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Burswood	Great. I agree vacant land holders should pay higher rates as they need to be encouraged to do something with their land.	Submission noted.
Burswood	Yes. Last year rates went up a staggering 7.5% one of the highest increases in Perth. This year you want to increase rates a further 5%. This is robbery for what? You clearly want to hold a gay dance event at the library, a waste of money and a huge insult to 90% of ratepayers. Increases should not exceed 2%	<p>Events are integral to the heart and culture of our Town. The Events Strategy enables delivery of events to build a strong community, both socially and economically, and a vibrant, liveable Town inclusive of all.</p> <p>The Event Strategy defines the Town of Victoria Park's role and ways it will support a program to ensure 'Vic Park' events are relevant, inclusive, best practice, safe and environmentally and economically sustainable.</p> <p>The Town actively seeks community input to shape its events program, ensuring that it reflects the needs and preferences of residents. This collaborative approach helps the Town deliver events that are relevant, engaging, and contribute to a thriving Victoria Park.</p>
Carlisle	<p>I am strongly opposed to the proposed rate increase. We have just had a large increase in rates last year and the cost of living hasn't shown any signs of easing. What can we do anything to get a 5% reduction in rates? What services (non essential) can be trimmed back or cancelled?</p> <p>There are more subdivisions = more households paying rates.</p> <p>So many 'upgrades' to infrastructure that was already working with plenty of life left in it.</p> <p>Many events being hosted that aren't really critical.</p> <p>Many organisations keep their spending up to justify future funding. I feel the same is happening with ToVP.</p> <p>How can we express we would like a reduction in rates (and reduction in non critical services) as opposed to what seems to be becoming more socialist system. It seems much of our rates are going into a big pool and divided out into little sectors we can opt in to get some of our rates back rather than have initial control of it (CCTV scheme, adopt a verge, social events, etc). The more we try to get our money's worth through these programs the more they are used and the more the council gets for being a middle man organising them.</p> <p>I'm not anti council, just it would be nicer to keep our expenses trim, fund the smaller things ourselves (events, home security, etc) and have better planning to avoid digging up perfectly fine infrastructure to obstruct traffic flow.</p> <p>Hope to see a reduction in rates!</p> <p>With thanks,</p>	<p>The Town's Statement of Rating Objects and Reasons for Differential Rates 2025-2026 document provides a detailed rationale of the basis behind the Town's rating categories. This ensures that Rates are collected on an equitable basis from all properties across the different rating categories.</p> <p>The rates increase for 2025-2026 is as a result of higher costs of good and services anticipated and to also allow the Town to set aside funds for capital projects that have been identified as essential to help with the Town's asset renewal program in future years.</p> <p>In addition, the Town will also be commencing its FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) waste management system in 2025-2026, which will see the two-bin system replaced with a three-bin system, with the aim of diverting organic waste away from landfills thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating valuable compost.</p>

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Carlisle	<p>Enough rate rises! Listen to your residents! Our rates are being wasted on the expensive so called bike lane in Archer Street where the "garden beds" are smashed in places, the absolutely ridiculous and dangerous speed humps, the completely unacceptable verge collection, or should I say, lack of collection, the recent paving between Mars Street and Planet Street where businesses were incredibly affected. None of the businesses were consulted and the work took forever. Works wouldn't start til 7.30 and by 4.00 there wasn't a worker to be seen. And no work was carried out on the weekend!</p> <p>I understand this sounds like a complaint, which it is, but I'm trying to illustrate the way in which ratepayers money is wasted and no consultation has taken place! Nobody from the council ever shows their face.</p> <p>And when are we going to get weekly recycling rather than fortnightly? We're encouraged to recycle alleviating the need for general waste pick up but still no weekly recycling! Again, seriously, what are our rates actually paying for? City of Cockburn changed to weekly recycling nearly 20 years ago - I was a ratepayer! Another area that needs attention - the extremely poor condition of footpaths! Again, what are our rates actually being spent on???</p> <p>And you seriously want to increase rates.....again...!! Be prepared for serious backlash!</p>	<p>The Town developed a protected bike lane along Archer and Mint Streets as part of a larger streetscape improvement plan. The project aims to enhance cycling safety and accessibility, connecting to the Carlisle Train Station schools and local businesses. Community input has been a key factor in the development of the project, focusing on walkability, vibrancy, and environmental considerations. The route is a part of the WA Government's Long Term Cycle Network blueprint for a continuous bike network in the Perth and Peel region.</p> <p>The Town is moving to a new and improved on-demand verge collection service starting in the 2025-2026 financial year. This means that residents will be able to book bulk and green waste collections at a time that suits them. This will address the majority of issues residents were facing, such as illegal dumping, with the verge waste collections.</p>
Carlisle	Too expensive	Submission noted.
Carlisle	<p>Some put the rates up. It's a scummy move. You don't deserve the extra \$\$</p> <p>Use some of that \$102m you've got in the bank and deliver the projects you've promised and put it to wage collection.</p> <p>Scummy move</p>	Submission noted.
Carlisle	<p>When the council improves 5% perhaps we pay the equivalent in increased rates.</p> <p>Your service is getting worse and you want locals to pay more for this. If you were a business you would be losing clients. Dissapointing.</p>	Submission noted.
Carlisle	Yes the rate increase is not justified and the increase is hurting the rat payers who are struggling to live day to day with increase living costs	Submission noted.
Carlisle	5% increase is well about the current rate of annual public sector wages (WPI) and general inflation (CPI). A 5% increase would therefore indicate a greater level of service or works within the town which need to be justified. If current service and level of works is to be maintained, an increase of 3 to 3.5% would be more appropriate.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	Lower rates as the quality of services provided were terrible and doesn't justify last years rate	Submission noted.

