.

Maintenance Cost per Square Foot Maintained

r indicator is also an accurate measure for facilities because the co t i
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If the percentage of maintenance costs increases, then the efficiency and
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fficiency and Effectiveness Performance Indicators

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ficiency is acting or producing with a minimum of waste, expense or
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itself is correct Effectiveness concentrates on the correctness of the
s and whether the process produces the required result

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e following is a list of the efficiency and effectiveness indicators from the
ous chapters of this book These indicators all highlight an impact on the
these indicators, but will choose the ones that support the selected financial indicators Indicators marked with one asterisk * are expressed as a percentage, those with two asterisks ** are expressed as ratios

Preventive Maintenance

Downtime Caused By Breakdowns*
Total Downtime

Manhours Spent on Emergency Jobs*
Total Manhours Worked

Direct Cost of Breakdown Repairs*
Total Direct Cost of Maintenance

Desired Equipment Uptime – Downtime*
Desired Equipment Uptime

Hours Worked as Overtime*
Total Hours Worked

Maintenance Work Orders on Hold Awaiting Parts*
Total Number of Maintenance Work Orders

Work Order Systems

Percentage of Work Distribution by Type of Work Order

Emergency Work Orders / Total Work Orders
Preventive Work Orders / Total Work Orders
Corrective Work Orders / Total Work Orders

Technical and Interpersonal Training

Total Downtime Attributed to Operational Errors*
Total Downtime

Total Downtime Attributed to Maintenance Errors*
Total Downtime

Estimated Lost Time Due to Lack of Knowledge or Skills*
Total Time Worked

Questions you need to ask

-Is it technically feasible? (eg hydrogen power)

-Is it legal?

-What does it cost?

-What is it worth?

-Do costs outweigh the benefits?

-Is there a better way of doing it?

-How long will it last? (eg what is the depreciation schedule?)

-Is it considered safe? (eg does it meet existing standards? If they apply)

-What is the long term effect?

-Is it efficient?

-Are the facts distorted?

-Is it suitable?(or the best option?)

-Where is the evidence to support that assertion? (and is there any engineering analysis to validate that?) ? and last but not least

-Who is going to pay for it?

With respect to the last couple of questions, every generation has it's vocal minority of idealists, it seems that if you are going to be wrong , then be wrong the loudest. This is the squeaky wheel gets the oil analogy which I have commented on elsewhere. 60 years ago we had the "Club of Rome "alarmists, who with their Malthusian limits to growth ideology predicted that the world was going to run out of metals by the year 2000. They targeted school kids just t frighten them just as some environmentalists are doing today.

Mining and Energy valuations

I have covered evaluations elsewhere but it may be time to cover some real examples This has been prompted by something I have just seen in the ABC "just in "news (the ABC being referred purveyor of unashamed hawking of good tidings for labor party for vote grabbing irrespective of the validity of those good tidings) The State government has just made an announcement they will build a hydrogen plant in Whyalla and have already signed an offtake agreement with the steel works to produce green steel This comes hot on the heels on an announcement that is subsidizing a desal plant up there as well to supply mining companies up that way There must be an election coming up, this is laughable SA didn't even get the Stanvac desal plant right, and it sits there idle, how much taxpayers money did that waste? (And continues to do so) They also got sucked into Elon Musk's world's biggest battery in the mid north, which failed to supply a resident 25 km up the road within its first hour of operation within the first hour of operation It was also supposed to be provided gratis if not completed on time It wasn't but the government still coughed up full tote odds

The Whyalla thing will end in tears But no doubt manufactured statistics and headlines will keep the tax paying public in the dark (no pun intended) Every state has its moniker, ours is the festival state but it in danger of becoming the sucker state, "just go and build it there, you will get a tax payer funded subsidy, no sweat"

So where to start? How about the BHP takeover of OZ Minerals? When the takeover was announced the OZ share price was up to and about $25 (and my valuation at the time was$17-18), on the other hand BHP was down to around $38 when it should have been around $45 OZ was a high cost producer of copper (with gold credits that kept it afloat like the Newcrest Boddington operation) It had recently announced a shaft project to increase the hoisting capacity at its aging Prominent Hill operation, the cost of which was underestimated by nearly half a billion dollars What is the point of increasing hoisting capacity if you are running out of ore, and what ore you have left is low grade and located in unstable ground Economies of scale you may argue, but this was pure ego trip The Carrapateena operation (also an underground copper producer), where the orebody is a kilometre underground (and that is expensive, real expensive) But OZ was developing a copper /nickel project in the West Musgrave region near the WA/SA border east of Laverton My assessment is that it was overvalued, but had the promise of a long mine life which is what BHP wanted as feed tock for its Kalgoorlie smelter no doubt The takeover was ultimately successful but history shows sometimes the big project can give a dose of indigestion My advice to OZ shareholders was take the money and run, advice to BHP shareholders was forget it, you are paying too much BHP, if it had done its arithmetic properly would have realised that as a result of developing the West Musgrave Project was on a trajectory for a cash shortage and would have trouble funding the project So why buy the whole company? Why not enter an incorporated Joint Venture with an offtake agreement OZ would not be a position to refuse and this approach would limit BHP's exposure to financial liability BHP will need to undergo significant cost cutting, and BHP being BHP, will invariably replace the OZ dead wood with its own dead wood. There will be write downs but they will be well hidden by creative accounting, no one likes admitting they did a dud deal

Also, I was recently asked for my opinion on the "Great White "project near Poochera on Eyre Peninsular in Sth Aust It is an industrial minerals project to mine clay suitable for porcelain manufacture Industrial minerals are not a bulk commodity The key to industrial minerals is marketing and unfortunately the demographics of industrial minerals is such that Australia is not big enough to support an industrial minerals market The only porcelain manufacturers of any note are in Melbourne (and has its own raw minerals supply within 200 km) and Bristile in Perth, some 2500 kms away (and they have their own raw materials supply within 50 kms, and I should know, I worked for them) Both these porcelain manufacturers only make low value added products like toilet bowls and hand basins All the high value added products are made in Europe, and they have plenty of suitable raw materials

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over there Shipping costs to get raw material over there pretty much kill the export market Clays are alumino silicates, there are a few varieties but subtle differences in the atomic lattice can confer unique properties, they all have basically the same atomic formula so that can be confusing and misleading This deposit supposedly has a reserve of 40 million tonnes will is supposed to last 26 years (this dictates a mining/processing rate of about 1530000 tonnes per year) But what they haven't told you is there is probably only about 10% of halloysite (if that) in that 40 million tonne There is a shortage of water in the Gawler craton so processing it will be difficult and expensive

The majority of the martial is Kaolin, which is used as a filler/extender in paper, rubber, plastic, paint etc but prices are low whereas as coating grade kaolin has a good margin but there are pretty exacting standards which makes it pretty expensive , if not impossible to make

The management team have a couple of high profile technical people but that will not help the physicals of marketing, The management team has an abundance of technological support but it is not the "nuts and bolts, front line of battle" type, overall the management matrix has a commercial bias so in total the management team/board of directors is unbalanced

As with most mining projects, there are promises of jobs for locals and an illusion of riches to be made from subcontracting which sometimes prompts a rush of local and nearby people buying mobile earthmoving plant, trucks etc in the hope of cashing in The town of Poochera at the last census had 59 people and there is no accommodation to speak of. There are people in surrounding areas, sure, (eg Streaky bay, Wudinna) but as the Roxby Downs-Wudinna experience showed, rural people tend not to stick around too long There have been other projects mooted for the Gawler Craton BUT none have come to fruition The reason I undertook this exercise is that I have relatives on the land over there (& I used to work there at harvest time) There is a financial spread sheet that goes with this analysis, but it is not for public consumption

The expected minimum construction cost I have calculated as $125M and there will be no shortage of engineering companies falling over themselves to get this work , no doubt with a myriad of hybrid financing techniques, but at the end of the day it all boils down to an interest rate If a seed has been planted there is no guarantee the plant will flourish Anyone interested in investing in mining, I would recommend them read Trevor Sykes' "the Money Miners" It is an old book, but the lessons still hold true There are many lessons to be learnt from history, if a pistol were to be fired into the past, the reverberation would be a cannon shot

So, in a nutshell? Despite all the good intentions of the management, the project is predominantly only a low grade (on average) bulk industrial It is in the wrong place at the wrong time, no water and difficult to process, labour problems and marketing against impossible odds My advice to my relations, it will wither on the vine after a blaze of publicity, do not expose yourself to it financially The local people making the most money out of this will be those selling boxes of tissues to those who have (invested in it)

Mining Valuations part II

It was Mark Twain who said "A mine is a hole in the ground owned by a liar"

Beware of stockbrokers who are geologists or share analysts who are geologists. They are quick to jump on fads (which works for stags but no one else) and nearology. The latter is the art of talking up worthless ground next door to a proven ore body, examples of this abound (most famously Poseidon's Mt Windara leases during the nickel boom) My mentor in mining used to say "Many a drill hole killed a good ore body": Geology is supposed to be a science but these days it is more of an art form, something which is molded to suit the purpose, just like pottery. These days because we are mining more marginal orebodies it is the metallurgy which drives the process (not mining or geology), so a metallurgist would make a better share analyst but few of them are interested in making a career of it.

The McArthur River Zinc ore body was discovered in the 1950's but it took another 50 years to develop the metallurgy to the point where the ore could be processed. High pressure acid leach of lateritic nickel was supposed to be mining utopia but despite 4 high profile projects in Western Australia (Cawse, Murrin Murrin, Bulong and Ravensthorpe), they were all spectacular failures (for the original investors), three were perceived by geologists and the fourth by a stockbroker (with an arts degree). As I have stated elsewhere, all men are not created equal. From an operations point of view avoid mining companies run by a geologist and mining companies that have a predominance of geologists and accountants (on the company board) that is a particularly bad combination. It is possible to gauge the success of a company by examining the profile of the board of directors (in the first few pages of an annual report or IPO and how many shares and options they have issued themselves at the back of the report) The amount of scrip issued (to themselves) will be proportional to the amount of bullshit you will read in the press, using headlines to prop up the share price

It does not always take geology to find an ore body, sometimes it is just sheer luck, but no geologist is going to admit that. The drill hole which discovered the Olympic dam orebody (Roxby downs) was drilled by accident 70 kilometres away from where it was supposed to be. The drill hole which defined Kambalda was drilled in the wrong direction by a junior geologist contrary to the wishes of the chief geologist who had gone to Esperance for the weekend. The chief geologist is still credited with the find

Stockbrokers are commissioned salespeople, pure and simple, despite the grandiose name. Salespeople are allowed to bullshit, it is known as "puffery" in a legal context, it is largely exempt (but it is not 100% exempt) from some legal remedies, and can be sensitive to any contract of engagement.

In recent years Stockbrokers (and their associates) have been waxing lyrical about lithium but in reality is it is just another "bubble" like "dot.com" (if you don't know what a bubble is in financial terms I recommend "Manias, Panics, and Crashes, a history of Financial Crises" by Charles Kindleberger, now in its second edition). As a battery material, there will be a better alternative in the next 4-7 years. The cheapest way to produce lithium is not via mining, it can be produced by pumping brine from lakes through a chemical recovery plant (and returning the residue to the lake in a more pristine condition). This unfortunately doesn't give the doomers something to moan about. Any shortage of lithium is

perceived, there may be a short term first fill factor due to over optimistic projections of electric vehicles. There is no shortage of lithium; the sea contains enough lithium for 25 million years. (This can be recovered by brine technology) In future lithium will be used in breeder reactors to produce Tritium for Nuclear fusion.

Now getting back to stockbrokers, a stockbroker will tell you something he wants you to believe so they can sell you something. The Stockbroker mentioned above was Andrew Forrest; Murrin Murrin was a disaster despite all the publicity. Despite some pretty complex metallurgy, they only appointed a metallurgist to board level a few months before it went into administration. He has a few other failures to his credit (that you will never hear about no doubt). So why is he having a bit of a sook at the moment? About nuclear energy? Because he has backed the hydrogen horse (and previously the solar horse, but it was scratched). So no one is interested in backing his hydrogen horse and he is not happy Next time you are talking to someone that is going to back the hydrogen horse (and that includes the proposed Whyalla infrastructure project(s)), just ask them one question, HOW FAR WILL YOU GET ON A TANK OF HYROGEN? Ans ABOUT 500 feet. (Assumes a car has a 20 gallon tank).

The fact that someone had success, once, in an endeavor (irrespective of the size) does not make them an expert.

The stock market is all about timing, leaving your money invested and relying on dividends does not make much money, most of the serious money is made by capital gains, but for every dollar made someone has to lose a dollar. If the market were fully informed no one would have any advantage. But unfortunately by the time most people find out, the smart money has already gone. Insider trading may be illegal but it certainly hasn't eliminated the practice.

Mining Valuation III. Not so rare earths

Despite what the name implies, the moniker "rare Earths" is only a nickname. They are more correctly known as lanthanides, a group of 15 chemically similar elements with atomic numbers 57 to 71 inclusive and are shown in a separate block below the main part of the periodic table. Although not strictly a lanthanidte, Yttrium (atomic no 39) is considered a rare earth because it is usually found in a conglomerate with other rare earths.

"Rare Earths" are not rare; they are as common as cobalt, nickel, copper and boron. Rare earths were mined as early as 1880 (monazite) but sat on the shelf for another 60 years before someone figured out what to do with them. Monazite was considered useful in the 1940's because it contained Thorium, a radioactive element useful for making bombs to drop on the Japanese. But rare earths dropped off the radar for a while after that, obviously there is no growth market in wars , but Putin and Kim Jong Un are trying to remedy that! The mere mention of the word "radioactive" starts an avalanche of hysteria, which pretty much tamed the mineral sands industry some 50 years later when the doomsayers finally cottoned on to it. Radioactivity is doomer porn these days. Whilst there are 16 types of elements that are loosely defined as "rare earths" each of these elements can have multiple isotopes, e.g. Neodymium has eight different isotopes and Praseodymium has 38. Some of these isotopes are radioactive, some are not. The dosage rates of the radioactive ones are what cause background levels of radiation which are the baseline in the nuclear industry, so dosage levels are not harmful, you get a greater dose of radiation by watching tv or using your microwave.

