

Summary of what is included in the draft options for community feedback

The following table summarises the two draft options presented for community consultation:

5.59% Rate Increase	6.65% Rate Increase
Maintain Existing Service Delivery	Maintain Existing Service Delivery
Cost Shifting & Legislative Imposition - Library Grant Indexation Removal - Electoral Commission election costs charged to Council due to postage and resourcing increases	Cost Shifting & Legislative Imposition - Library Grant Indexation Removal - Electoral Commission election costs charged to Council due to postage and resourcing increases
Existing Commitments (previous service decisions of Council 2025/26) - Mobile Phone Tower lost income - Verge Greening Initiative - Reade Park Reserve - Tennis Courts - Nieass Reserve - Tennis Courts - Kingswood Tennis club - Club Upgrade - Waite Street Reserve - Water Feature - Cross Road/Frome Reserve right of way - Library & Community Centre Safety Resourcing - Ongoing Site Management for Contaminated Land at 91 Quinton Court Pasadena - Upgrade of Main Switch Board at Civic Centre - Kerbside Waste Collection Services Policy Endorsement and Circular - TechnologyOne Property and Rating Project - Electric Community Bus	Existing Commitments (previous service decisions of Council 2025/26) - Mobile Phone Tower lost income - Verge Greening Initiative - Reade Park Reserve - Tennis Courts - Nieass Reserve - Tennis Courts - Kingswood Tennis club - Club Upgrade - Waite Street Reserve - Water Feature - Cross Road/Frome Reserve right of way - Library & Community Centre Safety Resourcing - Ongoing Site Management for Contaminated Land at 91 Quinton Court Pasadena - Upgrade of Main Switch Board at Civic Centre - Kerbside Waste Collection Services Policy Endorsement and Circular - TechnologyOne Property and Rating Project - Electric Community Bus
Multi-Year Commitments - Funding Infrastructure & Building Asset Service Levels - Implement Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Master Plan	Multi-Year Commitments - Funding Infrastructure & Building Asset Service Levels - Implement Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Master Plan
	New and Improved Services - Carbon Emissions Reduction - Community Energy and Equity - Dedicated Long-Term Financial Planning Software - Increasing Library Operating Hours - Increasing Sporting Club Building Maintenance - Local Area Traffic Management – Cumberland Park, Daw Park and Colonel Light Gardens (West) - Responding to Climate Risks - Towards Zero Emission Fleet - Upgrading the Stormwater Network to Reduce Flooding

In developing the two draft options, Council considered several new projects and services. Community feedback is invited on the following new services and projects considered by Council but not included in either of the draft options:

- Additional Ongoing Bushfire Preparedness – Fuel Reduction
- Bus Stop Shelter Installation
- Cultural History and Storyboard Signage for Strategic Locations
- Green Organics Drop-off Service at Lynton
- Financial Sustainability through a stronger Underlying Surplus
- Extending the Footpath Network
- Inclusive Traineeship Program – 2 Trainees
- Minor New Capital Requests in Open Spaces
- Mitcham Memorial Library (enhancing safety, accessibility and amenity)
- Mitcham Railway Station Staged Upgrades
- Parks and Reserve Maintenance (service standard increase)
- Shade Sail Program
- Tree Assistance Fund (private land) – expansion
- Verge Maintenance Program
- Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) implementation

Within both draft options, Council will also deliver the following one-off operating projects:

- Rental Funding for the Blackwood Environment Centre
- 2026 Community Christmas Lunch
- Additional Bushfire Preparedness – Fire Track Improvements (\$100,000)
- Placemaking Theme Focus Areas
- Community Energy and Equity
- Godden Reserve to Delwood Reserve Concept Plan