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Carlisle	<p>Could the Town of Victoria Park please confirm whether the percentage increase in council rates from FY2023–24 to FY2024–25 was indeed 8%? If so, this represents a significant increase compared to the rate adjustments implemented by many other local governments during the same period.</p> <p>To provide greater transparency and context for ratepayers, it would be highly beneficial if the Town could publish a comparative table on the website, showing annual rate increases alongside those of neighbouring councils. This would help residents better understand how the Town's rate adjustments align with broader regional trends and whether the increases over recent years are reasonable and consistent with those of similar local governments.</p>	Submission noted.
Carlisle	<p>We've had very steep rate rises the last two years with no visible increase in services. I am unemployed with no Centrelink benefits and these steep rate rises are pricing me out of my home, even if my mortgage is paid in full. I had a look at the rates in affluent suburbs like Claremont and they are no higher than Victoria Park. It is ridiculous for Victoria Park to be imposing such high rates with no substantial benefits such as free parking or free swimming facility use for residents of the Town.</p> <p>I am very dissatisfied and stressed over the steep rate increases every year and in the next council election I will prioritise the candidates that offer rates stabilisation through fiscal responsibility and judicious budgeting and resource allocation.</p>	Submission noted.
Carlisle	<p>I believe the suggested 5% increase is too high, considering the forecast of only 3.6% increased costs for TOVP as well as the now lower inflationary economic environment compared to the last few years, which it appears are being referenced to in the documentation. On top of this, while the cost of living crisis has become old news and interest rates have seen some easing, many residents are still under financial pressure where a 5% increase in rates feels like another kick when we're all down. I also worry that the 5% number has been landed on because it's a nice even number.</p>	Submission noted.

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Carlisle	The rate increase is disproportionate to what services I currently receive as a ratepayer in the town of victoria park. It is also disproportionate to inflation. It is not necessary in my opinion if the money collected by the town was being used efficiently to pay for services. The town is disorganised, grandiose and wasteful with our rates and expects just to keep increase it to cover incompetencies. Councillors need to explsin and provide detailed breakdown to what our rates money is actually paying for and why this increase is required after an astronomical 8% rise last year the biggest of any council. Ratepayers in Victoria Park pay higher rates than some of the most affluent Perth suburbs for sub par services from our council. Not impressed and not supportive of another high rate rise.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	You have to be joking. Everyone is tightening their purse strings and your whacking us whilst spending excessively. Find the 3 -5% in cost cutting not rate increases.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	Very disappointed that the Town would consider increasing its rates when it doesn't deliver on its current initiatives. I do not support this.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	Cents per dollar set for residential properties should be comparable to neighbouring cities. For over a decade, these 'rates' have been set 25-30% higher than ALL bordering cities. Last year (or the year before) was the ONLY time I have ever seen the rate in the cents per dollar go down due to the GRV going up in line with the national property boom. It is disappointing to see the cents per dollar has now jumped right back up to being completely incomparable with other cities again. If property prices go up and stay up, then the cents per dollar should come down and stay down - not slightly decrease once and then jump right back up the next year. Waste management (bin charges) are also around double that of neighbouring cities - the most expensive I have seen. I understand this may be in relation to economies of scale, yet, this is all the more reason to budget accordingly and not consistently pass on costs to residential rate payers. Generally, I am supportive of differential rates for businesses and vacant land provided that rates, roads and rubbish charges for residents are brought into approximate alignment with the rest of the State.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I object to this rise. The council is way out of touch with what each suburb needs and how to implement services. As a resident of Carlisle, we have seen so much money wasted with unessential road works. You plant new plants then neglect to water them, seeing a majority die. Let's not get started on speed humps .	Submission noted.