So what are rare earths used for? Electronics, so called super magnets, catalysts in the petrochemical industry (they are used in catalytic converters in petrol powered automobiles) and swag of more mundane chemical applications. But there is a concerted marketing effort aimed at giving them a technically upmarket image, more so than is warranted, largely for the benefit of stock market pundits. China tried to corner the rare earths market and dominate the technical off spin that they thought would result at unrealistic prices. It achieved a position of dominance (98% of the global market) by environmental arbitrage, ie.its lax environmental standards gave it a competitive advantage in manufacturing cost over other countries including Australia, rather than having superior geological reserves or processing technology. China is able to produce mineral processing chemicals such as Xanthates (flotation) and Thallium Malonate (heavy media separation) which we cannot make in Australia because of environmental and health/safety constraints, but over there it is probably a legitimate form of birth control.

This rant was prompted by yesterday's news that the federal government was going to subsidize the Nolan Rare Earths project (approx 130 km north of Alice Springs) to the tune of $840 M. The project owned /sponsored by a Perth based company which we will refer to as "A". Most obvious thing is that its office is located in the speculative mining part of town.(in Perth),The board/management structure seems balanced from a technical-commercial perspective (but maybe top heavy), but perhaps imbalanced experience wise which is critical at mid management level.

To gauge some value of the project it is worth having a look at Australian Rare Earths producer Lynas for comparison. Lynas was born out of the ashes of a failed gold mining company in the eastern goldfields that first came into prominence in the heady days of the 80's 90;s mining boom when you could float a mining company on a property that had a rabbit burrow as its only geological significance. Falling by the wayside like many others at the time, it changed direction when the Mt Weld rare earths deposit was discovered near Laverton (NE of Kalgoorlie). It was supposedly the world's largest rare earth deposit (and probably still is) but no one was interested in it. Lynas put down a deposit and after a series of multiple tranche transactions it owned 100% of the deposit by 2002, it was worth a headline or two but still no one was interested. The dreaded "R" word (radiation) had been mentioned It was a dead duck (killed by radiation not toxic chemicals). Lynas, to their credit, persevered. They bought land in an

Auxiliary Services, (the hidden cost on your power bill)

Auxiliary services that I have alluded to in previous rants are probably more correctly called "Ancillary services" My apologies for that, I will refer to them as Ancillary services herein.
The two most fundamental characteristics of power delivered to a consumer are frequency and voltage. Contingency measures for these are often referred to as "spinning capacity" All long as these remain correct, the consumer will have well have access to the required power and it will have the required characteristics.. If however, the consumer encounters trouble with the supply of power either the frequency or voltage will have deviated from its allowed range.
Frequency is the number of times the voltage goes from a maximum to a minimum. Here in Australia we operate on a frequency of 50 hertz (cycles per second) which means that the electron movement changes direction 100 times per second, which is why it is called alternating current. When power is used the frequency of the current flow is the same as that of the voltage (although there may be some phase lag or lead due to reactive power).Frequency affects the operation of of electric motors, many of which draw more power and run faster at a higher frequency. Synchronous motors (that are supposed to run at a constant speed) are used in AC clocks (and many other devices), so if the frequency changes tings are affected, mostly in the negative. Many large generators are run at a constant speed to provide maximum efficiency (by a favorable power factor) are really only synchronous motors run for a reverse purpose.. If they are not run at a constant speed they will experience an increased rate of wear and tear.
Voltage can be thought of as electrical pressure. The more pressure there is, the greater the current forced through an electrical appliance. A 10% increase in voltage will reduce the life of a lightbulb by 50%. Conversely a low voltage can cause appliances to underperform and cause electric motors to burn out(if the voltage sags, the device will try and compensate by drawing more current often causing burn outs) So it is a case of damned if you do, damned if you don't. If voltage drops the frequency does as well, thus compounding the problem
Frequency instability occurs where there is a mismatch of supply and demand. Supply and demand falls out of balance for three basic reasons. Firstly, load varies during the day (peak and off peak, and anywhere in between). This is usually quite predictable so easy to regulate and balance. Secondly, there are unpredictable load fluctuations (even if they may seem minor) which are typical mof wind and solar power generation. Thirdly there are generator and transmission line failures. An unexpected generation or transmission outage is handled by the spinning capacity.
Transmission security involves imposing limits on a transmission line/. If the total real and reactive power on a line exceeds a certain threshold, the line can melt. The power that this line carried is then transmitted to other lines so there needs to be a mechanism in place that prevents these other lines suffering the same fate because of the redistributed load.
Another function of the Ancillary service is to make provision for "Black Starts". Black start capability is required when there is a substantial failure of an interconnected system. Unfortunately many generators are synchronous machines and cannot power up from a standstill, they need to be driven up to operating speed by another type of motor. They need to be plugged into the grid, so that they have to get power so that they can start producing power. Once again this is the "Spinning capacity" Renewables do not have spinning capacity, which underlines the importance of backbone power.
There are a couple of other functions of Ancillary services (economic dispatch and financial trade enforcement) but they are beyond the scope of this rant, I have probably confused you enough. But after reading this power trilogy, you will no doubt realise that there is more to it than simply inserting a plug in the nearest wall socket. I guess that is why we have electrical and mechanical engineers, pity people don't listen to them.

Whyalla (the blunt end of the iron triangle?)

Recently the state government announced proposed billion dollar investments in the Iron Triangle, but primarily at Whyalla. The timing of this wouldn't have anything to do with the coming by election in the seat of Dunstan would it? This is supposedly to boost our mining stocks but before we get too far into any analysis, a couple of comments are warranted. Speaking of Dunstan, have we forgotten about Monarto? This so called State Prosperity Project is destined to become another white elephant which the Tax payer will be burdened with for years

From a geological perspective, soil cover here in SA is three times thicker, than say WA, which means that by comparison with WA our mining costs are 3 times greater. Transport wise we are a couple of thousand kilometres further away from market destinations compared with WA. If you don't think that is relevant, what happened to Mike Rann's predicted mining boom, which just turned to dust. The Iron Triangle (particularly Whyalla) does not have much flexibility in the labour market (but that is due to BHP's poor management as well as inappropriate government policy). IF you don't think that is relevant, have a look at Broken Hill and the HBI project in Pt Hedland (WA).

Construction of these large projects (because of the risk to contractors and project financiers/sponsors) is done on a "take or pay basis" That means you (the taxpayers) pay and continue to pay irrespective of whether the project has failed economically (& shut down) or there has been a change in government. It can, because of that latter fact, be used as a" scorched earth" tactic for future governments, a bit like planting a landmine. South Australia is not well endowed with the sort of construction companies that have the financial inertia plus technological (and the technical) capability to undertake these type and scale of projects, that will come from overseas and interstate. And once the project has been built they will take the money and run (back overseas and interstate). South Australia has had a brain drain of technical people overseas and interstate, so this will flow on into the operating phase. In financial terms, 6% of the population of SA will be better off, but 75% will be worse off.

Back to the nuts and bolts. Hydrogen reduction to produce steel is technically possible but not likely to be economically feasible. It can hardly be called green steel; the greenhouse gas produced by conventional steelmaking will merely be replaced with another greenhouse gas that is worse The hydrogen reduction process can be replicated by using natural gas instead of pure hydrogen. Natural gas is reticulated in Whyalla. A direction reduction process was mooted in Pt Hedland in the HBI plant (BHP was the project sponsor). Because of the high cost of labour and union militancy, some of the equipment was made in modular form overseas. Unfortunately , there were a couple of fatalities at this facility and as expected the unions played the safety card as revenge for missing out on work awarded to overseas companies .Poor workmanship and quality was alleged by the unions , but this was never proven beyond reasonable doubt. As a result, BHP shut the project down and just walked away having spent millions on construction. No doubt environmentalists will continue to feed on the carcass.

I have stated my thoughts on the hydrogen economy elsewhere, in a nutshell even though some take the view that hydrolysis can be powered by free wind and solar energy, hydrogen is expensive to produce for other reasons. If Whyalla were to maintain its current level of output, the amount of

hydrogen required would require a staggering 400 megawatts of power to produce it. Do the maths! Is there any point throwing good money after bad? Wouldn't we be better off spending money on catching with the maintenance on aging infrastructure that has been ignored for so long.? The savings on preventative maintenance (rather than letting things run to destruction) will far outweigh any benefit that may flow from this state prosperity drive in the iron triangle. This is all about creating headlines. A number of consulting engineering firms have lamented the fact that there have been many announcements of feasibility studies coming out of Whyalla under its current owner, but they rarely come to fruition, it is just a means of keeping on the front page many have concluded.

So, in a nutshell? Economic success is a possibility but not much of a probability If it were economic, private industry would already be doing it. If the government were serious about fixing the cost of living crisis, they shouldn't be focused on costly ambitious fantasies. But fixing existing infrastructure for one thing.

Myths (**you will discover if you ask the right questions**) an example of realistic thinking

Hydrogen is supposedly the fuel of the future and can be used to power existing engines. Well firstly you will need a fuel tank 4 times the size. This is why Elon Musk decided not to use it on his cars Hydrogen can supposedly be produced by solar powered hydrolysis of water, but you need relatively clean water (which in Australia because we are short of water can be a rarity) and that means you will probably need a desalination plant as well (and they can have their problems). Diesel motors will run on petrol, and petrol engines can run on diesel, but is it not recommended and the motors won't last long if you do, ditto for biodiesel and hydrogen. Hydrogen is the smallest atom and as such can pass through metals and cause a metallurgical defect called hydrogen embrittlement which will guarantee a loss of structural integrity, even in exotic metals like stainless steel, so materials that are required to handle or store hydrogen will be more expensive and won't last as long. So hydrogen will work but is not economically feasible in current dollars. Hydrogen can be highly explosive (hence there will be a lot of safety systems applicable to its use ie more $$$$) When someone said you get more bang for your buck, they weren't kidding.

Carbon dioxide is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas/global warming. **Wrong** , water vapor is,(I guess committed greenies still like having hot showers)

Humans provide most of the carbon dioxide. **Wrong**, Human activities only account for 5-10 % of globally produced Carbon dioxide. So even if we reduce our carbon dioxide emissions by 100% we still have the other 90% that we can't control, to worry about. Believe it or not termites are the greatest cause of carbon dioxide.

Electric vehicles are more economic than fossil fueled vehicles, **Wrong**, most economic comparisons fail to take into account opportunity cost and the marginal cost increase of power generation by renewable means. Electric motors don't like going up hills or high speeds and in these situations power consumption is non linear (and this is proportional to cost). How many investors have been duped into investing in Lithium mining companies with the promise of a renewable energy Eldorado?

Are Solar farms are economic??, Well they depend on the price and opportunity cost of the land amongst other things. They are too expensive to build near cities where most of the power is consumed, and if you build the facilities in the country, the increased distance from the city results in higher transmission losses, and the cost of displacing agricultural pursuit is significant (this is one reason why a ;lot of st wind turbines are not economic). Solar power is only about 19% efficient because of electrical losses, even in domestic installations. In Spain the government introduced a sun tax for those using solar power, the feed in tariffs can make them uneconomic, and if you do the sums, without a government subsidy they are largely NOT economic, and even then they are, they are only marginally economic (if you ignore inflation and other dynamic cost factors). Disposal of life expired solar panels will be a problem (similar to disposal of electronic waste) in the near future Sure there are solutions but they all cost something which needs to be factored into the cost model as does their cost of manufacture. Don't tell the environmentalists but solar power is ACTUALLY PASSIVE NUCLEAR POWER.

Wind power. Like everything else things are usually ok in moderation. Farmers have been using free light towers for decades, but you start building 100-200 metre high monsters then that is a bit different. As has been demonstrated here in Sth Aust these things are not economic and technical problems with them remain to be solved for long term viability. (Wait until our animal liberation psychologists figure out the moving shadows created by the blades frighten the crap out of sheep.) Sure, so why not build them offshore, well for one thing it makes them subject to maritime law, and an interesting aside to that is that offshore protests could be construed as an act of piracy, and as much of the maritime law is centuries old the death penalty for piracy can still be applicable, guess that Greenpeace people (Rain bow Warrior) didn't realise that , but they seem to have gone away for some reason. Then there is something that everyone seems to have overlooked!. Wind turbines take energy out of the air (to convert to another form of energy). So if we build enough of them, it will affect wind patterns which will increase global warming, plus affect rainfalls and ocean currents,

Best bullshit I have heard

The "Club of Rome" said in the 50's and 60's that the world will run out of most metals by the year 2000, They used similar tactics to today's Greens, frighten the schoolkids and then lower the voting age to increase voter demographics in their favour to further their political machinations.

A bit closer to home former prime minister Bob Hawke said (circa 1980) "No child will be living in poverty by 1990" and not to be outdone our self-proclaimed world's best treasurer, Paul Keating claimed " the economy will be fixed when the J curve kicks in (well I am still waiting for this to happen nearly 30 years later, he must have read that on the back of a comic book alongside those "kicked sand in my face" bull worker ads)

A brief word on **NUCLEAR** power

The energy of an atomic nucleus can be tapped in 2 ways. By splitting large nuclei into smaller ones (fission) or combining smaller ones into larger ones (fusion). The first is what we know as atomic or nuclear fission, together with its dangers and storage problems. The second gives fusion energy which is basically solar power, that which replicates what the sun and stars do to generate their energies. Fusion is much safer than fission and requires as fuel, as little as a teaspoon of sea water. Fission is a well-developed technology largely due to the fact that this technology was developed hurriedly for military purposes as a result of WWII. AS a result of this hurried development safety issues may have been overlooked for the sake of expediency, the fact that it may be unsafe may be seen as an advantage in military application. In stark contrast, largely impeded by public negative sentiment (hysteria) the development of nuclear fusion has been slower and more calculated. It has been a long time coming and still has a way to go. Nuclear fusion relies mainly on Uranium as a fuel. The reactive component of natural uranium is only 0.7% and the remaining 93.3% is U238, other fission fuels can be created artificially in breeder reactors. Breeder reactors are fission reactors that can use more commonly available isotopes of Uranium and Thorium such as U238 and Thorium 232. Some breeder reactors have no moderation to control the speed of neutrons ("Fast Breeder Reactors"). Even conventional breeder reactors need moderation, which is done by the coolant in the cooling mechanism that ultimately controls the nuclear reaction. But breeder reactors require liquid sodium as a primary coolant, and this will explode when it comes into contact with water. Not only that, fission reactors create a residue that can be problematic in disposal except if it is stolen by loony tunes (as US president Ronald Reagan so eloquently called them) masquerading as jihadists (that will surely create other problems)

Nuclear fusion combines 2 hydrogen atoms to form a helium atom (in simple terms), and jihadists have better things to do than blowing up balloons for kids birthday parties (apparently). Nuclear fusion requires a lot of heat, and I mean a real lot (so that the atomic particles have enough kinetic energy to overcome atomic level repulsion between the particles and allow fusion of those particles which would normally repel each other. How much heat? (Enough to suck the paint off your house!) Jihadists don't like getting their fingers burnt, so maybe that is another plus. Without delving too deep into the mechanics of fusion reactions, the heat needs to be contained somehow and this is done by using an odd shaped torus such as a "Tokamak" or better still a "Stellarator". But the temperatures we are talking about are greater than any known material can withstand which is why these thing have a confining Magnetic field within to contain the plasma medium. Plasma is the fourth type of matter (the other 3 being solid, liquid and gas), and is for all intenty and purposes is a highly ionized gas at an elevated temperature So it is convenient to visualize the plasma as being contained within a "magnetic bottle". The biggest impediment to the development of nuclear fusion has been the fact that a few energized neutrons (and very few at that) can escape the magnetic bottle and strike the solid wall of the containing structure (tokamak or Stellarator). If this were a military device to be dropped on Nth Korea (specifically Kim Jong Un's house) that would not be a problem. The plasma may not be radioactive, but any neutrons escaping the magnetic bottle can induce radiation in the solid walls of the containing structure. So there is some radioactive waste that will need to be disposed of BUT it is about a THOUDSAND times less than that created by nuclear fission and off such a nature that will it be of no

use to the loony tunes. There have been several other fusion nuclear reactions postulated using different materials that have NO radiation, but that is 40-50 years away (but realistic). Imagine that, a nuclear reaction with no radiation. Biggest problem is that we will have to invent another crisis for the doomers.

