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Option 1 – Service Levels Maintained

The average increase to residential, business and farmland rates under OPTION 1 is 24% or 26.5% with the allowed increase (rate peg).

Through our community surveys, Council has heard what is important to you. Residents want to see a greater focus on road maintenance, economic development and provision of services and facilities for youth. Council's ability to maintain our local community's assets and deliver the outcomes residents want as we go forward is constrained by our current financial resources.

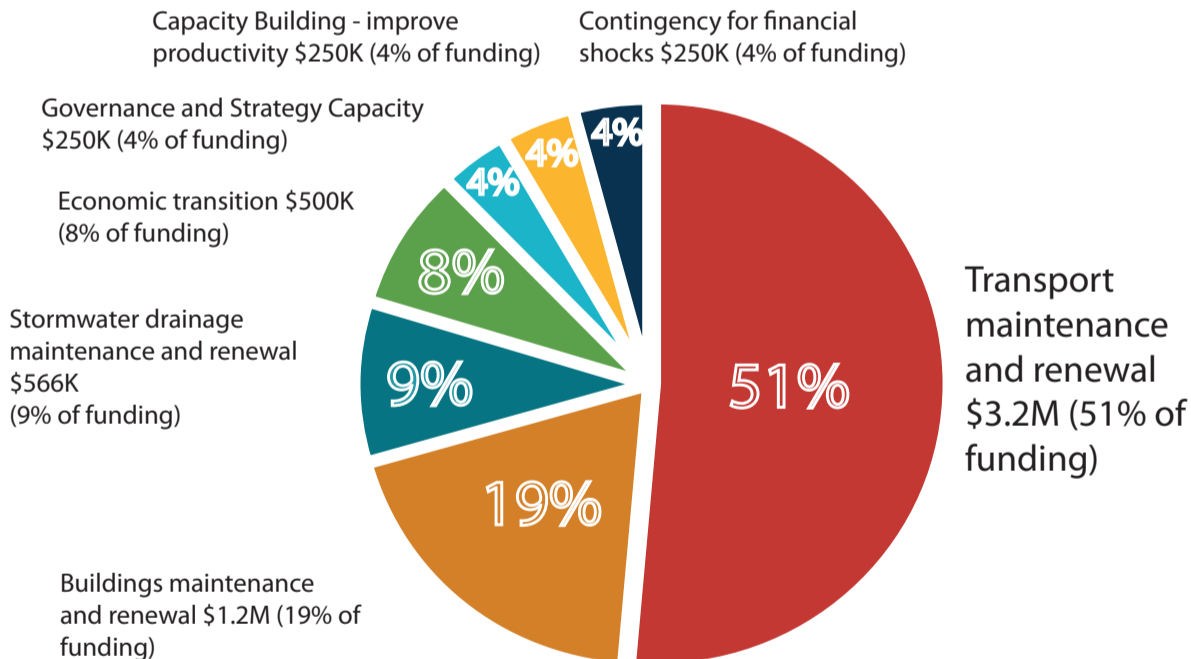
An external review of our financial position assesses that Council requires an additional \$4.75 million annually to maintain the necessary levels of service – mostly related to roads. This funding will allow us to do more than the current short term or responsive maintenance. Council also requires \$1.25 million annually to provide additional economic and other services that will put the community in the strongest possible position to respond to local economic challenges and grasp opportunities

Under OPTION 1, we can continue to maintain the Council's services and \$530 million of infrastructure assets. Just as important, we can also ready the city for the future with increased investment in maintenance ensuring the underlying cost of major maintenance does not grow to an unaffordable level. Most important, we can diversify the local economy, bringing more quality jobs for people as coal mining and power generation reduce in activity

The outcomes from Option 1 'Maintained' are:

- Maintain roads, footpaths, business centres and buildings to a level agreed with the community
- Maintain services to the community, including playing fields, parks, aquatic centre, libraries and community facilities.
- Ensure Council's infrastructure renewal backlog does not become unaffordable in the future.
- Enhance local economic activity and job opportunities.

Option 1 will provide for the future as we transition from a coal and power producing economy. We will address the structural deficit - allocations to maintain services, build capacity and facilitate economic resilience



Note: Proposed allocations to be confirmed following assessment of community consultation.

If Option 1 is voted in, will we get a say on the 'future focused new services'?

Yes. Council engages with the community and residents to understand how they see Council performing, and what services can be improved. Council is committed to engaging further with the community on how it can improve Council's financial sustainability and performance, including supporting local economic diversification.

An explanation of Option 2 will be in the next edition or visit our website.



Try our Online Rates Calculator



Phone or visit the Council Administration Centre to speak to a member of our Rates Team.
02 6354 9999

How do I have my say?



Information Sessions

Council will be conducting community information sessions across the Seven Valleys during August/September. **SAVE THE DATE** to attend a session near you.

- **Union Theatre, Lithgow**
Saturday 20 Aug, 1pm
- **Wallerawang Community & Sports Club** -Saturday 27 Aug, 1pm
- **Capertee Memorial Hall**
Saturday 3 Sept, 10am
- **Hartley Old School Hall**
Saturday 17 Sept, 10am
- **Rydal Showground Hall**
Saturday 24 Sept, 10am



Talk to a member of our team

Council acknowledges that not everyone has access to the Internet, so we will be visiting our rural areas to meet with you. **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY** to meet with a member of our Team who will answer your questions regarding the options for a sustainable future and assist you to calculate your rates **phone 6354 9988** and speak with Deb or Emma to book your appointment at one of the following locations.

- **Cullen Bullen Hall** - Wednesday, 24 Aug
- **Glen Davis Community Hall**
Wednesday, 31 Aug
- **Cranbrook School, Wolgan**
Wednesday, 14 Sept
- **Monkey Creek Cafe, Dargan**
Wednesday, 21 Sept
- **Mumma Snow's Cafe, Tarana**
Wednesday, 28 Sept

Find more detail at



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Throughout this process we will be listening and responding to your concerns.



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REMEMBER: only enter your land value. Not the charges for water, sewer, stormwater or waste.

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