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Carlisle	Haven't we had a 5.9 % and an 8 % rise over the past 2 years. As a long-term ratepayer I feel value for money has never been so poor. We have lost verge pick up's, street sweeping is a rarity. Footpaths and local road maintenance seems to be on the backburner except for certain streets. A lot of money seems to have been spent on verge trees which die, get poisoned or pulled out. With urban infill and increased ratepayers in the area things should be improving.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I don't think the rate increase is appropriate considering the current issues with our verge side waste collection. Three weeks late , and still part of the city with rubbish on side of the road. This is been going on for the past couple of years.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I have been extremely disappointed in the bulk waste collection this year. If we are to have a rate rise, I would like the council to strongly consider moving to tip passes or households ordering skip bins to dispose of their bulk waste. I would also suggest removing the speed bumps along Archer Street and instead lower the speed limit to 40kms per hour.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I don't think any rate increase should be applied this year after the 10% increase last year. The Council should learn to spend the money more efficiently. Living around Archer street was terrible during this last year due to the botched protected bike lanes project, speed humps, verge rubbish collection delays. I really believe we should get a discount on our rates rather than an increase this year.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	It seems our rates are going up higher than inflation and the service we are receiving is less and you let more dwellings without enough parking be built and are getting more rate payers but still putting the rates up and not giving us anything more for the cost. Speed humps and cycle paths costing large amounts of money and only causing more problems. Maybe you can pay for a yearly wheel alignment after all the silly speed humps that I almost have to stop to go over. Archer st is a through road from Albany hwy to orrong road with a bridge for the railway line and you are forcing people to use other roads. The traffic is a nightmare because of the bike lanes that are rarely used and the speed humps and less parking for businesses	Submission noted.

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Carlisle	Yes disgrace the verge collection is a main example gone on for weeks absolutely ridiculous	Submission noted.
Carlisle	<p>While I continue to enjoy the natural charm and vibrant character of our suburb, it is increasingly difficult to reconcile the rising cost of living—now inflated by a 5% rates hike—with the council's ongoing inability to function effectively.</p> <p>It's perplexing: residents have consistently offered feedback through appropriate channels, yet it seems to vanish into a bureaucratic void. One begins to wonder whether "consultation" is merely a checkbox on a clipboard rather than a genuine democratic process.</p> <p>A particularly baffling example lies on Archer Street, where seemingly endless "upgrades" have yielded a ghost town of bike lanes—pristine, unused, and directly damaging to the viability of local businesses. How this was greenlit without proper economic or community impact analysis is beyond comprehension.</p> <p>Then there's the recent bulk waste debacle, which was nothing short of embarrassing. The poor communication, the lack of foresight, and the CEO's belated public response—characterised by finger-pointing and an astonishing disregard for residents' concerns—was not only disappointing, but emblematic of a leadership vacuum. Accountability doesn't mean shifting blame to the very people you serve.</p> <p>And when issues are raised? The level of responsiveness and practical support from government employees has been, at best, inept. Residents are met with deflections, delays, and dead-ends rather than constructive outcomes.</p> <p>To ask ratepayers to dig deeper into their pockets while delivery continues to underwhelm is, frankly, an insult. A rate rise should come with improved service, meaningful engagement, and visionary leadership—not the opposite.</p>	Submission noted.
Carlisle	Not happy with the proposed increase. Our money is not being spent properly as it is. Bulk rubbish, lack of services and the hideous bike lanes on Archer St are all examples.	Submission noted.