I am not a fan of nuclear fission when you consider what nuclear fusion has to offer, but I will use it to demonstrate a point. Fuel to power nuclear fission reactors is introduced into the reactor core in the form of pellets, a pellet the size of an AAA battery produces the same amount of energy as 2 tonnes of coal. And the equivalent for nuclear fusion would be about a tenth of the size of an AAA battery on a per weight basis. What's more, it doesn't need to be dug out of the ground or emit greenhouse gases.

I will leave you with a thought, "The technically agnostic will end up under a bus called progress"

To be continued.

Nitrogen.

The global warming potential of nitrogen (commonly released as nitric oxide NO) with it's century long resident time in the atmosphere is 298 times that of carbon dioxide. The rise in atmospheric nitrogen isn't just coming from fertilizers, soluble chemical runoff, manure or internal combustion engines consuming fossil fuels. As biofuel industries ramp up to jump the gap opened by peak oil and gas, significant volumes of NO are given off by fermentation and transesterification. Renewables, rather than improving the greenhouse balance are contributing to the rise in nitrogen emissions, up to 62% for ethanol made from biomass such as sugar cane and 13% from canola, up 9% in total in the European union and 72%in eastern Europe. Soy Biodiesel could increase greenhouse impact between 30% and 44 %(depending on the location and climate) over the fossil fuels it is replacing.

Global agriculture accounts for about 14% of total greenhouse gas emissions, including 42% of methane emissions (which is20 times worse than carbon dioxide), and 84% of nitric oxide emissions. From 1990 to 2005global emissions of nitrogen from agriculture increased by 14%, NO emission from manure management by 18% and methane from enteric fermentation by 12%.Just a lot of hot air?

Energy policy an alternative

The fact that fossil fuel is becoming scarcer is a given , no one would argue with that. But are renewables the answer? Well not in the short term

The problem of depletion of fossil fuels and pollutants and greenhouse emissions associated with their combustion can be (broadly speaking) tackled by 2 methodologies

-using renewables such as solar, wind, hydroelectric, biomass and geothermal: and

-implementing energy efficiency practices in all aspects of energy production , distribution and consumption.

The latter has received scant attention, but given the fact that the transition from traditionally used fossil fuels to renewables will not be seamless and is facing unrealistic implementation deadlines it is worth a closer look.

Energy efficiency refers to getting the same output with lower energy usage but without lowering living standards. The most effective way to combat rising energy costs, greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on imported energy is to have more focus on energy efficiency. In order to do that we need a baseline measure that allows us to compare apples with apples . Such a measure would be "energy intensity" which in an economic sense is the amount of energy required to produce a dollar's worth of gross domestic product (GDP). Such a measure would cover both macroeconomics and microeconomic deliberations.

Perhaps consideration of the humble refrigerator can demonstrate this. The following example is based on US data , but consumption patterns and consumer behaviour in the US is largely aligned with that in Australia , and given the larger population there is a larger sample size which provides greater confidence to the statistics

In1974 a typical refrigerator in the US consumed 1800 kwh of electricity per year, but over the next 40 years improvement reduced the energy efficiency by 75% to 450 kwh per year.. The total number of refrigerators is about 140 million and in 1974 the US price of electricity was 12 cents per kwh. So in terms of 1974 dollars the efficiency improvement(in refrigerators only) in 1974 dollars was worth $190 billion in electricity savings of which $20 billion stayed in the pockets of the US consumers rather than going towards paying electricity bills.. The $190 Billion saving was also resulted in a reduction in carbon dioxide emission by 135 million tonnes over the same time period.. Even the envirophiles would have to agree that is cool. In today's dollars the $190 Billion is worth about $653 Billion.

POWER to the people but not the envirophiles

In layman's terms there are three types of power· Backbone power, Green Power and Mobile power Backbone power (otherwise known as base load power) is always there when we need it. Green power comes from renewable energy sources which do not pollute, but are capricious in nature. Mobile power drives our cars, planes and other vehicles and the special requirement of transportability creates its own unique set of problems

Renewable energy is mistakenly touted as the solution to greenhouse gas emissions. The most widely recognised sources of Green energy, ie, Wind, solar and hydro are not sufficient or dependable enough be the primary energy source. They can only supplement the primary source. Backbone power has got to be available at all times, and to do this there needs to be "spinning capacity"., which is usually in the form of reserve generating capacity that can be switched "on line "at short notice, when all else fails.(which unfortunately is quite often) Green energy can save on fuel cost , but not capital cost, there will ALWAYS be a need for backbone power. Green energy is NOT free (as many imagine) and NEVER will be. Only 3 energy sources fulfill the requirements of backbone power; fossil fuels (coal), nuclear fission and nuclear fusion. Of these two latter nuclear options only fusion offers the prospect of being backbone, green and SAFE

Before we get any further, it is necessary to explain something about thermodynamics. When you compress a gas the return trip efficiency is about 50%, because 50% of the energy is lost as heat This is why the intercooler on your turbo charged Nissan patrol works. Stick your finger over the end of a bicycle pump, and pump it a few times you will soon get the message. It is this very fact that kills some renewable energy ideas. Idealism is the slave to economics. It will kill off hydrogen power and ocean energy as well as storage underground of compressed air (even if it is generated by solar or wind), as the city council of Broken Hill are proposing to do using abandoned underground mines. Good luck with that, expect a rise in rates soon, just like Coober Pedy (more on that later).
Now let's examine a few renewables.

Geothermal
Geothermal energy comes from hot rocks deep down that make geysers and warm pools for natural spas and mud baths. These are prevalent in the pacific rim of fire, Iceland and California. The capital expense of geothermal plants in terms of exploration and drilling is huge. Once a bed of hot rock is found a production well is drilled to extract steam, and an injection well to return water in order to extract more heat. Thermo- syphon is not possible, so pumps (which consume power) are necessary. If the steam is above 180 degrees centigrade, it can be used directly to drive a low pressure turbine to generate electricity. Below this it can be used as low grade heat The steam is accompanied by greenhouse gases carbon dioxide and methane plus ammonia and hydrogen sulphides. Any water contains undesirable chemicals mercury, arsenic, antimony and salt. These geothermal sites are generally located far away from populated centres so are not a serious contender.

Ocean (wave) Power
Options here use compressed air; see comments about compression of gas, NOT a contender. Tidal. IF water velocity of water inrush is less than 2.5 m/sec it will not be economic given the cost of the required infrastructure.. There are not many suitable sites available for this option One site considered was King George Sound at Derby in WA's Kimberlys, the daily tide was 9 metres, but after doing the maths it was deemed uneconomic. But watching large saltwater crocodile's body surf the tide and

attacking sharks was spectacular, it would be a shame to lose that spectacle, it will certainly generate more tourist dollars than looking at a renewable energy plant. Derby is too far away to warrant building a transmission line anywhere else and the local demand for electricity is relatively small.

Hydro

The concept of hydroelectric power is pretty simple. On a global basis hydro is responsible for 7-8% of total energy generated and35-38% of all electricity from renewable resources. But once again, it provides no backbone power capability The doomers amongst us are quick to point out that construction of dams can change the landscape and displace wildlife and agricultural activity Hydropower depends on the velocity (momentum) of the water flow, rather than the hydraulic head (static pressure or height of the water column) That is why you see those long pipes (penstocks) running from the top of the dam to a power station or turbine hall at the foot of the dam. The shape of the turbine runners (impellers) affects the conversion efficiency, with reaction turbines being more efficient than impulse turbines. You will never see a turbine inlet from the bottom of a dam. So what happens if the level of the dam drops below the intake level of the penstocks? Nothing, precisely nothing, no power. So power is dependent upon rainfall amongst other things. The world is about to face a water shortage crisis, which will in turn result in a food crisis as 70% of the worlds water consumption is used in Agriculture. Dams are also sensitive to seismic (earthquake) activity; something that mankind has absolutely no control over (and is exacerbated by use of poor materials and poor construction practices which abound in at least two large countries that I can think of). Dams make good targets in times of war.

So once again, a well-developed source of Green power will be insufficient to supply backbone power. Even the largest dam in the world, The Three Gorges Dam in China cannot do that. Hydro power is not without its Safety issues either.

The Sayano-Shushenskaya Hydro power plant on the Yenisei River in Khakassia took 17 years to construct, was designed to withstand an earthquake of 8 0 on the Richter scale and was listed in the Guinness book of records as the sturdiest Dam in the world. It was destroyed in less than 15 seconds. The fact that few of heard of it is testimony to the Russian propaganda machine. I have written on it elsewhere. (In Damfailures.docx).

Whilst energy consumption is going up, the amount of suitable sites for hydro is decreasing and getting approval to do so is getting harder thanks to myopic technophobes or whatever you wish to call them, there are many different types of this species but they all preach one thing, "PROHIBITIONISM". Prohibitionism means power in a political sense but unfortunately not in an energy context.

Wind Power

Wind power has been around since Don Quixote was tilting at windmills (something that still happens today but called by another name). Denmark seems to be the leader in wind turbine technology, They have produced wind turbines supposedly capable of generating 7 megawatts; but due to energy conversion efficiencies the best they have ever achieved with a 7 megawatt design is 6 megawatts and that is perhaps only 25- 30% of the time, the rest of the time it produces less (or even nothing). This particular turbine was subject to a study, and it was shown that the average power over the year was less than one fifth of the installed capacity, and over half the year it was measured at 14%, so 7 megawatt was only 1.3 megawatt. Wind turbines do not operate at wind velocities less than 5 km/hr. or greater than 25 kM/hr (where they run the risk of permanent damage, both mechanical and electrical). As far as wind power goes bigger is better, but there are limitations as to how big you can actually make them (especially offshore). A turbine with a blade length of 200 feet (60 metres) turning at 5 RPM has a tip speed of 170 mph. Wind turbines take up a lot of space (big foot print) because a large spacing between turbines is necessary so that turbulence from one turbine does not affect the efficiency of

others nearby. So urban economics (and NIMBYs) have blown wind turbines offshore. These offshore structures are much less stable than offshore oil rigs. They are more sensitive to forces generating by rotating components such as gyroscopic precession and corriolis acceleration which causes them to tip over They need to be anchored to the ocean floor by cables. As a consequence of this (& accelerated corrosion) construction of wind turbines at sea cost 8-10 times more than their equivalent on land. (Under sea electrical cables aren't cheap). Maintenance costs are also higher by a similar magnitude. And there is one factor that no one else seems to have considered (maybe it is just my own imagination). Wind turbines take energy out a moving airstream. The extraction of wind energy changes wind patterns and thus will affect temperatures and ultimately rainfall. You heard it here first. The nature of power generation by wind turbines is such that each turbine needs its own substation. A lot of the control functions can be performed by electronics but given the output of decent sized turbines + 1 megawatt output (to provide reasonable efficiency) industrial electronics are required. These are not the electronics you have in your mobile phone or laptop, these are big and expensive.
Wind power cannot supply backbone power but can be a useful supplement to it, the wind may be free but conversion of it to a useable form of energy isn't. There are environmental issues as well so the doomers have something to seize upon for their own gratification

Solar power
Plenty has been written about solar power, so I probably don't need to say too much about it other than it is not free but there are a few things worth mentioning. Introducing a subcategory of power, "instantaneous power", it is that which can be generated and used in about a tenth of a second. Not everyone has a house pointing in the right orientation , but there is no right orientation because the earth rotates, orbits (around the sun) and has a variable tilt on its axis, three degrees of freedom, so no one house can be in the best position all the time. You turn will come eventually but in the mean time you will get an average of 5 hours of rated power per day. This can be improved by using tracking solar panels or some sort of storage but that has its problems and will cost you. While the cost of solar panels is coming down cost is inversely proportional to efficiency. The cheaper they are, the less effective they are, efficiency drops off over a period of time and then there is the problem of disposal. You cannot recycle photo voltaic equipment 100% like you can a Volvo truck, disposal of solar equipment in the future will become similar to the disposal of electronic appliances. It will probably need to be subsidized by the government some time down the track. Photo voltaic cells are connected in series so if one cell goes down, so does the whole system. It will be cheaper to throw away the panel than try and find the offending unit. (There are usually 60-80m cells per panel). Electronics are not infallible, they fail occasionally especially with age, ditto for solar panels.. The average household uses instantaneous power of 1.5 -2 kW to power the essentials, anything above that is associated with a higher standard of living and that is your own choice. The instantaneous power of solar panels is usually sufficient to run your essentials for the five hours per day. Any notion that you can sell your surplus capacity to power companies is just a gimmick. If you have bought a solar system on that basis, you have done your dough. The problems start when you hook up to the grid. The transmission grid is a separate entity to the power generation company. Transmission companies (irrespective of whether they are electricity, gas, water or even railways) are monopolies, simply due to the capital cost involved. Did you ever see two powerlines or gas pipelines built alongside each other? Are there 2 railway tracks running across the Nullabor or to Darwin? NO. To try and overcome this, the government introduced third party access provisions into the Trade Practices Act. But I haven't got the time to explain that here. There are technical problems associated with operation of electrical transmission grids and solar power just adds to them so solar power sellers should rightfully be charged for the privilege of supplying extra problems , and they surely are, which is why they don't make any money, or enough to pay for the system. Anyone interested in this can read another rant called Electricity.docx. The new age "smart grid" is realls really

not that smart, it may allow you to locate balance problems , and charge you for it with nonlinear pricing (as does a peak power tariff) but it will not fix the problem. If you get charted extra for the problem what incentive is there for the supplier or operator to solve it?
So in summary, solar power might be Green power but it is not (and never will be) backbone power (but like wind, can be a useful supplement). Solar power, on a larger industrial scale (ie. solar farms) are subject to urban economics and other latent factors. There is one other factor that seems to have been swept under the carpet. To keep these solar panels going efficiently, people will have to climb on the roof to clean the dust and birdshit off several times a year. The US equivalent of our own "Worksafe" has conducted a study on fatalities resulting from people falling off ladders and rooftops whilst attempting to do this. Old people are particularly susceptible and will probably have to pay someone else to do it. This is not insignificant. No doubt unions will insist on a premium (danger money for working at heights) for doing it, under the present government. Next thing the people will have to be licensed to do the work no doubt.

