

# Jerilderie Shire Council Budget Public Meeting 25 September 2014





# Fit for the Future

A Blueprint for the future  
of Local Government

SEPTEMBER 2014



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Local Government





## The road to change...

Three years ago, local councils from throughout NSW gathered for a historic summit, Destination 2036, to plan how local government could meet the challenges of the future.

### Councils agreed that change was needed.

Councils wanted to be strong and sustainable and to make a positive difference in their community, but there were various views as to how this could be achieved. The local government sector asked the State to appoint an independent expert panel to carry out a review. The Independent Local Government Review Panel consulted widely in developing its final recommendations.

The Panel concluded that for councils to become strong and sustainable, both the NSW Government and the local government sector would have to play a part.

The State is prepared to change the way it works with councils and to support them through meaningful reform.

Local councils must be prepared to consider new ways of working and new structural arrangements.

The Fit for the Future program brings these changes together to lay the foundations for a stronger system of local government and stronger local communities.





Becoming fit for the future...

## What's on offer for our councils?

One of the biggest investments in local government reform will be a special program to help NSW councils become **Fit for the Future**.

Councils will be asked to assess their current position and submit a Fit for the Future proposal by 30 June 2015.

Through the work of the Independent Panel, further analysis of how councils manage their finances and infrastructure and feedback from the sector itself has helped us to gain a much clearer picture of what a sustainable council looks like.

The Fit for the Future program will use this picture as a guide to help councils move to a more sustainable position.

The NSW Government wants communities to have confidence that their council is financially sound, operating efficiently and in a strong position to guide community growth and deliver quality services.

We will provide generous assistance and support to councils along the way to help them achieve these important outcomes.

There is a range of funding and technical support on offer and councils who become Fit for the Future will receive further benefits and savings.



**\$258m**

To help councils who have decided to merge to make the transition and provide services and facilities communities need.



### Expert assistance

Funding for experts to help merging councils explore the options and prepare a sound business case.

**\$13m**

To support local transition committees and ensure elected representatives are involved in the merger process.

### One stop shop

Access to the Office of Local Government's One Stop Shop for local government reform, including a regional relationship manager who understands your area.

**\$5.3m**

To get new regional Joint Organisations up and running.

### Facilitators

Access to fully-funded professional facilitators who can help councils begin discussions about how to merge and the benefits for their community.

**\$4m**

To help small councils (<10,000 population) develop innovative ways of working.

### Technical support

Access to a team of technical experts to help prepare your Fit for the Future proposal.

**Up to \$600m**

Potential savings from cheaper finance for Fit for the Future councils to invest in local infrastructure.



## MEDIA RELEASE

19 September 2014

### Facts of Local Government reform incentives need to be understood

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has today alerted councils and the community to some of the realities of the NSW Government's incentive package for local government reform, including the real value of the \$1 billion figure quoted by the Government.

President of Local Government NSW, Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, said \$600 million of the incentive package is based on Government estimates of councils saving money over a ten-year period if they borrow money from the Government.

"In other words, if councils do not borrow money from the 'yet to be established' State Funding Authority, they miss out on these intangible savings.

"On the other hand, if they do borrow, the Government is likely to make a dividend from that. Either way, not one cent of the \$600m will come from the Government.

"It's time to leave the spin doctors at home and talk about facts.

"For councils to see any 'real' incentives, they will need to prepare a proposal based on the Government's banner 'Fit for the Future' of which a key measure, and one that councils will be judged against, is 'scale and capacity'. Much more detail is required about how that is measured.

"Many councils are wondering whether the Government's 'no forced amalgamation' policy will change once the 2015 State Election is over.

"Local Government NSW has long recognised the need for change in the local government sector, but it's imperative that the Government's 'carrot and stick' method of encouraging councils to merge does not create a system of 'haves and have nots'.

"While there are many aspects of this reform package that councils agree with, the NSW Local Government sector also universally opposed the recommendation in the final report of the Independent Local Government Review Panel about rural councils having their responsibilities and regulatory powers stripped back.

"We will continue to oppose the Government on this issue should they persist in paring back rural councils. Rural communities deserve the same level and quality of council services as their city counterparts – another fact," said Cr Rhoades.

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#### Media Enquiries

Cr Keith Rhoades, AFSM  
Alex Power

President of LGNSW: 0408 256 405  
Acting Director - Communications: 0427 435 309





## \$105m

Groups of merging councils can receive up to \$13.5m to help support their new venture.