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Carlisle	With the proposed increase rates, the town of Vic park should do something more constructive. Most residents absolutely HATE all those new road works especially those speed bumps, it's messing up with our cars' suspension. I can't believe last year's rate increase was spent on these tedious useless things. Also try to preserve the parks instead of building some community housing at Raleigh street and Bishopsgate streets, residents are well aware other community housing are the cause of a lot of unwanted visitors and used syringes around the neighbourhood.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I've just moved into ToVP since March 2025. I've observed poor management of waste disposal esp ongoing kerbside waste mess. I'm not happy for rates to increase as city of canning provided far better services at lower rates.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	"Council has decided to propose an increase in rates of 5.0%, after reviewing the increase in costs over the last few years in comparison to the rates increases applied and has determined the rates increase should match expected cost escalations." This is contradictory to the statement that "The 2025/2026 rating year continues to be a challenging budget to balance after continuing higher WALGA Local Government Cost index figures, lifting the Town's costs across the board. This has been forecasted at 3.6% to 30 June 2025." How has the town forecast costs are going to increase by more than last financial year. 3.5 or 3.6% would be more reasonable, or aligning to CPI. Perhaps the town should consider cutting costs for non essential services such as art installations, and look at ways of reducing costs- bulk rubbish was badly handled and should be removed as a service. Give people tip passes and give them back responsibility for their own rubbish. there is no communication on greenwaste. Until the council can show they are delivering high quality and timely services that the community actually needs (not speed bumps) then I don't believe rates increases are justified. A customer for any other business that doesn't deliver on their service would not accept price increases.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I think it is time that the council adopted a policy of maintaining what they have, and take a break from burdening us with grandiose schemes. The bicycle paths, kerbing and abundance of traffic calming devices along Archer St have cost us a lot of money and I could count on one hand the number of people I have seen riding their bikes along Archer St since the inception of the dedicated bicycle paths.	Submission noted.

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Carlisle	I oppose the 5% rate increase, due to reckless and unnecessary spending from the council in this financial year. The Carlisle area has copped it time and time again, first with dangerous bike lanes; then numerous speed bumps, some not visible and damaging the cars; then closing Archer St, especially annoying when there are major works happening with the train line; and finally the verge collection fiasco, where rubbish was laying on the streets for many days. All these deductions were disruptive to the local community and detrimental to already vulnerable local businesses and TOVP has not addressed any of them, or even tried to reconcile. In the meantime, petty crime in the area is rampant, and nothing is done about it. It is a shameful decision and shows absolute disconnect and disrespect of the local authorities towards the residents.	Submission noted.
Carlisle	I heavily oppose this increase when the last increase was majority used to increase the salaries at TOVP!	Submission noted.
Carlisle	Given that CPI is nowhere near 5% I cannot see how the 5% increase is justified. The ToVP collects our rates but does not distribute them evenly back across the suburbs. Carlisle house prices have risen by over \$200k in 2 years, and the rates are quick to reflect the increase in rental value, however the City does nothing to improve or even maintain Carlisle. The only changes that I can see have been the speed bumps on Star Street, and the Archer Street bike lanes. Neither of these have improved the area, and were not done with transparency or consultation of the affected residents. Yet they have cost ratepayers directly. There are broken footpaths, constant debris from trees on council land, rubbish, no decent children's playgrounds, and no fully fenced off-leash dog areas. But other suburbs in the same city, such as Lathlain, seem to be prioritised. Even the seemingly evenly distributed things such as verge collection don't happen properly. As the ToVP plans to move to a different method of bulk waste collection, this should not be a mandatory inclusion in rates, but rather an opt-in fee. I would rather hire a skip bin privately if the need arose, instead of paying for other residents' bulk rubbish to be collected. If the rates are going to increase dramatically, then there needs to be a dramatic increase in the visibility of where our money goes.	Submission noted.