Hydrogen
The hydrogen economy is a new concept (in name only), it is technically feasible, a possibility but not much of a probability from an economic point of view.
Hydrogen as a fuel has been around for a while, it can be made from natural gas but that is one step forward and two steps back You only need to ask one question to kill this one, "how far will you get on a tank of hydrogen? (ans) About 500 feet" As per above, manufacture of hydrogen by electrolysis using renewable energy is expensive, and the fact that it has to be compressed for storage makes it even more expensive , The economics of this combined with other idiosyncrasies will prevent its use. The reason Elon Musk decided not to used hydrogen to power his cars was that (even with compression) you would need a fuel tank at least three times the size (so who do you leave home? The wife or the kids?). As mentioned above, compression of gas only has an efficiency of about 50% (if you are generous) due to the heat loss, but there is a double whammy, when the hydrogen comes out of the compressed storage facility it expands and when it does so it cools, sometimes freezing things around it, so for some applications it has to be reheated before it can be used. Add this cost to the added safety and maintenance (particularly life of equipment) issues and it is not in the ballpark.
The proposed projects for Whyalla will never be economic and even if they are built they will be another white elephant that will weigh down the tax payers for years, money would be better spent on maintenance of existing infrastructure

The town of Coober Pedy in outback Sth Aust had a powerhouse consisting of a series of compression ignition engines running on heating oil grade fuel which was subsidized by the government. The government subsidy was withdrawn and the city council was left to fend for itself. They got roped into an agreement for a hybrid power supply contract on unfavorable terms. The system consisted of two large (for those days) wind turbines and a solar panel array.. As a direct result council rates went up to the extent that many people were unable to pay their rates and had to sell their houses (usually for a pittance) and leave town. I would like to see someone try and convince these people that wind and solar power are free.

Concrete pump.

This is purely hypothetical, unlike other examples I have provided, where I had hands on involvement. It is an illustration that with respect to energy, cost savings are where you find them. But to recognise them you need to have some fundamental knowledge. AS someone said "to sing the blues, you have to live the blues".

Well I was walking past a construction site the other day and there was a concrete pump operating with its boom fully extended vertically, yet it was only pumping concrete a short distance horizontally. Was the boom only in that configuration because the workers were too lazy the adjust it? So I thought I would estimate how much extra this would cost. Assuming the boom height could be reduced from 30 metres to 5 metres and that the required pumping rate of the concrete slurry was half a cubic metre per minute and the motive power was diesel over hydraulic (which it was) and the job was of 6 hours duration, then the extra cost incurred because of the unnecessary pumping effort would be about $220. This is in terms of fuel, oil filters, oil sampling, maintenance; all routine operating expenses Financial and ownership cost are not relevant in this analysis.

Now for a machine costing $400000-$500000, $220 may sound like chicken feed, but it is going to cost someone, maybe the contractor doesn't care, maybe the contractor can pass the cost on to the principal. But I guarantee you that if the contractor or the principal were walking down the street and four x fifty dollar notes fell out of their pocket unnoticed they would be pissed off when they found out.

To be continued

The Tractor.

A farming friend of mine was offered 2 options for a tractor, one being 425 horsepower and the other 350 He asked my opinion, what was the best option?. He gave me his duty requirements ,but I did not want to delve into his personal finance details , so the evaluation was baed on operasting costs. My first response was that power was not so but torque was more relevant. Power is the rate at which torque is produced.

This tractor application was to tow a four and a half metre wide disc type plough through sandy soil with a minimum of clay material, to a depth of 10 centimetres and at a speed of 8 km/hr., Both tractors would do the job but in terms of fuel consumption, oil consumption, filters , maintenance oil sampling diagnostics (cheap insurance if you can interpret the results). Usage at this power level was for about 400 hours per year. According to my calculations the 350 horsepower would save $6320 per year over the 425 horsepower unit. If diesels operate at about 80% of maximum rated power, this is where they operate at their maximum efficiency, so a 300 horsepower tractor would have been an even better option. Anything above that is just unnecessarily pumping diesel up the stack for no reward. Also you are not going to use this this prime mover for menial tasks so it is also worth considering buying a smaller second tractor in the 80-100 horsepower range with a three point linkage and attachments such as forks, post hole digger and FEL bucket To use a large tractor on these tasks would be sheer folly. The smaller tractor would also give the kids something to learn on, which will save even more money

You could undertake a more rigorous analysis considering financials but they are not always relevant, depreciation only applies to reduce your tax if you are making a profit You cannot rely on cash flow or profit to the exclusion of the other. Hopefully there will be enough in the $6320 to buy me a beer.

The super smooth salesman at Nowhereville Rural has offered a windmill, as is where is for $1500, it is old stock they want to get rid of, it is complete and unassembled (never been used) , Details are sketchy but, Rotor diameter is 4 metres and according to the weather bureau the wind speed is 15 km/hr (but only 25% of the time). The height of the rotor centerline above ground level is 8 metres. The proposed located is on flat terrain approx 2 kilometres in shore from some pretty high sand dunes (it's on Eyre peninsula's west coast if you must know). Recommendation, FORGET IT!. The power generated is only 45 watts in this location. It may be more useful in another location with more favorable topography and a r wind rosette of greater magnitude. It may be useful for transferring water between tanks or troughs where is no significant vertical gradient. But it would not be any use to power a bore where this is a significant vertical lift component If the windmill tower were higher, it may be possible to retro fit a larger wind wheel. **But the wind rosette in this location probably does not justify that. Solar is a better bet.**

Dam Failures. A triumph of Russian Engineering (and a win for the Nuclearphobes). Maybe that should read damn failures.

Envirophiles (and their counterpart nuclearphobes) love hydroelectric power. It's clean, perfectly safe, it makes no smoke, carbon monoxide, methane, carbon dioxide radioactive waste, no toxic exhaust fumes or lingering byproduct . The only thing envirophiles don't like about it is that it does not give them anything to whinge about.

Having just witnessed the US build the Hoover Dan in Nevada, the Russians had a bout of penis envy and decided to build the world's largest hydroelectric facility. The dam was 3497 feet wide and 807 feet high. Across the Yenisei River near Sayanogorsk. The so named Sayano-Shushenskay Hydro power plant took 17 years to build. It was built to withstand an earthquake of 8.0 on the Richter scale. It was listed in the Guinness book of records as the sturdiest dam in existence. These days it is probably in there but for a different reason. It turned out to be Schadenfreude of biblical proportions.

The water intakes on hydroelectric dams are called penstocks which is a throwback to the days of old waterwheels. There is a sieve at the inlet which keeps floating objects like envirophiles and their kayaks and swimming bears trying to escape a David Attenborough documentary from getting sucked into the system and in the case of the former, not being able to return to their doubled parked Kombi vans. These sieves are known as trash racks, which are not intended to be prejudicial to the envirophiles. On the morning of August 17, 2009, Turbine no 2 (in an array of 10 identical turbines) was the master turbine setting the pace for the others to follow (via the feedback control system that was used to manage the operation of the facility). With Turbine number 2 (of which the impeller weighed 150 tonne) running at it's design speed 142 86 RPM. Each turbine has its own penstock from the top of the dam to maximize power generated, but the water inlet mechanism (wicket gate) is adjusted to be the same as that of the master turbine to minimize vibration and electrical transients amongst other things. At 8.15 am local time something (thought to be a log) got through the trash rack and into the penstock ultimately falling the entire 636 vertical height ending up in the impeller of turbine number 2., w. Normally an impeller of 150 tonnes would have turned the log into matchsticks but the angle of incidence was such that the log remained intact and rotated in the impeller striking the wicket gate and damaging it in the process.. This is not good. Maybe someone forgot to go to church on the weekend. (covid and climate change had not been invented yet, what else is there to blame?) The wicket gate on penstock no 2 slammed shut realizing there was a problem and because of the control mechanism configuration the wicket gates on all the other operating turbines shut in sympathy.. The turbines are smooth and stable in only 2 conditions, ie running at design speed standing still In between these 2 conditions if still connected to the grid they will vibrate. If you think this is trivial keep reading.. With no water to keep it rotating turbine number 2 started vibrating as it slowed down. It was no longer generating power it was acting as an electric motor and drawing power from the other turbines. The resulting vibration was such that the unit was hopping up and down as it wrestled with the sudden change in status.. The bolts holding the 900 tonne turbo generator in pace failed in tension. Unit no 2 then jumped out of the floor where it had been located, now, having no speed control from unit 2, units 7 and 9 quickly reached runaway speed and started flinging large heavy metallic parts around the facility

with gay abandon.. As a result of the events so far penstock no 2 collapsed and the entire lake emptied out through the power house. Units 3,4 and 5 were still generating power, but they tend not to do that very well when they are underwater, consequently the main transformer exploded sending 40 tonnes of the highly toxic PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) down the river.. So within about 5 seconds something that had taken 17 years to build was totally destroyed. Several weeks later 75 bodies were recovered and bits of shrapnel weighing tonnes were found hundreds of feet away.

The Chernobyl nuclear facility was built by the same people (that bult this hydroelectric facility) but it only killed 54 and that took a couple of weeks. Both these plants were built in the same era and were the pride of soviet technological advancement but Russia will never admit to the above. I can't help but think that someone will be writing a story about something similar in North Korea soon.

Now there a few lessons to be learned here, but I will let the reader draw their own conclusions. But one thing for me is that renewables are not necessarily safer than nuclear and energy and it's transmission is not to be trivialized. If someone says you get more bang for your buck with hydrogen, they are probably right.

Windfarm analysis just hot air???

In yesterday's ABC news it was reported that a windfarm had been approved in the Hunter valley. Is it really worth it???

Approval for the project is conditional on a reduction in the number of turbines from 60 to 54. This represents a 10% reduction in the output and therefore a 10% reduction in income and on a marginal revenue basis this is the profit margin, so any further in depth analysis would not be require to intuitively determine it is not economic rather than undertaking a rigorous cost analysis.

But it is probably worth looking at some costs for a qualitative analysis.

The windfarm is proposed to generate 335 megawatts.. Now you cannot put windfarms this size (towers are proposed to be 200 metres high) with the turbines too close together, there is a required spacing so that there will not be interaction between turbines due to the turbulent airflows generated which reduces efficiency and output. (As an analogy it is like growing radishes that are planted too close together). Using empirical engineering data the amount of land required will be 2100 Ha. Hunter Valley agricultural land is not cheap and the fact that the farmers have been holding the coal industry to ransom for years will not help here Expected cost of the land will be $15 million minimum. In accordance with ATO taxation schedules the project will have an accounting life of probably 15 years so, there is an average of $1M on capital recovery and about $700000 in interest per year There is another alternative where the power company leases the land from the farmer from the farmer and the farmer retains ownership and continues his agricultural pursuit on a smaller acreage. This is about $12000, but it is likely to be indexed with a take or pay provision so if the company defaults in anyway, it will be expensive.

It has been stated that the capital cost of the project will be $590 M, but on a quantity surveyed basis my estimate (for the infrastructure alone including erection cost) will be $990M , so there is another $400M (plus interest) to be accounted for, throw that into the economic model and things aren't looking too rosy.

What about operating costs, inflation? Well the for one thing, unions are pretty militant and probably going to be even more so after more coal mines and coal fired power stations close down , so labour costs will be high (in the Hunter valley as workers try and maintain their existing lifestyle). Maintenance cost will be a staggering +$150 M/year if the plant is to be maintained in a condition that it is safe and efficient for its 15 year life. All these things are tax deductible though aren't they??? Well only if the operation has a positive cash flow and that is not guaranteed from where we currently sit.

Without going any further you can probably see that it would not be a very good investment. BUT even if you didn't invest in it , it still going to cost you.

In an effort to gain KUDOS the government will throw taxpayers money at it in the form of a grant, the amount going on previous experience would be $25M on something this size. There is an 80% chance labor would do it and a 35% chance coalition would do it.

What other factors?

Will there be a cap on electricity pricing? (if labor are in power it is likely) This will limit the project's income and viability even further.

Opportunity cost of displaced agricultural output, not likely to be significant on a unit cost basis on this project as a standalone.

What about the cost of transmission. It is quite likely that that the project will be reliant on the existing grid and will have to pay a feed in tariff (thus increasing the cost). ,IF it elects to build its own transmission line, it still has to connect to the existing grid somewhere.

Will. It de stabilise the grid? Probably, unless there are modifications made to the grid (more cost, taxpayer pays) There is no spinning capacity provide by this facility, so power outages will not be uncommon.

The compressor

Compressed air is bloody expensive which is why it will never be used as an energy storage device like at least one shire council is contemplating. The reason that it is expensive is that at least half the energy used to produce is lost as heat, which, unless it is recovered in the form of process heating (or some similar application) is lost for no reward. One thing to consider is reducing the max pressure cut out , or using a lower pressure for operating attachments relying on the compressed air. As an example consider a compressor operating with the following parameters

If a compressor is powered by a 75 horsepower electric motor, ingesting air at 85 KPa(12.3 PSI) and 15 degrees centigrade and compressing it to 900kPa.(130 PSI). What would happen if we were to reduce the discharge pressure to 800 kPa (116 PSI)? load factor is 90% and the compressor is operating under the above conditions 75% of the time (& idling for the remainder) and the electric motor has an efficiency of 88%. Computed power saving due to lower discharge pressure is 22,557 kwhr/year If the electric power from the electricity supplier cost 30 cents per kw/hr this represents a saving of $7671 per year.