The State will provide access to technical experts and facilitators to help councils do the analysis before they proceed with merger plans.

## \$5.3m

To establish new regional Joint Organisations that will give regional communities a greater say in State planning.

## \$4m

For a small rural councils innovation fund.





# What are we asking our councils to do?

## Review their situation

Each council will be asked to look at its current situation and consider the future needs of its community and the recommendations of the Independent Panel.

The NSW Government will provide a self-assessment tool to help guide the discussion. The assessment will help councils to get a clear picture of how they are performing in financial management, service delivery and scale of operations. It will also help them to identify what they may need to do to ensure they are Fit for the Future.

Councils will be encouraged to discuss ideas and options with their community and neighbouring local government areas.

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## Prepare a submission

After considering their situation, councils will be asked to submit a proposal on how they intend to become Fit for the Future by 30 June 2015.

The NSW Government will assist by providing guidelines and templates. Councils can get support from their OLG regional relationship manager and will also have access to expert assistance if they want to look at voluntary merger options.

The Panel's recommendations are a good starting point for how councils can achieve the scale and capacity they require to become Fit for the Future.

For some councils, joining forces with their neighbours may be the best option. The Government will provide generous support if they want to pursue that path. For others, adopting a new Rural Council Model (to be developed in consultation with the sector) may give them the flexibility and support they need. Larger councils who are already performing well may develop strategies to strengthen their operations and improve efficiencies.

The proposals will be assessed by an independent expert panel and councils will receive feedback. The Panel will make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government.

## Make the transition

Once councils have a plan in place to become Fit for the Future they will receive assistance and support from the NSW Government to implement their plan.

For merging councils, this includes generous funding to support the transition process and establish their new Fit for the Future venture.

For small councils, the State will provide a special innovation fund to help them set up their new way of working.

Councils in regional areas will also have support in setting up their new regional Joint Organisations.

When Fit for the Future councils have completed their transition, they will have access to a range of opportunities, including cheaper finance options, simplified reporting requirements, priority access to State funding and grants and options for additional planning powers.



You can read more about the  
Fit for the Future program at:  
[www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au)



# DRAFT

## Operational Plan(2014- 2015) and Delivery Program(2014 - 2018)

- All adopted documents are available on Council's website, with hard copies available for viewing in the Council offices and the Jerilderie Library.







# Outcomes for Meeting

- Feedback from community to Council
- Proposed rate rise
  - Yes = Maintain levels of service
  - No = Reduce level of service