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East Victoria Park	<p>Please ensure that the increase of rates for residential properties is equal to or below average CPI, else there will be a net increase in taxes paid by residents already struggling with cost of living.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with the substantial rate increase for vacant land which are undergoing active steps to develop. Vacant land within the Town is not of standard or typical sizes or shapes (unlike new estates or land releases in outer suburbs) due to the nature of infill building in older areas. As a result, it can take more time to design a residence that makes optimal use of non-standard blocks within the Town. Applications and assessments with the Town regarding building can also take extended time, with my own experience of 9 months delay for development approval, almost 2 months for a simple crossover application, and 1 month for a swimming pool building permit. It is therefore unfair to 'incentivise building' to ratepayers who are undergoing a reasonable design process and building approvals for complex sites. In addition, the building industry has still not fully recovered from the effects of the pandemic, and substantial delays to building projects are still commonplace. Therefore, properties which are clearly able to demonstrate that they are taking active steps to develop (e.g. An active building contract, demonstration of actively progressing building design work, demonstration of actively building or attempts to procure building materials or contractors, demonstration of an active development application or building permit with the Town) should be exempt from increased vacant land rates, as these ratepayers need no further 'incentive' to build, they are simply going through the building process as fast as they can.</p>	<p>Where a situation arises that delays the building process, the Town has a review system in place allowing the ratepayers to apply to have the lower residential rates applied earlier. The Town does not unduly penalise ratepayers who due to circumstances outside of their control, encounters delay in their construction process.</p>
East Victoria Park	<p>why would resident rates need to increase now that parking metres have been installed, parking attendants issue fines to vehicles. Where is this money going?</p> <p>Most residents have endured 18 months of increased traffic on the roads due to the train station upgrade, archer street closure, Shepperton road, increased buses and cars.</p> <p>I don't believe rates should be going up, look what has happened to Subiaco & Mt Lawely when they got too greedy - a ghost town.</p>	<p>The Town generates approximately \$3m from parking revenue per annum. This represents only about 4% of the Town's total operating revenue. These funds are used for transportation and urban development projects, to manage traffic congestion and regulate parking in the Town.</p>
East Victoria Park	<p>I would suggest the rate increase not too exceed the CPI or WGI. In addition there should be a lower payment for apartments as we all pay rates on a single lot of land.</p>	<p>Submission noted.</p>

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East Victoria Park	Yes many residents across Victoria Park are already feeling the effects of rising costs in essential areas such as food, fuel, utilities, and mortgages. For many, household budgets are stretched thin, and additional financial pressures, such as a rate increase, could push everyone who is struggling further into financial stress. Now is not the time to impose higher costs on the community.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	Im not happy with increased rate every year. We had 8% and 5% increased for 2 years in a row prior.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	I would prefer the council focus on essential services, maintenance on assets enjoyed by all residents (e.g. parklands) and concrete actions to improve safety and reduce spending on celebrating minority groups e.g. aboriginal, refugees and gender diversity. I would expect this would reduce the shire rate increase.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	Where has 5% been pulled from? I acknowledge our town is constantly undertaking really amazing public projects and I am really grateful. But cost of living is at an all time high, many of us bought property before the crazy price hikes. We are not million dollar mortgage holders. I would accept a 3-4% rise in line with inflation and most industries salary increases.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	I'm extremely disappointed with the proposal to increase rates by 5%, this is well above inflation (costs of services to absorb) and the pay rises for staff (note I am also a casual employee of the Town and I know I will not be getting a 5% increase!) . How is this justifiable? Services have not improved or been expanded, even where I work casually as a group fitness instructor we do not see investment of this rate to support the services we provide such as original Music license for the centres or upgrades to the cycle class bikes, room or even batteries for us to power equipment to teach with. If short, lift your game before you lift rates this much!	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	Vic park is a nice place, I understand rates but the increases seem excessive. Surely easypark brings in enough revenue to mitigate rate increases? Cost of living is wild at the moment, would be nice to have a break for once.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	There should be better benefit to residents, especially after the revenue from parking on many residential streets.	Submission noted.

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East Victoria Park	<p>Yes.</p> <p>I am against the rate hike.</p> <p>For the reasons below</p> <p>1) Archer street speed humps have been more of an inconvenience than a life saver. The bike paths have increased the bottle neck of traffic and irate drivers.</p> <p>2) The metronet inconvenience has caused all residents so much of grief, including changed bus services, instead of replacement bus services, and reduced businesses. It has been awful.</p> <p>3) The bike paths in Archer street - HAVE to go, and have not been any boost to anyone's mental health or road safety.</p> <p>4) The latest verge collection has been hugely embarrassing, with the rubbish sitting there for more than a month. Pinning the responsibilities on lack of contractors does not explain the lack of communication, and the eye sore. And also it really doesn't suggest a rate hike is evident when the money we pay can't be used to clear our verges on time.</p> <p>5) New parking fees and machines that have been introduced, making parking more expensive. The parking money goes to the council, which is already an increment, so why the rate increase?</p>	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	I think given the issue of waste collection that we have recently experienced and the lack of communication from the council round this. I don't think the increase is warranted.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	<p>5% is far too much considering there is significant incompetence of services throughout the council. If it was guaranteed to improve services, such as bulk verge, park/sidewalk clean up and lower crime prevention, then I'd be all for it.</p> <p>There is no confidence the above would occur with the 5% increase.</p>	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	There is no clear reason for a rate increase higher than the current inflation rate. 2.5% would be a reasonably acceptable number. Can you please provide information about the expected salary increase for staff, a mean or average percentage is fine.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	Looks good to me. I only wish that WA could implement a land tax.	Submission noted.
East Victoria Park	I support it, especially encouraging owners of vacant land to develop.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	5% is too high. Reduce expenditure and live within your means like the community has to.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	A 3% increase is more than sufficient based on the current annual inflation rate. Without supporting reasons any increase above this amount in my opinion is unacceptable.	Submission noted.