Tip: Cold air is easier to compress than hot air which is why some diesel passenger cars have intercoolers. So try and site the compressor so the inlet draws air from outside the building it is located in, as the ambient air outside the building is generally cooler. Also fix those air leaks, losses of compressed air represent the biggest energy loss in manufacturing operations The oil and gas industry considered using abandoned underground mines as storage for natural gas reserves (which would have been cheaper than building gasometers but royalties are paid at the well head and you may have ended up paying the gas royalty twice which sorta killed the idea.

(Oils ain't oils, and) **Batteries** (ain't batteries).

Lithium had been the darling of the stock market recently (in terms of mining stocks and manufacturers) but anyone investing in renewable based technology in the last 18 months would have done their dough, this is Dot.Com all over again. While lithium as a battery material has advantages over other options it also has it's disadvantages, it has the highest charge density (energy stored per unit volume, (but as they say size isn't everything). Lithium battery material is thermally unstable; it can start a runaway reaction if it is too hot and has an extremely slow recharge rate if it is cold Imagine trying to charge your car battery at the ski resort. A convenient means of comparison of various energy storage systems is "round trip efficiency" which takes into consideration energy losses from power conversions parasitic loads, (electronics, heating and cooling, pumping etc.) associated with energy storage systems. This metric is a key determinant of the cost effectiveness of energy storage systems. Discharge/recharge cycles are also a frequently overlooked. This is the electrical equivalent of fatigue in mechanical systems. The old wire fencing analogy works well here, the faster you bend it back and forth (and the greater the angle through which it is bent) the quicker it will fail. All batteries have different lives in response to repeated discharge/recharge cycles. Unlike a car with an internal combustion engine which you can run until the tank is bone dry, will no ill effect. The same can't be said for batteries, they have a draw down limit and if you draw them down 100%, the RAA won't be able to help you. Don't expect that you can have a storage system for your solar panels with car batteries, it's not that simple and that approach, while it may work it will not be economic.. There are many different types of batteries, horses for courses.I quite like the idea of flow batteries using the five different oxidation states of Vanadium, it can store vast amounts of power but it takes up a lot of space (and footprint is another parameter that is usually overlooked by renewable zealots. Batteries poor frequency response to transmission system transients and have no spinning capacity to speak of.
Other myths. Solar energy is free right? Unfortunately not when you consider capital costs and maintenance costs).Without tax rebates the situation gets worse. In Spain the government introduced a "sun tax" for anyone using solar panels. It did this out of necessity because the government still had to pay off the loans of superceded (and subsequently shut down) power generation facilities (expect something like that here in the not too distant future). This is a pretty good argument for not have state owned power generation facilities. Then there is the feed in tariffs which will apply to connecting renewables to the grid which will be levier to cover the cost of any upgrades to the power transmission grid that will be required to overcome instability caused by the characteristics of renewables, The overall efficiency of solar power is less than 20% when all factors are considered. Passing clouds can result in a reduction in output power of solar panels by 60% in seconds. On a daily average a solar panel is only functional (unless it has a tracking mechanism) for 5 hours a day if it is to maintain a significant output. But Solar panels are getting cheaper right? (but so are SMRs and other forms of competing energy generation). But reality is that you will need to add on other bits of hardware to make a solar system functional, and it is the cost of these add ons that make solar uneconomic. You may have to remain connected to the grid to cover shortfalls of the system and when the secondary energy market wakes up to that you will be paying a premium for the privilege, otherwise the base load power stations (irrespective of whether they are privately or state owned) will be making a loss For energy storage coupled with photovoltaics (ie solar) round trip efficiencies of less than 75% efficiency are unlikely to be cost effective.

With wind power, power intermittence and ramp rate can be critical. If the wind speed exceeds 25 metre/ sec the wind turbines are disabled to prevent damage and result in a large drop in power which causes problems downstream. These types of power generation do not allow peak shaving or load levelling..

As another means of comparison, urban economics are often overlooked. Land is not free, so footprint size does matter. A typical footprint (including access roads buffer zones etc) for a 1 megawatt solar array is 6-10 acres, a 1 megawatt array of wind turbines requires 35-40 acres because turbulence generated by one turbines affects the performance (efficiency) of others. An alternative is to lease the land which at going rates is $20000-$30000 per tower (and you get no equity- not a good investment) On the other hand an SMR(small modular reactor) can have a 20 megawatt capacity on a footprint the size of a house block. I am not a fan of nuclear fission, but nuclear fusion shows great promise and will be commercially viable by 2030. Nuclearphobes are quick to point out that SMR;s produce more radioactive residue, well that is true %sage wise but seeing you only have to refuel them once every 30 years that is probably irrelevant. SMR's are based on the technology of nuclear powered submarines which have proven to be trouble free (and they could stay underwater for 34 years without the need to refuel theoretically, (but methane levels on board may be a bit high if they did so). Nuclear fusion leaves no residue for terrorists to play with. Rolls Royce are developing an SMR with an output of 420 megawatts that has a footprint of 5.3 acres. If Rolls Royce are making an SMR, that gives me some degree of comfort because they are not in the habit of fooling around with things that aren't safe. So what are these things worth, despite what Chris Bowen says the cost of these SMRs is $90-100 per megawatt. They can be made in a factory in modular form taken to site and assembled in 18 months to 2 years.

Any other myths? Got time for a few.

Compressed air can be a form of energy storage, This is true but due to the laws of thermodynamics it is pretty expensive as half the energy is lost in the form of heat, return trip efficiency is 40-50% (To demonstrate that, stick your hand on the outlet of a bicycle tyre pump and pump it a few times if you don't believe me). The shire of Broken Hill is planning to use compressed air stored in abandoned underground mines to store energy, energy being generated for free by solar power, they need to read the above. That is just hooking up something that is uneconomic, with something else that is not economic.

Hydrogen is supposed to be the new fuel generated by free solar energy (here we go again) by electrolysis of water. Well you need clean water otherwise it won't work too well Clean water is something we don't have a lot of, so you will probably need a desalination plant as well. You cannot simply hook up a hydrogen supply up an internal combustion engine capable of running on natural gas, You will also need a fuel tank 3 times the size, which is why Elon Musk decided against using hydrogen in his cars. Hydrogen can be explosive so there are safety issues in its handling Hydrogen being the smallest atom , can pass through metals (even exotics like stainless steel) and cause a debilitating metallurgical condition calling "hydrogen embrittlement' which means things in contact with hydrogen will need to replaced more often. All these things cost, if the so called hydrogen economy were a horse you wouldn't back it, in fact they should be "putting up the panels". The reason Andrew Forrest (Australia's second richest person is sooking so much about nuclear power is that he backed the hydrogen horse and Australia's richest person backed the nuclear horse

Moral of the story is "let fools rush in" and join the other fools that are already there

Is Mother Nature without fault? (Or is it all due to human failings?)
The environment zealots and alarmists would rather us believe the latter no doubt.

Air pollution is not a recent invention. Natural events always have been the direct cause of enormous amounts of air pollution. Volcanoes for instance, spew lava onto land and emit particulate solids and poisonous gases such as hydrogen sulphides and Sulphur dioxide. It has been estimated (with a high degree of statistical confidence) that all the pollution from human activity pales into insignificance when compared to the discharge from just 3 volcanic eruptions: Krakatoa in Indonesia (1883),, Katmai in Alaska (1912) and Hekla in Iceland(1947). Lightning is another large contributor to atmospheric pollution. Lightning results in a mutation of the oxygen molecule to form Ozone, a poisonous gas (which does has some useful applications such as absorbing ultra violet radiation). Lightning is also by far the greatest initiator of forest fires/bushfires thus being the largest indirect cause of combustion related pollution. The atmosphere has for centuries been permeated by natural pollutants such as dust, methane and carbon dioxide from decomposing matter in bogs and swamps or the now preferred upmarket envirophile term "wetlands". These naturally occurring emissions exude twice the amount of Sulphur containing compounds and 10 times the amount of deadly carbon monoxide compared to all human activity including motor vehicles. Carbon dioxide emissions from the activities of the humble termite exceed the carbon dioxide emission from all the worlds smokestacks combined. So the amount of carbon dioxide emission due to human activity is less than 10% of total global emission, so with envirophiles advocating zero emission (reduction) of carbon dioxide what are they going to do about the 90% we humans don't control. Kill all the termites? That would surely upset all the animal liberationists!

Peat bogs exhale carbon dioxide back to the atmosphere. They also catch fire, and once they do, the fire is nearly impossible to control until it burns itself out.. It 1997 it was estimated that peat and forest fires (ignited by lightning) in Indonesia (alone) resulted in carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to one third of all the fossil fuels burned worldwide that year. Those smoldering wildfires are still burning, still igniting forests, and will continue to burn until about 2040 according to informed sources. Western Siberia is the world's largest peat bog containing 550 million tonne of carbon. That will take a while!

The largest component of greenhouse gas is not carbon dioxide or methane it is water vapor, obviously the envirophiles don't like taking cold showers, maybe they should, it would reduce both greenhouse gas and the hysteria about it!

Traffic Problem

WPG Resources developed an iron ore project and it was planned to rail the ore to Pt Pirie and transfer to a ship for overseas delivery. But the trains were a kilometre long and the wagons carried 75 tonne each The train line to the storage shed (located on the old shell fuel depot) passed through the existing marshalling yards and then across the main street (Ellen Street) near the intersection with Mary Ellen street. There were already trains using this to access the Smelter, concentrate storage shed and wheat silo but these were not very long, maybe a couple of hundred metres long and the local people seem to have accepted this. But the council was right in saying that the locals would not tolerate kilometre long trains, that would be stretching the friendship somewhat. The council employed a consultant to calculate some statics including waiting times etc. based on existing traffic observations to support their case, (but I decided to do my own). The upshot of the consultant's report was justification for their already formulated desire to have an overpass in the main street. Not sure if it was to be an overpass for cars over the train or the train over the cars, but either option was going to be bloody expensive, (+ $1m) and they expected the company to pay for it. Mining companies are almost universally regarded as teller machines to fund local fantasies, mining carries excess baggage as it is. There had to be a better way.

My own calculations using a binomial queuing theory model and observations with a stopwatch confirmed the inconvenience. Because there was a 10 km/hr speed limit on part of the track which acted as a bottleneck, the elapsed time for a kilometre long train crossing the main street was 6.2 minutes which would result in a line of between 48 and 60 cars in peak hour traffic. Obvious solution to reduce the magnitude of the problem would have been to break the train into 2 rakes that were half a kilometre long, this would halve the waiting time and the extra train movements would cost about 5-7 cents a tonne extra. But the council wanted their overpass so that was never going to do.

The approach to the CBD is along Warner Town road and going through the roundabout at Three Chain Road and along the main road where it joins Ellen Street at the rail crossing and there is a dogleg on the approach to the rail crossing, so that once you are committed you cannot see the 48-60 cars in a line of road rage and you soon become part of it.

Was there an alternate route? Yes, so if you turn left at the roundabout you can access the CDB or any areas that would be cut off by the train at the crossing (and the line of road rage) such as West Pirie, by using Three Chain road and Wandearah road. Using a stopwatch the inconvenience of changing to this route was measured as less than a minute of extra travel if you stick to the speed limit These are main arterial roads so would avoid the cacophony of Nimby's who live in the back streets in Solomon town. Furthermore, if a train activated flashing light was installed at the three chain road roundabout motorists would be alerted to the train movement and negate the need to look around the dogleg to avoid the queuing road rage.. Cost of this was estimated to be $5000 to $10000 depending on the level of sophistication required, sure beats the hell out of $1M. The police station is located on the southern side of the rail crossing, and if they were required to mobilise a patrol car to a location north of the railway crossing it would take less than an extra 30 seconds via three chain road.(As they don't necessarily obey speed limits.)

So what happened? WPG was subject to a successful company takeover and any thought of doing anything in Pt Pirie evaporated.

As mentioned above, some local governments (and residents) think mining companies are an interest free source of funding. An envirophile in the Pirie council enthusiastically requested WPG build a green wall on the outside of their proposed storage shed. Even artificial green walls burn. (A heat flux of 50 kilowatts per square metre is sufficient to start a combustion reaction in 6 to 20 seconds as was spectacularly demonstrated in the beer garden of a Sydney pub complete with green wall where a

patron attempted to light a cigarette with a table top candle) The request was promptly withdrawn with a fluster of embarrassment, I guess this an instance where "bullshit didn't baffle brains"
There is a moral to the story, despite the fact that it was an iron ore mine (not a gold mine) there is an old adage "Don't kill the goose that laid the golden egg"

Submission 4 - Petition

3rd June 2024

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Dear Sir,

Re: Council Rate Increase Survey/Petition

I wish to provide you some background. I have undertaken this initiative because a number of people have told me that they found the council "have your say" documents to be "fluff and bubbles" and/or "I am not an accountant and don't understand", but everyone says NO to 8.3%.

In an attempt to increase the public consultation input, I tried to simplify a response with my little survey.

When posting this via all the township Facebook chat groups throughout the council area, I prefaced my posts by asking recipients to:

1) look at the council ‘my say’ link first,
2) complete the council ‘my say’ option or
3) complete my survey after looking at the council reports in the council ‘my say’ section, if they are able.

In all cases, I stated that my survey is not a council initiative, but mine.