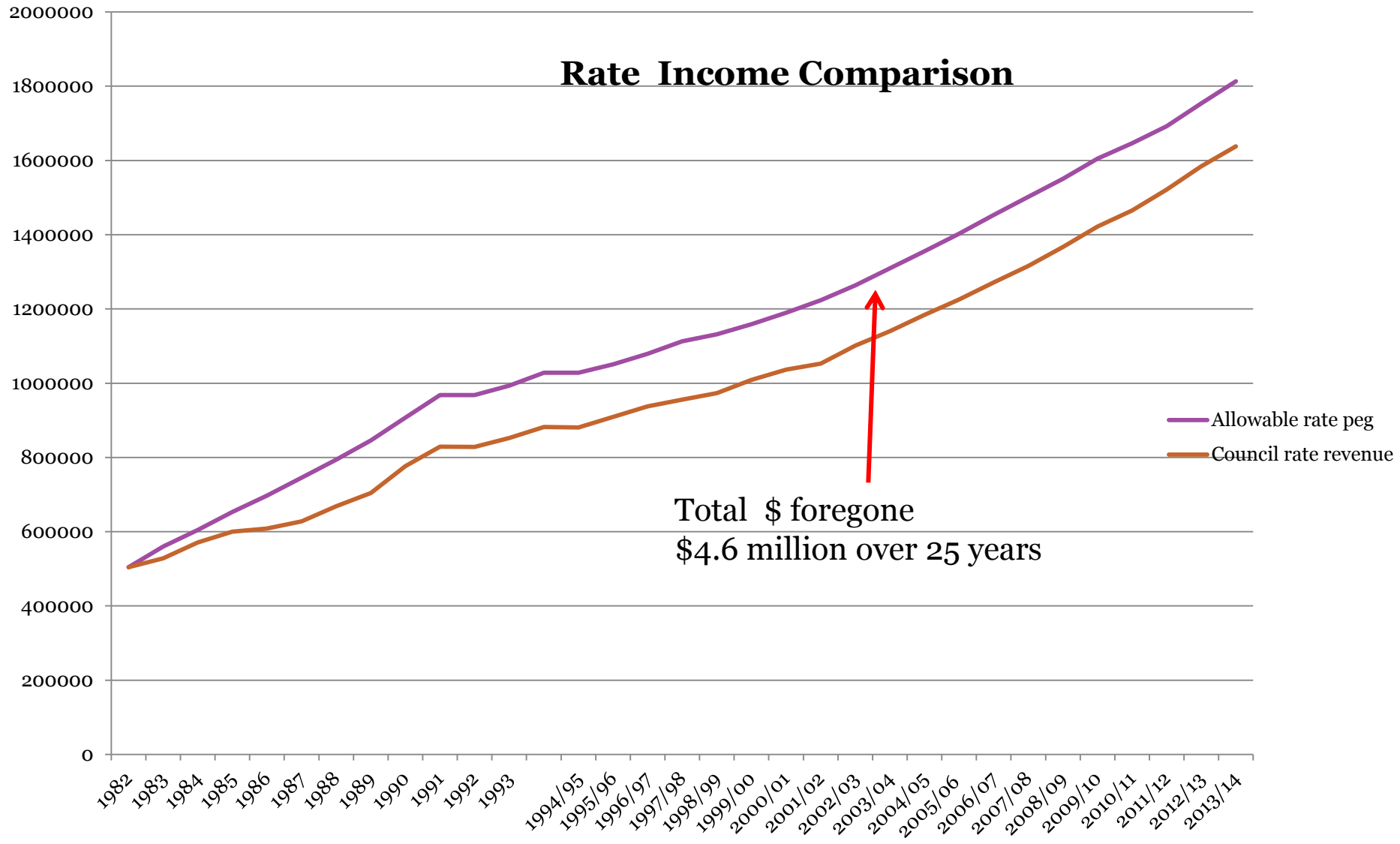


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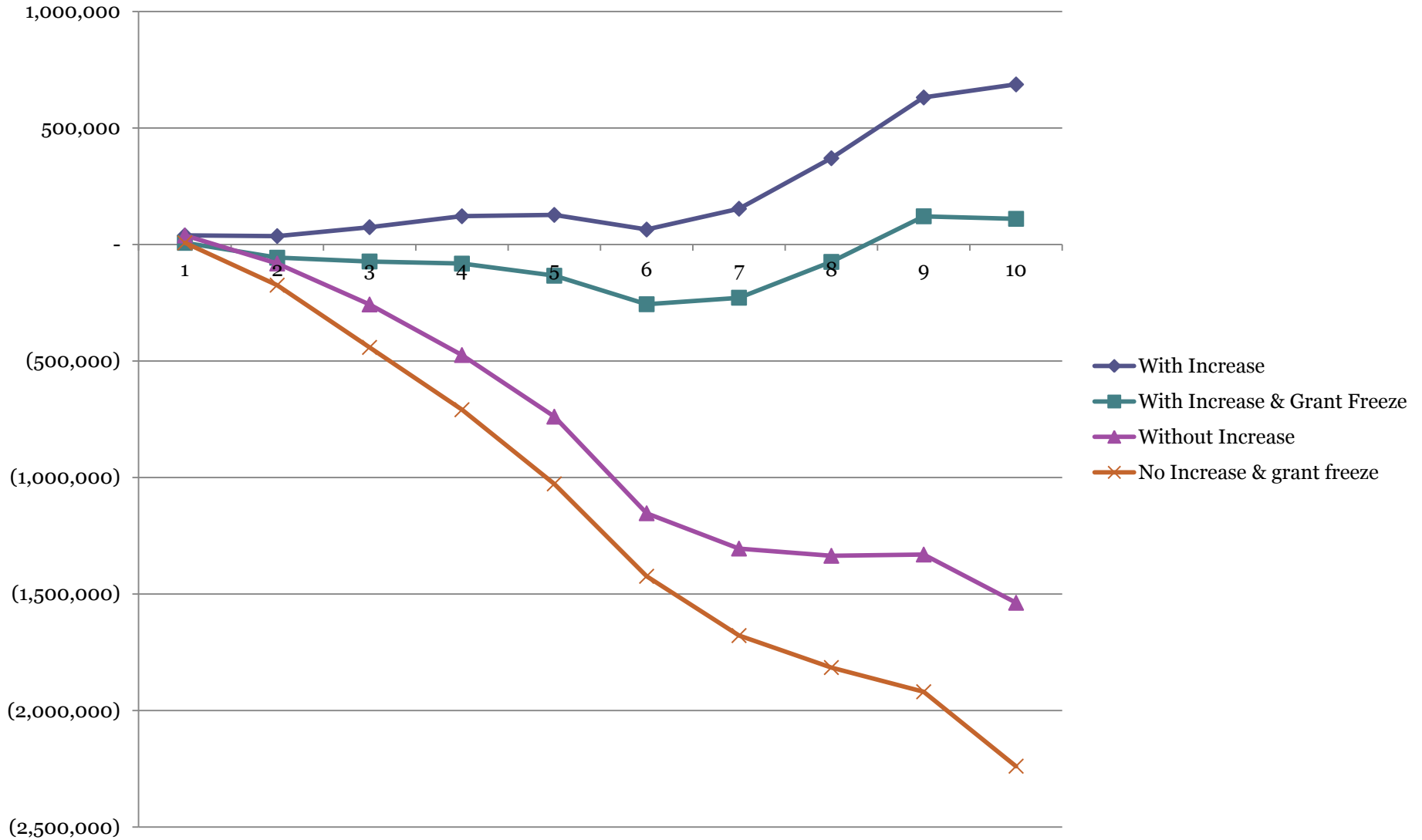
## Rate Income Comparison