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Lathlain	Constant rate rises are not the answer. It's time to strip everything back and re-assess where the town is spending, how it is spending, and start implementing real value for its people. I urge you to scrap the numbers you have from previous years and start a transparent ZERO BASE BUDGET, based on actual costs not guesstimates, this should include town staff and resources, challenge contractors on ever increasing fees (especially where poor performance has been displayed such as recent verge waste collection). If at the end of doing this a rate rise is required you can justify it. Right now you have not provided reasonable justification to support a rise. Start treating the town like big business would.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	Proposed rates increase is 5% but inflation for Perth 24-5 FY is 2.9% If Council demands extra money for more works, they should prioritise and keep to their budget for 'ratepayer needs', and not overspend on 'Council wants'.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	I would suggest anything above inflation (which this proposal is), in the midst of a cost of living crisis, in the midst of a mining downturn, in the midst of already higher-than-average residential rates, would be what the kids call "tone deaf".	Submission noted.
Lathlain	Your costing notes that your cost will increase by 3.6%, but you are raising rates by 5%. Your justification is lacking and unethical. This justification is not reasonable given the increase in the GRV which results in an increase in revenue. You lack the financial discipline and skill needed to be able to effectively manage the budget. Your wasteful spending and lack of KPI for productivity means that we are all paying for your incompetence. Dont increase rates, spend the money more wisely.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	I feel that an increase of 5% in our rates, is far too much of an increase. In the middle of a cost of living crisis, combined with some recent poor management/delivery of services - such as the very delayed bulk rubbish verge pick up, and the Archer/Mint St roadworks delays, I feel an increase of that magnitude stings more than previous years. Would a smaller increase suffice to help ease burdens of cost of living in the community?	Submission noted.
Lathlain	I am against the rates going up when our money is being spent in wasteful ways and we're not getting the services we are paying for. For example the speed bumps and cycle lanes or archer street that were not wanted and now will be removed, what a waste of money. And the verge collection being over a month late!! TOVP should do a better job before asking for more money.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	Yes, the town of Victoria Park has failed this FY to show proper financial care, with wasted funds spent on road calming initiatives whilst ratepayers spent months with garbage piled up on suburban streets. What a rort, if anything the administrators should be called in to revue revenue and spending. 100% oppose any rate rise.	Submission noted.

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Lathlain	You have outlined what rates are used for, however in the last 12 months our rates have gone to not replacing lost fencing in children's playgrounds, have been used to build bike lanes on archer St that restrict local parking, are constantly damaged and not replaced spoiling the look.of our area, poor contract management process in the pick up of verge collection. Also mention the extensive push to install rutland ave bike lane despite no adequate solution to reduce congestion in surrounding streets if it was to be installed.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	<p>I'm strongly opposed to any rise in rates.</p> <p>1.We had the highest rise in the metro area last year. 2. Wasteful spending on projects that give little value to the majority of residents in the last couple years e.g. the bike lines on Archer Street which have only caused even worse traffic congestion, and I've yet to see a single bike use them. or more speed bumps being added on main thoroughfare roads.</p> <p>3. Unable to provide bulk waste collection services despite fees for these being included in rates. A 5 week delay in pick up is unacceptable and if that was a private enterprise they'd be out of business with that service.</p> <p>When the Town can demonstrate intelligent fiduciary policy I'll be more willing to part with my hard earned money. At present you don't spend it well, and I definetley don't want to give you more.</p>	Submission noted.
Lathlain	The price increase is entirely unjustified. The last increase was a record high and the proposed increase this year is above inflation. The money used from rates has been wasted on Archer St bike lanes which are minimally used by cyclists and just create more traffic, the recent verge collection delay has been unacceptable, not to mention the percentage of rates which go towards "admin" - meaning inflated pay for higher management that clearly hasn't helped give us residents what we want our money to go towards.	Submission noted.
Lathlain	I strongly do not support an increase in rates. ToVP has wasted huge amounts of money on terrible planning and decisions, such as Archer st cycle paths. The Town needs to find more efficiency with what they have, not expect a greater budget to screw up further	Submission noted.