There were 102 respondents.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Do you support the 8.3% rate increase proposed by the		My affiliation to my home is:			Do you urge the council executive to find significant savings or		What sort of rate increase might you support, if any?	Do you ask all Councillors to "respect and hear their constituents		Please add your name to justify survey response		Please include your address to justify survey.					What was the date you completed this survey?
Yes	No	I am an Alexandrina Council ratepayer	I rent the home I am in	Other	Yes	No	Open-Ended Response	Yes	No	First Name	Last name	Street address	City	State	Post code	Country	Date
	No	Yes			Yes		None Ashbourne see no benefit from rates	Yes		[redacted]			Ashbourne	SA	5157	Aust	03/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None, we pay more than enough	Yes					Willyaroo	SA	5255	Aust	03/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None, it is expensive enough in Ashbourne for the little services we have access to	Yes					Ashbourne	SA	5157	Aust	03/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Zero for two years. The rates are already to high	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI + 1%	Yes					Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI +1% MAX	Yes					Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		2%	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		1%	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		1.5%	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		4%	Yes					Langhorne Creek	SA	5255	Aust	02/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		1.5%	Yes					port elliot	SA	5098	Aust	02/06/2024
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	No	Yes			Yes			Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	01/06/2024
	No			Yes	Yes		None!	Yes					Willyaroo	SA	5255	Aust	01/06/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Would not support any increase as we can not even get vegetation cleared along our overgrown road. Nil road works done on degraded surfaces. Limited input by Counil funds for facilities in Mt Compass	Yes					Mt Compass	SA	521-	Aust	31/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		5%	Yes					Goolwa North	SA	5214	Aust	31/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		An increase in line with CPI	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	31/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI	Yes					STRATHALBYN SA	SA	5255	Aust	31/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		with cpi	Yes					Mount Compass	SA	5210	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes			Yes					Mt Compass	SA	5210	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Inflation	Yes					Mount Compass	SA	5210	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		2% if any.	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None	Yes					Milang	SA	5256	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3.6%	Yes					Strathalybn	SA	5255	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI		No				Nangkita	SA	5210	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI Only	Yes					ASHBOURNE	SA	5157	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None. We already pay for dearly for the incompetence of ‘ our ‘ Council.	Yes					Goolwa South	SA	5214	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		4%	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		In line with cpi	Yes					Goolwa beach	SA	5214	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None the miss management of the council’s financial situation and accumulating debt shouldn’t be put onto rates	Yes					Woodchester	SA	5255	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		none at this moment	Yes					strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	30/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI no more, with the economy being so tough. The council is making it harder for everyone. The only service we get from the council is sewerage, and bins collected. We don’t curbs, one light at an intersection. We paid money for them to check necessary requirements when building a house and they couldn’t come ! No wonder please are	Yes					Goolwa North	SA	5214	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Little as possible	Yes					Clayton bay	SA	5256	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		cpi	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		5%	Yes					Langhorne creek	SA	5255	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3%	Yes					Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	29/05/2024

	No	Yes			Yes		0	Yes		[redacted]	Hindmarsh island	SA	5214	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None	Yes		[redacted]	Willyaroo	SA	5255	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn / Goolwa	SA	5255	Aust	29/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes			Yes		[redacted]	Ashbourne	SA	5157	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		No increase	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		The minimum needed	Yes		[redacted]	STRATHALBYN	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Cpi	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2025
Yes		Yes				No	Current proposal is sensible, sustainable and not a big increase when annualised.		No	[redacted]	Middleton	SA	5213	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		NONE	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		5%	Yes		[redacted]	Port Elliot	SA	5212	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None we pay enough. !!!	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		No increase . Hard enough now to pay the exiting ones...	Yes		[redacted]	strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		5.5 to 5.8 % plus do away with the 1.2% Greening Surcharge	Yes		[redacted]	Mount Compass	SA	5210	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None…. They need to cut back significantly and not waste money on a sound stage that no one	Yes		[redacted]	Stratgalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None .we are pensioners struggle now.	Yes		[redacted]	Adelaide.	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		1%	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		4%	Yes		[redacted]	Mount Compass	SA	5210	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3.6%	Yes		[redacted]	Gemmells	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
Yes	No	Yes			Yes		the bare minimum	Yes		[redacted]	Langhorne Creek	SA	5255	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Should only ever be CPI or less !!	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	28/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None currently	Yes		[redacted]	Mount Compass	SA	5210	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		None	Yes		[redacted]	Adelaide	SA	5255	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes					CPI increase should be sufficiant	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton bay	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Nil	Yes		[redacted]	Tooperang	SA	5255	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Nothing we pay more than most councils	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3%	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton bay	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		If absolutely necessary, small rate rises (2-3%) AFTER interest rates have fallen	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Standard CPI	Yes		[redacted]	Bletchley	SA	5255	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3%	Yes		[redacted]	Nangkita	SA	5210	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Within CPI	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn (Willyaroo)	SA	5255	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Indexed to CPI	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3.3%	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	27/05/2024
	No			Yes	Yes		2%	Yes		[redacted]	Encounter Bay	SA	5211	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes			Yes		[redacted]	Point Sturt	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		Zero in this cost of living crisis.	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		No. Please help people who are struggling with the numerous costs of living by leaving it as or decreasing the rate. Help new people entering the owning their home by leaving rates as is.	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		0%	Yes		[redacted]	Ashbourne	SA	5157	Aust	27/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		3% to 5%	Yes		[redacted]	STRATHALBYN	SA	5255	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes			Yes		[redacted]	STRATHALBYN	SA	5255	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		would prefer none but 6% could be realistic	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes			Yes		CPI only	Yes		[redacted]	Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	26/05/2024
Yes		Yes				No	8.3%	Yes		[redacted]	Ashbourne	SA	5157	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes					None	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes					3 %	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton bay	SA	5256	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes					3.6 if it has to be prefer none	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes					Cpi + 1%	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes					CPI at the most.	Yes		[redacted]	Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	26/05/2024
	No	Yes					4%	Yes		[redacted]	Mount Magnificent	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					The absolute minimum, if any at all.	Yes		[redacted]	Mount Magnificent	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					None	Yes		[redacted]	CLAYTON BAY	SA	5256	Aust	25/05/2024

	No	Yes					Online with cpi, we have had excessive increases over the last 4 years well above cpi those years, more than double again, is not warranted & a rude money grab	Yes		[redacted]	Mount Compass	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					5%	Yes			Yundi	SA	5172	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					Cpi	Yes			Mt Compass	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No		Yes				5-6%	Yes			Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					None	Yes			Mount conpass	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					None! We've only been here 2yrs and council have our property as $200k more than we paid for it! Council should be arguing these valuations with the Valuer!!	Yes			Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					None	Yes			Mt. Compass	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					CPI	Yes			Clayton Bay	SA	5256	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					Minimal	Yes			Clayton Bay	SA	5201	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					6.4%	Yes			Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					We have the highest rates in Adelaide. Put on hold until there is relief for homeowners. Increase will flow onto renters as well making it worse for those who cannot afford a home.	Yes			Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					Minimal at best considering the current cost of living	Yes			Point Sturt	SA	5256	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					None, previous years have been well above	Yes			mount compass	SA	5210	Aust	25/05/2024
	No	Yes					None	Yes			Strathalbyn	SA	5255	Aust	25/05/2024

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Submission 5

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 May 2024 8:49 AM
To: Bill Coomans; Peter Oliver; Lou Nicholson; Christie Thornton; Margaret Gardner; Milli Livingston; Craig Maidment; Michael Scott . ASM OAM .; Sue Miller; Keith Parkes
Subject: E202424150 - 18.20.047 - First Budget Roadshow, The Chess Club, & Basics

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Morning Elected Members,
Thank you to those who attended yesterday afternoon's Roadshow.
I observed that the Chamber was **full** of very concerned ratepayers, 95% of whom were men.
I have also thought about the CEO's chess club growing from 3 members to 4 with a 10% rise in membership fees which the CEO highlighted as leading to a 46% rise in revenue.
If the CEO's club started with 10,000 members and grew to 10,100 members with a 10% rise in membership fees, the rise in revenue would be 11.1%. Much closer to the rise in membership fees, and very much closer to the Alexandrina reality.
Now you just need to replace "members" with "ratepayers" and "membership fees" with "rates" to get the full picture.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the roadshow about the need for, and promise of, getting **back to basics**.
Regards
[redacted]
Port Elliot

From: Tanya Cregan
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2024 11:51 AM
To: [redacted] Lou Nicholson; Michael Scott . ASM OAM .; Bill Coomans; Peter Oliver; Sue Miller; Christie Thornton; Margaret Gardner; Milli Livingston; Craig Maidment; Keith Parkes
Subject: E202424007 - 18.20.047 - RE: E202424004 - 18.20.047 - Alexandrina Council Draft Budget & Basic (core) Functions

Dear [redacted]

On behalf of Mayor Keith Parkes, I acknowledge receipt of your email providing comment on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25.

The Mayor notes your comments and has forwarded your email to the relevant officer as part of the consultation process on the ABP and Budget.

Thank you for your feedback.

Kind regards

Tanya

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Acknowledgement of Country

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Submission 6 - This participant also submitted via My Say (respondent 178)

From [redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 1:47 PM
To: Lou Nicholson <Lou.Nicholson@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Michael Scott . ASM OAM . <Michael.Scott@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Bill Coomans <Bill.Coomans@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Peter Oliver <Peter.Oliver@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Sue Miller <Sue.Miller@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Christie Thornton <Christie.Thornton@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Margaret Gardner <Margaret.Gardner@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Milli Livingston <Milli.Livingston@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Craig Maidment <Craig.Maidment@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>; Keith Parkes <Keith.Parkes@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>
Subject: E202424004 - 18.20.047 - Alexandrina Council Draft Budget & Basic (core) Functions

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Dear Elected Members,
With the Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget (DABP&B) roadshows coming up, I would like to raise a couple of questions
DO YOU THINK GREENING THE TOWNS OF ALEXANDRINA SHOULD BE A BASIC (core) FUNCTION OF OUR COUNCIL?
Council Management and 7 of the 9 Elected Members think it is NOT a BASIC (core) FUNCTION and want the Ratepayers to vote for an extra 1.25% rate increase ($600,000) on top of the 8.5% rate increase already in the daft budget, to pay for what can only be described as optional Greening in the coming year. This choice by Council is at complete odds with Council's motto of LIVEABLE, **GREEN**, CONNECTED.
On the other hand, Council has made the choice that Economic Development, Business and Tourism (EDB&T) should have $600,000 already approved for it in the draft budget. Many ratepayers believe EDB&T is for State & Federal Governments, NOT a BASIC (core) FUNCTION of Local Government.
Why not ask the ratepayers to also vote on this 1.5% being spent on EDB&T, in preference to Greening?
In conclusion, I am reminded of the Election promise of all Elected Members and the Mayor that it was time for the Council to get Back to Basics.
Regards

[redacted]
Port Elliot
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 23 May 2024 9:54 AM
To: Keith Parkes; Bill Coomans; Lou Nicholson; Michael Scott . ASM OAM .; Christie Thornton; Margaret Gardner; Milli Livingston; Craig Maidment; Peter Oliver; Sue Miller
Subject: E202440622 - 18.20.047 - ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET, BUSINESS PLAN & LTFP

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Dear Elected Members
After 2 out of 3 Budget Roadshows have been completed, the feedback I hear & see that the Council is receiving FROM THE VAST MAJORITY OF RATEPAYERS is one of ANGER & DISSATISFACTION.
Anger and dissatisfaction at the Council saying it is going to fix its financial woes by increasing our Rates by 8.3% (average) on 1 July 2024 and by around 50% (average) by 1 July 2029
There is little or no evidence in the Draft Budget, of SPENDING getting BACK TO BASICS, as promised by all Councillors and the Mayor. Council's own Audit and Risk Committee recommends CUTS to spending. - Where is the CUT to spending $600,000 on Economic Development, Business & Tourism, surely a function of State & Federal Governments NOT a basic of Local Governments
- Where is the CUT to spending $500,000 on Climate and Environment Initiatives, surely a function of Federal and State governments, NOT a basic of Local Governments
- Where is the CUT to spending $840,000 on Visitor Information & The Signal Point Precinct, neither of which benefit ratepayers, hence not a basic of Local Governments
- Where is the CUT to the Organisation Chart which has 20 Managerial positions and 58 function / service lines, NOT AT ALL basic to my mind.
- Why are we adding a function / service line called Agriculture, again surely a function of State & Federal Governments, NOT a basic of Local Governments
These are just the tip of the iceberg, with plenty more to be found in the detail.
And as for asking our opinion on an extra/over 1.35% (making a total of 9.65%) increase in rates to fund greening / tree planting. Surely GREENING IS a basic of a Local Government that promotes itself as Liveable, GREEN, Connected, NOT an optional extra like the examples above. ISN'T IT TIME TO CUT SPENDING, GET BACK to BASICS, and RESCIND & CEASE UNSUSTAINABLE & UNAFFORDABLE RATE INCREASES
Yours sincerely
[redacted]
Port Elliot

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 8:11 AM
To: Keith Parkes; Lou Nicholson; Bill Coomans; Michael Scott . ASM OAM .; Christie Thornton; Margaret Gardner; Milli Livingston; Craig Maidment; Peter Oliver; Sue Miller
Subject: E202441213 - 18.20.047 - Presentation and Questions at West Ward Roadshow Re Draft Budget
Attachments: Copy to EMs Presentation & Questions for West Ward Roadshow.pdf

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Dear Elected Members,
A copy of what I read out at last night's roadshow is attached for your reference.

I stress that it was about highlighting the non-basic services that could be cut from the budget, a point made by many others, a point the CEO appeared to miss or chose to miss, for most of the evening, in my opinion.

For example, at the end of question time, after all the negative comments about the draft budget, the need for cuts, and how people were hurting & suffering, he chose to ask the attendees, who amongst us would support an optional additional 1.35% increase for greening & cooling. I don't think one hand went up. But that's not because people don't want greening, they want it to be basic, replacing some of the non basic expenditure I have highlighted.

Regards
[redacted]
Port Elliot

With the agreement of the meeting I would like to present some context before coming to my questions
All the Councillors and the Mayor promised that Council would be Getting Back to Basics, if they were elected in late 2022.
But even now, with the Council facing a financial crisis of depreciation expense, my observation is that Alexandrina Council has not gone anywhere near far enough back to basics with this budget.
In the corporate world, getting right back to basics is what is required when facing a financial crisis.
In 2014 / 2015 the iconic South Australian company Santos faced a financial crisis when the international price being paid for its gas & crude oil, plummeted from $US100 a barrel to $US50. Santos' revenue plummeted correspondingly, and the gap between revenue and expenditure narrowed to negativity, just as the gap has narrowed to negativity with Alexandrina's current finances.

To deal with its financial crisis, Santos DID NOT go back to the shareholders and demand a top up of 10% (8.3%+1.35%) on the value of each shareholding followed by a 7% top up each year for the next 5 years. There would have been a shareholder revolt and the Board would have been removed from office.
What they did was look at all their operational expenditures and decided to continue with just the basics, which was producing gas. If the expenditure was NOT directly devoted to producing gas, it was stopped immediately, and not resumed until the financial crisis had abated.

My research suggests that the following 5 headings define BASICS in Local Gov't, and we should be getting back to these basics, and cutting the non-basics

1. Maintenance of Infrastructure and Assets
2. Waste Management
3. Regulatory Services
4. Public Health and Safety
5. Limited Community Services (Minimal)

   Basic Infrastructure & Asset Mgmt is:
   Maintenance of existing Roads, Stormwater, Community Halls and Public Toilets.
   It is not: spending money on Starthalbyn's proposed $50 million Lot 10 project,
   or Strathalbyn's proposed Sound shell,
   or Goolwa's $20+ million on the Signal Point and Wharf Precinct
   We are in a financial crisis

Basic Waste Management is:
ongoing garbage collection, green waste and recycling,
It is not: spending money on wholesale relocation of CWMS facilities
We are in a financial crisis
Community Services are:
Library services
Maintenance of parks, gardens & recreational facilities
They are not: building brand new sporting facilities, and NOT significant funding to 3 Community Centres. We are in a financial crisis.
Basic Regulatory Services are:
development & building approvals, zoning and land use planning,
and compliance with local laws & regulations
Basic Public Health & Safety is:
Inspection of food premises
Monitoring public health risks
Animal mgmt
I have 8 simple questions for the Mgmt, & Councilors:
1. Is spending $2.11 million (3% of the General Rate Revenue of $56.6 million) on Economic Development, Business & Tourism, a basic function of Council?? If business wants to promote business, why not let them do it through their own funding of a Chamber of Commerce. Afterall, we are in a financial crisis
I say NO, that spending on business is NOT basic, and should be cut

2. Is spending money on Agriculture a basic function of Council??
Why not let the National Farmers Federation and the State Department of Agriculture spend money on Agriculture. We are in a financial crisis
I say NO, spending on Agriculture is NOT basic, and should be cut

3. Is spending $20.7 million on assets so we can stick to an outdated 10 year Infrastructure & Asset Mgmt Plan, a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) Why can't we forget the out of date 10 year plan for a while. Don't forget, we are in a financial crisis
I say NO, this expenditure is ripe for cutting

4. Is spending significant money on an expiring Strathalbyn Town Plan a basic function of Council when Milang, Middleton & Port Elliot are still waiting for their first plan?? Why not let Strathalbyn extend their existing plan for a while, without cost. We are in a financial crisis. **I say this expenditure should be cut.**

5. Is spending $700,000 on Environment & Climate Change initiatives that DO NOT even include on-ground works (1% of the General Rates Revenue of $56.6 million) a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers) REMEMBER, We are in a financial crisis
I say categorically NO, that this spending is NOT basic, and should be cut

6. Is spending $1+million on Cultural & Visitor Experience, a basic function of Council?? ($value taken from the budget papers)
Is it really necessary, particularly when visitors from Adelaide and other parts of SA & Vic. overwhelm the region in summer, and on weekends for the remainder of the year. And the State Government has a grand growth plan for the Fleurieu, without our financial assistance
I say it is NOT a basic function, and it should be cut

7. Is an Enterprise Bargain Agreement that awards all staff a pay increase each year, at least equal to the CPI %, sustainable??
Why not follow the Federal Govt lead of changing indexing from CPI to the lesser of CPI and the Wage Price Index (WPI)
We are in a financial crisis.
Given that wage increases across Australia are nowhere near CPI, I say this EBA should be renegotiated, downwards

8. Is spending significant money on a review of service delivery standards to find budget savings a basic function of Council??
Why not just ask any ratepayer who has had to deal with Council, where the savings are.
They will tell you willingly & for free, where the duplications and wastes are.

And a comment before I present my conclusion: the attempt to make **Greening & Cooling an optional extra**, when Village Conversations across the the entire region make it a #1 priority, has been universally referred to as "disingenuous" when being very kind, and " tricky & shifty" by those being less charitable.
So in conclusion, I put it to the Mgmt, & Councilors, that this draft budget is a gross overspend and needs a more serious attempt to get back to basics by cutting out non-basic services, thus cutting costs.
We are in a financial crisis!

Submission 7

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2024 1:51 PM
To: Customer Contact - Information Management
Subject: E202423884 - 18.20.047 - Council rates

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IWe wish to object to the proposed council rates increase by 8.5% per year for the next 5 years.
For aged pensioners on fixed incomes the threat of this will mean more of a struggle to meet the costs of living in an ever increasingly expensive environment.
This is double inflation and double CPI, there is no excuse for this rise other than poor economic mangement by our council..

[redacted]
Goolwa Beach
[redacted]

Submission 8

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2024 3:38 PM
To: Customer Contact - Information Management
Subject: E202424190 - 18.20.047 - rates increase

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I hereby lodge my objection to the proposed increase in council rates.
With the current climate of cost of living pressures, it is unreasonable to increase the rates at a rate higher than CPI and inflation.
I also think it is unreasonable to lock in this increase for 5 years.

[redacted]


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Submission 9

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 May 2024 9:32 AM
To: Customer Contact - Information Management
Subject: E202424733 - 18.20.047 - Feedback regarding proposed rate increase

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Hi there I have also completed the survey after reading the plan, I thought I might drop a direct communique tio share my thoughts also. Once aspect living in Kuitpo for some 11 years is that plans to date do not reflect how areas are densely distributed and where the urbanised dense areas are recipients of the greater mix of asset management, infrastructure uplifts and maintenance and services acute to urban wellbeing.

The council needs to consider how rates are applied across the jurisdiction and apply a more equitable model that differentiates across dense populated areas versus areas/zones that are more rural and not direct recipients of services, benefits and infrastructure uplifts/changes as seen in other areas such as Strathalbyn and Goolwa and thus far.

We live in Kuitpo and living on Brookman road all our services are managed and maintained by State Government - apart from road side rubbish collection. We probably receive better services out of Meadows which is not even in your council area of responsibility.

An 8.3% proposed increase that outstrips CPI, wage growth and placing nothing but increased pressure on property rates where the capita rate has increased to only serve your advantage not ours. I think your model needs to scale rates in order to provide a more equitable cost model that better reflects how the budget is distributed to service dense areas where the average price of the home is lower and benefits are more highly realised versus those of us that are in rural areas and penalised.

[redacted]

[redacted] **Kuitpo, SA, 5201**
[redacted]

Submission 10

[redacted]
Goolwa Beach, SA 5214

16 May 2024

Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget 2024/25

I attended the Public Meeting held at Goolwa on 13 May 2024 and have read the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and provide a formal response. As a resident ratepayer the main focus of this submission is a reduction in the proposed rate increase of 8.3% and a reduction in expenditure.

Council's Financial Position – The Alexandrina Council is not in a good final position given the projected deficit. Whilst this needs to be addressed to ensure that Council is sustainable it should be in a manner which does not provide hardship upon the ratepayers.

Mayor's Message – "We are heeding the advice of our external auditors who told us it would be 'unwise and inappropriate' to pass sharp increases in rates on to ratepayers in response to these new depreciation figures. We are acting on this advice by proposing an average 8.3 cent rate increase, enabling us to begin mitigating the impact of the asset revaluation while maintaining our commitment to serving the community in a financially responsible manner".

The above comments in the Mayor's Message are noted and seem in conflict with the advice of the external auditors saying 'it would be unwise and inappropriate to pass sharp increases on to ratepayers in response to depreciation figures. The proposed increase of on rates is a sharp increase. Let alone the proposed increases beyond 2024/25. Such increases do not reflect a "slow and steady" pace.

Savings of $5 million – Council is to be applauded for the savings that have already been found. However, given the projections in the Budget it is incumbent upon Council to continuously scrutinise income and expenditure to reduce the impact this has on the ratepayers.

Funded and Unfunded Operating Initiatives – All these initiatives need to be further considered. In particular, the unfunded operating initiatives given the already predicted deficit for 2023/24. With the unfunded projects it is only logical to ask the question "How will these be funded?" To add even further increases to the rates is not acceptable and one could say such proposals are "unwise and inappropriate".

ESCOSA Advice – The provision of advice is very timely and may well be the catalyst for further review of Council's operations and rating.

I note the following observations which have already been made by ESCOSA to Councils who have been assessed. It would be prudent that Council consider this prior to adopting the 2024/25 ABP and Budget and setting the rates.

"Future rate expectations need to take account of affordability for ratepayers and minimise the impact on the community where possible, particularly where the current economic climate is putting more pressure on many communities' capacity to pay for further rate increases.
It is prudent for councils to constantly review their internal costs with a view to finding efficiencies and savings to keep rates as low and affordable as possible over the long term, while demonstrating a commitment and ability to meet community needs and value.

Again, while some councils have demonstrated good practices in this regard, it may be of value for the sector as a whole to focus on this area going forward".

Township Greening Strategy & Action Plan - This proposal, which would result in a further 1.25% is not supported and is not a timely inclusion. Especially given the resultant increase on rates.

Encounter Bay Bikeway
Encounter Bikeway Decking Renewal - Tokuremoar Reserve. The proposal is supported. Especially given the current condition of the decking. It can be quite unsafe when there is moisture on the boards which has resulted in accidents of which Council would be are aware of.

Detailed design for Encounter Bikeway upgrade – This proposal for detailed designs is to enable Council to be "shovel ready" for upgrades to the Bikeway if external funding becomes available. One would question the need to spend $350,000 based on the premise of external funding which it may well not receive. Whilst this is not capital expenditure it would ultimately lead to further capital expenditure and depreciation. The proposal is not supported.

Further to this Council has previously been made aware that there are stormwater issues along the southern side of Kightley Road, Goolwa Beach which need to be addressed. In particular 21 – 25 Kightley Road.

Proposed Projects – There needs to be greater scrutiny of all proposed projects for 2024/25.

Employee Costs - Employee Costs increased from $22.59 million to $25.28 million. A $2.69 million increase which is a 11.91% increase. Any increase in staff numbers is not supported.

Impact on Ratepayers - Comments have been made within the document to "reputational impact" and "not meeting community expectations". What does not seem to be front and centre is the "financial impact" on the ratepayers. Not only present but also future ratepayers.

Excessive rate increases in the current economic climate will place further financial hardship on ratepayers. Council needs to have empathy for those who are providing its major source of income and make decisions accordingly.

Submission 11

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 25 May 2024 12:38 PM
To: Customer Contact - Information Management
Subject: E202441091 - 18.20.047 - Council rates increase

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With the council area growing in population and house prices at record highs why is an 8.3% rate increase warranted Just 4 years ago our house was valued at 50-60% of what it will be now so rate income has already increased significantly Just a tip off. Cut Council bureaucracy [redacted]
[redacted]
Hindmarsh Island

Sent from my iPhone

Alexandrina Council Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget 2024/25
Submission from [redacted]

Have you reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP) Information?

Yes, I've reviewed the ABP.

How satisfied are you with the contents of the Annual Business Plan and Budget?

Very dissatisfied

Please tick your preferred viewpoint:

Other - I wish to see much larger cuts to all spending where such spending is proposed to be spent on non-basic local government services. I would be willing under those conditions to support rate increases are the lesser of CPI or WPI.

Do you support an additional 1.25% rate rise (on average this equates to $30 per year) to specifically deliver the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan?

No

I would support adopting the greening strategy as already proposed 4 years ago in your A2040 Plan, but only if a similar amount is part of the cut from the non-basic services that Alexandrina Council continues to support with no mandate.

Greening is a basic and universally supported service, NOT an optional extra.

Do you have any feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25?

All the Councillors and the Mayor promised that Council would be Getting Back to Basics, if they were elected in late 2022, but even now, with the Council facing a financial crisis of depreciation expense, I suggest that Alexandrina Council has not gone anywhere near far enough back to basics with this budget. Your Draft Plan shows that you are aiming for a Net Operating Deficit of some $4.7M, and based on your Net Financial Liabilities Ratio going forward, one would expect this to increase.

My view, and I suggest much of the community's view, is that the following five headings define 'Basic' and the mainstream responsibilities of Local Gov't, and we should be getting back to these basics, and cutting all the non-basics which seem to have crept into AC's purview.

- Maintenance of Infrastructure and Assets
- Waste Management
- Regulatory Services
- Public Health and Safety
- Limited Community Services (Minimal)

Basic Infrastructure & Asset Management is: Maintenance of existing roads, stormwater, community halls and public toilets. It is not: continuing to spend money on Strathalbyn's proposed $50 million Lot 10 project, or Strathalbyn's proposed Sound shell, or Goolwa's $20+ million on the Signal Point and Wharf Precinct.

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Submission from [redacted]

Basic Waste Management is: ongoing garbage collection, green waste and recycling. It is not: spending money on wholesale relocation of CWMS facilities. It is noted that LGA Financial Sustainability guidelines suggest that CWMS services should be wholly self-funded, based on charges to users.

Community Services are: Library services, maintenance of parks, gardens & recreational facilities, etc. They are not: continuing the proposal to build brand new sporting facilities whilst we are in the midst of a financial crisis.

Basic Regulatory Services are: development & building approvals, zoning and land use planning, and compliance with local laws & regulations

Basic Public Health & Safety is: Inspection of food premises, monitoring public health risks and animal management.

Councillors and our CEO and staff may wish to contemplate the following observations:

1. Is spending $2.11 million (3% of the General Rate Revenue of $56.6 million) on Economic Development, Business & Tourism, a basic function of Council? If business wants to promote business, why not let them do it through their own funding and management of a Chamber of Commerce. Businesses in Strathalbyn already do this successfully [kudos to them]. Spending on business is NOT basic, is not a ratepayer responsibility and should be cut.

2. Is spending money on Agriculture a basic function of Council? Why not let the National Farmers Federation and the State Department of Agriculture spend money on Agriculture. PIRSA is already available to provide advice and assistance on agriculture issues and problems. PPSA represents all the agriculture streams in SA. Rural Business Support (RBS) is an organisation 'committed to building a profitable, sustainable and resilient rural sector by supporting businesses, farmers, landowners and communities in rural and regional South Australia and the Northern Territory'. We are in a financial crisis, spending on Agriculture is NOT basic nor is it a responsibility of Local Gov't., and should be cut.

3. Is spending $20.7M on assets so we can stick to a now outdated 10 year Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan, a prudent approach for Council? (Dollar value taken from the budget papers). Shouldn't the out of date 10 year plan be reviewed, and proposed expenditure paused whilst the review is properly undertaken?

4. Is it prudent to be spending significant monies on an expiring Strathalbyn Town Plan whilst Milang, Middleton & Port Elliot are still waiting for their first plan? Why not let Strathalbyn extend their existing plan for a while, without cost.

5. Is spending $700K on Environment & Climate Change Initiatives that DO NOT seem to include any on-ground works (1% of the General Rates Revenue of $56.6M) a basic function of Council? (Dollar value taken from the budget papers). This spending is NOT basic, and should be cut.

6. Is spending $1+M on Cultural & Visitor Experience, a basic function of Council? (Dollar value taken from the budget papers). Is it really necessary, particularly when visitors from Adelaide and other parts of SA & Vic. Already overwhelm the region in summer, and on weekends for the remainder of the year? The State Government has a grand growth plan for the Fleurieu, as well as continual spending on its obsession with tourists as the saviour of the SA economy. Tourism promotion is NOT a function of local Gov't. and its longsuffering ratepayers - definitely NOT a basic function, and it should be cut.