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Lathlain	<p>I'm writing to express my frustration with the recent rate increase. It's unacceptable to raise rates while basic services are being neglected.</p> <p>Our verge collection hasn't been picked up for over six weeks, attracting illegal dumping and a significant increase in crime which has cost many of us money. The local playground has had its fencing stolen and remains unsafe for young children, with no sign of repairs.</p> <p>At a time when cost of living pressures are already high, residents should be able to see value in the services we're paying for including a clear understanding of why the rates are increasing. Right now, it feels like the council isn't holding up its end of the bargain.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider the rate hike and take immediate action to restore basic services in our area.</p>	Submission noted.
Lathlain	<p>I'd like to know what we get for our increase. This current bulk rubbish collection delay is ridiculous. No communication to the rate payers apologising or explaining. I'm sure there are many others disappointed. Maybe hold off on your rate rise until next financial year.</p>	Submission noted.
Lathlain	<p>They are an absolute joke. Find the savings in efficiencies within the council's operating budget. Our rates are already high. The way I see money being spent in the town is mystifying, in particular the cycle paths along Archer St are incredibly dangerous and not at all functional. The recent shambolic bulk waste collection and associated communication has been embarrassing and maddening. Sort your own house out before charging mine more to further enable incompetent management within the town.</p>	Submission noted.
Lathlain	<p>Completely object to any rise in rates whatsoever, given the debacle surrounding bulk waste collection this year.</p> <p>The streets are STILL littered with rubbish that should've been collected a long time ago. We are rapidly approaching two months with rubbish spread throughout the streets.</p> <p>The communication from TOVP has been poor, and any information that has been supplied has been inaccurate and unreliable.</p> <p>If anything, you should be considering a rate freeze, or some type of compensation for rate payers.</p>	Submission noted.

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Lathlain	Yes I hardly find the proposed rates increase fair after the recent verge rubbish collection debacle. The Council wants to increase rates but does really care about the rate payers just money grabbing	Submission noted.
Lathlain	5% increase on top of last years 8% is completely exorbitant and unjustifiable. The town needs to show some spending restraint particularly when they can't even get the bulk waste collected on time. We don't need anymore art installation and virtue signalling	Submission noted.
Lathlain	I think your prices are unreasonable when compared with the service received. 3 examples that I can give in recent memory are; 1. the proposed road changes around Rutland Avenue where no collaborative process was offered, only a single letter which showed the changes you wanted to make and asking for feedback and once given, no communication since! Is it going ahead, was there an option to bring people in to discuss potential solutions to the speeding or was it just brushed under the carpet? 2. The recent and previous road side collection, not only has been bungled by being late (again!) but due to the delays, additional illegal dumping happened, teams of people came round sifting through for bits they wanted and leaving a bigger mess than what it already creates and then a half hearted Facebook post blaming others without an apology or explanation of what you didn't do as a council to ensure it went as planned. 3. The road changes along Archer street, no collaboration again and the result is horrendous banking up of traffic, motorists getting irate causing some to drive very dangerously and all at a time when there are now more cyclists using the cycle path and motorists not looking or expecting them, I've witnessed a number of near misses in the last month alone. It is downright dangerous. Your communication and organisation of works are sub par to say the least. The only good things you do are giving out free plants, most of which are root bound in the tiny pots they come in and so have clearly been left too long and dare I say it, should have been planted in the shire before they were given away!? I'm looking forward to the elections and hopefully a new crowd!	Submission noted.