7. Is an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement that awards all staff a pay increase each year, at least equal to the CPI%, sustainable? Why not follow the Federal Govt. lead of changing indexing from CPI to the lesser of CPI and the Wage Price Index (WPI)? Given that wage increases across Australia are nowhere near CPI, I suggest this EBA should be renegotiated, to be in line with contemporary, current wage outcomes.

8. Is spending significant money on a review of service delivery standards to find budget savings from basic functions of Council a sound approach? By now Council will have received a very clear message that ratepayers expect them to live up to their 'Back to Basics' undertaking by maintaining services that directly serve ratepayers, and ceasing grand projects and funding non ratepayer related causes.

A comment on the suggested 1.25% optional charge for Greening Alexandrina – previously a key plank of your A2040 Plan and a constant of every Village Conversation across the entire Council region. The suggestion that it is now conditional on extra rates, has been universally considered as "disingenuous", and "tricky & shifty" by those being less charitable.

How satisfied are you with the draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix C)?
Very dissatisfied

Please explain your answer.
The LTFP deals only with increasing revenue through rates, as a way of solving a serious financial crisis. An opportunity has been lost by acquiescing to the craven view that some ratepayers deserve special treatment in detriment to the remainder, and that a Rates Review to provide timely advice and views from ALL ratepayers, to assist Council to determine a fairer and more equitable resolving of the crisis past 2025 should not be undertaken. I offer my thanks to those Councillors that supported such a proposal, and my disappointment with those that ignored the conflict of interest rules, both real and apparent.

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Email address
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Which statement best describes you? Choose any option/s
Alexandrina Ratepayer
Alexandrina Resident

Submission 13

3 June 2024

To: alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Good afternoon

RE: Feedback on the Draft Annual Business Plan 2024/25 and the Draft Long Term Financial Plan

I congratulate the Council on an easy to read and understand draft Annual Business Plan 2024/25, and running an engagement process that supported the public asking questions.

I object to an average rate increase that is higher than 1.5% above CPI. I consider a rate rise of 8.3% to be unreasonable, and I also consider it very unreasonable that there is modelled rate increases of CPI plus 3% in the years 2026 to 2029.

Notwithstanding the Goolwa Wharf project, I am pleased that Council has remained more prudent in its spending on over the top projects. However, I still query the need, given the projected deficit of $4.7m and predicted borrowings of $56m in the 2026/27 financial year, of several proposed areas of expenditure. More specifically is it possible to:

- Delay the detailed design for the Encounter Bikeway upgrade unless there are indicators that the terms of an identified grant stream can cover at least 80% of the cost of the project. I assume some of the Federal or State grants might be known. In general I am not against the furthering of trails, as this infrastructure supports tourism growth and provides interesting and free avenues for leisure (which is particularly important given the cost of living crisis).
- Delay the funding of the Langhorne Creek Discovery Trail unless the terms of an identified grant stream can cover at least 80% of the cost of the project. I assume some of the Federal or State grants might be known. I am also supportive of this project.
- Delay furthering the Township Green Strategy, and by this I mean both the $80,000 for the documentation and the $25,000 also mentioned for the tree canopy on page 41. Do not further any additional rate rise (1.25%) for the delivery of associated unfunded initiatives linked to this Strategy. I am not against a Greening Strategy in the future should the rate rise be more modest. *Given other councils will have similar issues relating to recalibrating reserves and public spaces to address climate change impacts, is there a role for councils to advocate for a broader funding mechanism? Perhaps fossil fuel companies can pay a levy and these funds are collected and distributed to councils that have endorsed greening strategies.*
- Delay the Enhanced Wayfinding Signage Strategy.
- Be reasonable in the implementation of the Wharf Precinct Activation Strategy, and detail the actions and costs associated with this Strategy in the draft 24/25 Annual Business Plan.
- Reduce the amount of expenditure ($149,000) devoted to wooden boats.
- Delay the Armfield Slip Viewing Platform project. In my opinion, enough money has been spent on boat-related projects.
- Delay the appointment of the 0.6FTE Agribusiness Officer.
- Remove the soundshell proposal for the Soldier Memorial Gardens in Strathalbyn. I have already submitted feedback on this project previously.
- Stagger the documentation of the eight Village Innovation Plans over a decade to reduce the staff resources allocated to these projects, and put nominal timelines against projects and actions that are reasonable to keeping annual rate rises closer to CPI.
- Reduce the cost of operating the Centenary Hall ($202,000).
- Reduce the Development Grants and Donations proposed expenditure to $100,000.
- Reduce the Economic Development, Business Hub and Tourism budget ($581,492).
- Reduce the expenditure on the Old Police Station Art Gallery, Signal Point Art Gallery and Signal Point Experience Centre ($411,000).

- Reduce the employee costs (amounting to 36% of the total operating expenditure) by freezing any further appointments in non-core or non-legislated areas. *If the number of abovementioned buildings can be reduced or are planned to be reduced, can a freeze be placed on the hire of new or replacement staff in non-legislated areas occur over the next two financial years?*

My sentiments expressed in my submission of last year (see below) remain the same:

> *"I also ask the Council to be wary of how many separate cultural and business-related facilities it can support, and encourage a review of these activities to ensure all ratepayers are getting value for money. Also trends in the digital world and co-working spaces can change rapidly so it is necessary to ensure activities like visitor information, galleries, experiences and business services are meeting expectations for the ratepayer money that is spent. Any reviews should get underway as soon as possible to avoid election campaigning, which seems to interrupt momentum and common sense to some degree.*
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> *In terms of debt/borrowings, I believe it is wise for Council to reduce its debt. Climatic changes and insurance costs could be a much greater expense to Council in the future, and it may need much more financial wiggle room to address impacts on its infrastructure and open spaces."*

I have elaborated further on these statements below.

The Council should be mindful of the potential for weather patterns next financial year that may require more irrigation on reserves in the short term, and then potential for very heavy falls later in the year that could damage its infrastructure. Given the excessive spending in preceding years, I believe the Council leaves itself open to not being able to repair damaged infrastructure in a timely manner.

I also note from a recent media article that there are legal issues regarding asbestos contamination that could impact on Council's resources.

It would be wise to not run a deficit budget in 2024/25, and contend with heightened negative feedback from the community should the projected deficit grow even further.

I am not against Council spending funds on cultural, tourism, community development and economic development initiatives as it is important for thriving communities. However, it seems that the spending in these areas has become unreasonable given the budget deficits. I understand that Council is undertaking a number of Reviews, but I ask the following questions regardless:

1. **Reduction in the buildings that are devoted separately to arts, visitor services and economic development activities**

   Can any buildings related to the abovementioned activities be sold to reduce ongoing maintenance and operational costs, as well as reduce the amount of staffing time devoted to these aspects?

   With respect to the Business Hub, can the overall objective of the Hub exist without a separate venue? Can business/tourism development advice be offered at the offices of the RDA Hills & Coast or within other meeting rooms? If it isn't cost neutral, is it necessary for Council to run co-sharing spaces?

   Can Council advocate for the RDA Hills & Coast and the RDA Murraylands & Riverland to be recalibrated to fund business advisory services and the agricultural role? I perceive numerous economic growth synergies in a "corridor" including Strathalbyn, Mt Barker-Nairne-Littlehampton, Callington, Monarto, Murray Bridge, Strathalbyn, Wellington East and Tailem Bend. I understand that the CEO is on the board of the RDA Hills & Coast, so I assume there is potential for investigations.

   Does the Council need to support two separate buildings for art galleries in the same town? It seems excessive, given the size of the township and that it is not a regional-sized township or city.

Can the Centennial Hall costs be reduced with increased use of volunteers, or is there a role for the Goolwa Community Centre to assist with bookings? Could the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) re-locate to the Hub building and the VIC building then be sold off?

I am just posing these questions as I don't know the ins and outs of operations and floor layouts. I believe the community would benefit from reading a full audit of council-owned buildings and what they are used for. From there it can be determined if activities can be amalgamated in shared venues, and potentially a list of buildings then created for disposal. Having excess buildings, and running too many separate cultural venues, is not appropriate given the projected ongoing rate rises in the LTFP. Surplus buildings that are historic or heritage listed would also increase maintenance costs to Council, and whilst it is a difficult topic to discuss it may be better in the long term if some buildings were owned by the private sector. This approach may also reduce the need for additional staffing numbers over the short to mid-term.

2. **Reduction of expenditure on wooden boats and improved differentiation of what should be a not-for-profit, volunteer or private development venture**

   I can understand the Council supporting and owning the Oscar W, given the historical importance of the Goolwa Wharf and the prominence of this vessel to the local tourism industry. However, I am unsure as to why the Council has ownership of eight other boats or devoting so much of its resources to this particular aspect of tourism. *Aside from the Oscar W, can Council sell the remaining boats under its ownership to reduce the ongoing maintenance costs and obtain a portion of income?*

   As inferred in my submission of last year, it is my opinion Council should not pursue initiatives like co-working spaces that are better left to the private sector or others to implement. Trends change and insurance and utilities costs have escalated.

3. **Less focus on projects for "geo-political" purposes and more focus on projects that are fit for purpose (including a thorough projection of future ongoing operational costs)**

   Whilst I understand most councils vigorously pursue grants to deliver inter-generational infrastructure, it appears to have now lead to angst in the community and a large and growing debt (and potentially the Council becoming financially unsustainable). I question if projects, which are matched with large grants, have lead to:

   - projects inflating beyond what is needed or reasonable for township sizes in order for "announcements" to be made;
   - rushing plans and documentation, and the infrastructure not being entirely fit for purpose requiring yet more alterations in future; and
   - lack of clarity on operational or maintenance costs, as well as depreciation impacts.

   Has any of the prudential reports and/or business cases associated with these major projects been relatively accurate in terms of the project cost and the projected yearly operational costs? Is due diligence being undertaken so that deficits won't occur every year and borrowings will not continue to escalate?

   I prefer projects to be fit for purpose, not over the top and be able to be operated and maintained without annual rate rises more than 1.5% above CPI.

I also wish to add the following points:

1. **Manage growth well**

   I am not opposed to well-managed growth, provided that Council plays a strong in ensuring:

- deeds are in place, so that it doesn't get stuck paying for infrastructure that is linked to developer's interests ie if the growth triggers a need for an off-site roundabout then the developer pays for it;
- it has a detailed understanding of the costs surrounding expanding the CWMS, roads, footpaths etc and can "stage" growth; and
- the design of the estates doesn't mimic what has happened at Mt Barker with large retaining walls against roads and commercial buildings and backs of homes sited on the approaches to townships.

In all likelihood, the coastal areas will continue to substantially attract retirees and Strathabyn will continue to attract a mixture of families and retirees. Strathalbyn may experience more growth in the younger family demographic dependent on the educational aspirations of the regional town of Mount Barker and other employment activities in the broader commutable area. This could lead to further pressure on some sporting clubs. I support the Town Plan Update staying in the budget for this reason, so that the community can read the analysis on what, where and when social infrastructure should be undertaken.

2. Work to achieve core and legislated activities

I have always been a proponent of council delivering its core functions as a priority. Towns should be well maintained and damaged infrastructure rectified in a timely manner.

I offer the following comments/queries with respect to assets:

- Council should not undervalue its assets.
- Unit rates should be stated in AMPs, as should the types of assets, values and useful lives.
- *How accurate is the data (as it appears to me to be based on 2018 figures) in order for Council to state that it has a confidence grade of "B"?*
- Audits appear to have taken several years to filter through to AMP's and this would diminish confidence.
- *When is Council going to deliver Asset Management Plans in line with its asset auditing regime to ensure that the data flows through to its other strategic and business plans?*
- Council should deliver the infrastructure works linked to its yearly expenditure budget and minimise carry forwards (particularly given the rapid rises in contractor and materials costs).

3. Any future Rate Reviews

<u>Primary Production</u>

I am aware a sector of the community wishes to adjust the 17% differential for the primary production sector. I am not supportive of this approach as the primary production areas do not receive the level of services as townships. Farmers don't generally benefit from tourism-driven capital projects, and Council has spent significant rate funds on initiatives such as trails, township centre re-developments, cultural experiences and the wharf upgrade.

I believe increasing costs for primary producers may also impact on township-based businesses. The families that work on the land have always been strong supporters of buying local. A number of township businesses would rely on a substantive buy local ethos remaining. Minimising the discretionary income of primary production families could lead to less ability to spend in their nearby townships. As a result, there could be more pressure in turn for Council to fund more tourism initiatives to off-set spending pattern changes ie it just creates a cycle of larger expenditure.

The Council area has a significant number smaller farming properties compared to other rural areas that have very large acreages and are becoming increasingly corporatised. Farming families suffer from no guaranteed income given fluctuating commodity prices, changes in export markets and are at the mercy of weather events. Many producers are also older and raising higher rates from this sector will cause undue stress.

If an acreage threshold was selected where the differential applies, it could create issues by constraining diversification as there is less income to support smaller holdings becoming more intensive. Paying significantly more in rates could be counter-productive to increasing employment in the local government area.

Business

I object to any move to declare a separate business rate. Whilst I am aware that other townships have implemented a separate rate, some of these townships have a lot higher discretionary income and/or higher foot traffic.

Discussions in the past regarding a separate business rate levy did not generate positive sentiments. I believe this would still be the case today, and raise the following questions:

- *Who receives the funds collected?*
- *Who benefits from selected initiatives?* This will vary widely from business to business, and therefore the agreement on initiatives might be difficult to achieve.
- *How much money is allocated to actual initiatives compared to administration (secretariat type duties) and business plans/reporting documentation? Are there any business operators with spare time that wish to volunteer these services to reduce costs?*

. **4. Revenue Strategy**

It may be very difficult for Council to generate reasonable income (outside of rates) given the additional administration costs of councils compared to the private sector, the risks and legal issues around commercial-oriented ventures or building a skilled team that can potentially undertake subdivision. The latter might have potential if the Council can form partnerships that could effectively lend their expertise to Council.

In terms of generating revenue, I am not supportive of major functions of Council like CWMS being “sold” as I am very wary of substantive service cost increases then being on charged to ratepayers.

I am supportive of Council looking at wastewater treatment projects, so that treated water can be used on open space in the future. In terms of whether it is financially feasible to undertake the project and sell water to horticultural operators or clubs, Mt Barker Council could advise of the growth thresh-holds, the degree of complexity and costs. I am of the opinion that monies raised through the declaration of a separate rate should be used for that purpose including the interest on the funds collected. I consider not doing so to be disingenuous and minimises the opportunities to create a pool of money that can further wastewater treatment projects to benefit the community in the longer term.

Regards

[redacted] Strathalbyn