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Lathlain	<p>I am writing to formally express my concern regarding the recent 5% increase in council rates. Personally our rates have already increased ~8-9% each year between 2022 and 2024 and a further 5% is only adding to the cost of living strain many young families, such as ours, are experiencing.</p> <p>The roadside verge collection in our area has taken weeks to complete, leaving unsightly piles of waste in our streets for extended periods. The park fences, which were stolen, remain unrepaired, posing safety risks for children and other users. Furthermore, anecdotally crime throughout the suburb appears to be becoming more frequent. My car windows were smashed and the car rifled through last week and I believe this is related to the verge collection issue which appears to be attracting unsavoury people into the suburb under the guise of looking through the verge collection.</p> <p>As a ratepayer, I find it disappointing that our contributions are increasing while the quality and timeliness of services have declined. I urge the council to reconsider this rate rise or, at the very least, provide clearer accountability and tangible improvements to local infrastructure and safety.</p>	Submission noted.
St James	Increase rates for vacant land holders. Also do we have anti land banking bylaws? If not I think we need them. Land should not be left vacant for more than a few years max in a housing crisis where we need more affordable infill housing options.	The amount proposed for vacant land rate in the dollar, is just under double the residential rate in the dollar.
Victoria Park	I agree. This is a sensible change. Need to be clearer in the policy around rates for apartments. This is important as we move towards greater density in Vic Park	Submission noted.
Victoria Park	<p>Disgusting. 5% increase justified how? My dealings with council have shown me that inefficiencies are rife. Have you looked at cost cutting within the programs? What productivities have been achieved?</p> <p>Getting rid of all the look good stuff and just going back to focussing on what councils should do. Have you looked at staff cuts? Getting rid of Chinese New Year celebrations? LGQBT and Reconciliation garbage.</p> <p>It seems to me you can so you do.</p> <p>There is no justification for this. In a cost of living crisis when everything is going up, homelessness is soaring, crime is soaring, energy up, regos up how can 5% be justified.</p> <p>You have to wonder how much can the taxpayer keep forking out to prop up inefficient government structures.???????</p>	Submission noted.

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Victoria Park	Far too high as usual. The council and executive, should spend a year focusing on cutting waste, becoming lean and efficient, and work to save rate payers money. Continually putting up, already excessive rates, shows the council and executive are out of touch. Each year you waste extreme amounts on vanity projects that majority of ratepayers do not want, and make ratepayers life worse - example 1A, Archer Street.	Submission noted.
Victoria Park	Yes	Submission noted.
Victoria Park	My rates are set to increase, yet I see no benefit in return. You've approved a restaurant on our street, and now there's no parking available for my visitors—it's become a daily struggle. Worse still, I can't even turn into my own street from Duncan Street because the traffic has turned it into a complete bottleneck. The congestion and inconvenience have only grown, and now you're proposing to raise the rates on top of it all. This doesn't seem fair at all, especially when the quality of life for residents is clearly being overlooked.	Submission noted.
Victoria Park	I support the proposed changes to rates for the 2025-26 calendar year. My only feedback would be that I'd like to the Town to explore if it's possible for landbanked properties to be considered vacant land. This is property that has been developed, but remains empty for an extended period of time, therefore not actually contributing in the way that's intended.	Submission noted.
Victoria Park	<p>I'd like to propose several things in relation to vacant land rates:</p> <p>1- The annual increase % seems on par with other categories. Given the negative impact of vacant lands on vibrancy & neighbourhood characteristics, would like to see even higher rates being applied.</p> <p>2- Especially so for vacant land owners who are not using their land in a positive way e.g. bare land, sandy land with no trees, sandy verges, area filled with dumped rubbish.</p> <p>3- An even higher rate for owners who have not done anything with their property for more than certain number of years (in relation to #2).</p> <p>Speaking from personal experience, there are two vacant lots on our street. There's dumped rubbish, everyday litter / waste, old mattresses, broken glass on verge. Every now and then I clean up the area and the verge of this vacant land. How has the owner contributed to our street? NIL, and they're having a negative impact instead. So could their rates be at least double? And then, an incremental increase the longer they keep it in such distasteful state? On top of that, there should be a 'tax' for ineffective land use in the current housing crisis. Overall, the higher their rates, the better.</p>	Submission noted.

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anonymous	I disagree with the concept. In essence it leads to increased rates/property but disadvantages those people who live in 'smaller' property ,who can tratioanlly y least afford annual rate increases that Council has levied in recent years	Submission noted.
anonymous	Hard no. The council are not listening to the rate payers. They're making a mess of the roads, wasting money on "upgrades" which decrease the traffic flow and have made it more dangerous eg archer st esp turning in from orrong. The waste management is another example of debacle, not only the poor planning but the lack of communication. I'm now truly fearful as the crime rate has gone up in my local area. Work within your means vic park	Submission noted.
anonymous	I am concerned about the rate increase of 5.0%. Given that by the notice's own admission the expectation is 3.6% increase in inflationary costs, and standard wage growth of about 3.4% the 5.0% seems unreasonable. I think this value needs to be re-visited or a better breakdown needs to be provided.	Submission noted.