## Working Funds





## JERILDERIE SHIRE COUNCIL

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35 Jerilderie Street  
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### RATE NOTICE FOR THE PERIOD 01 July 2013

30 June 2014

VALUATION  
BASE DATE  
01 July 2010

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 Notice is hereby given that  
the undermentioned land has been rated by the Council as shown hereunder:

DATE OF POSTING  
17 July 2013

DUE DATE  
31 August 2013

MR DAVID WILLIAM TAMLYN &  
MRS HEATHER ANNE TAMLYN  
29 COREEN STREET

ASSESSMENT/REFERENCE NO.  
00395-20000000-2

JERILDERIE NSW 2716

#### Property Description

29 COREEN Street Lot 14 Sec 9 DP758541 in JERILDERIE

| Type of Rate          | Area: 1012 SqM      |                | Levy<br>Charged | Base<br>Levy | Pension<br>Rebate | Total  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|
|                       | Value for<br>Rating | Cents in<br>\$ |                 |              |                   |        |
| DOMESTIC WASTE        | 1.00                | 180.00         | 180.00          | 0.00         | 0.00              | 180.00 |
| RESIDENTIAL           | 14,200.00           | 0.00854003     | 92.87           | 116.00       | 0.00              | 208.87 |
| RES. 20mm FILT. WATER | 1.00                | 231.00         | 231.00          | 0.00         | 0.00              | 231.00 |
| RES. 20mm SEWER.      | 1.00                | 480.00         | 480.00          | 0.00         | 0.00              | 480.00 |
| RAW WATER RES.        | 1.00                | 336.00         | 336.00          | 0.00         | 0.00              | 336.00 |
| STORM WATER           | 1.00                | 25.00          | 25.00           | 0.00         | 0.00              | 25.00  |

| 1ST INSTALMENT        | 2ND INSTALMENT        | 3RD INSTALMENT        | 4TH INSTALMENT        | TOTAL AMOUNT DUE                   |          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 31 Aug 2013<br>365.87 | 30 Nov 2013<br>365.00 | 28 Feb 2014<br>365.00 | 31 May 2014<br>365.00 | Payments since<br>30/6/13 deducted | 1,460.87 |

PROPERTY HAS BEEN CATEGORISED AS Rate Category: Farmland, Business or Residential

9% interest will be charged on Previous Charges Overdue or each instalment or any part that  
remains outstanding after the due date.

GENERAL MANAGER

IF PAYING BY MAIL PLEASE DETACH AND FORWARD BOTTOM PORTION OF NOTICE ONLY

Ass No.: 00395-20000000-2  
Name: MR DAVID WILLIAM TAMLYN

Instalment No. 1 must be paid by  
Total Amount Due

31 Aug 2013

\$365.87  
\$1,460.87

DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS TO JERILDERIE SHIRE COUNCIL BSB 012-695 ACCOUNT 258291079  
PLEASE USE ASSESSMENT NUMBER AS REFERENCE



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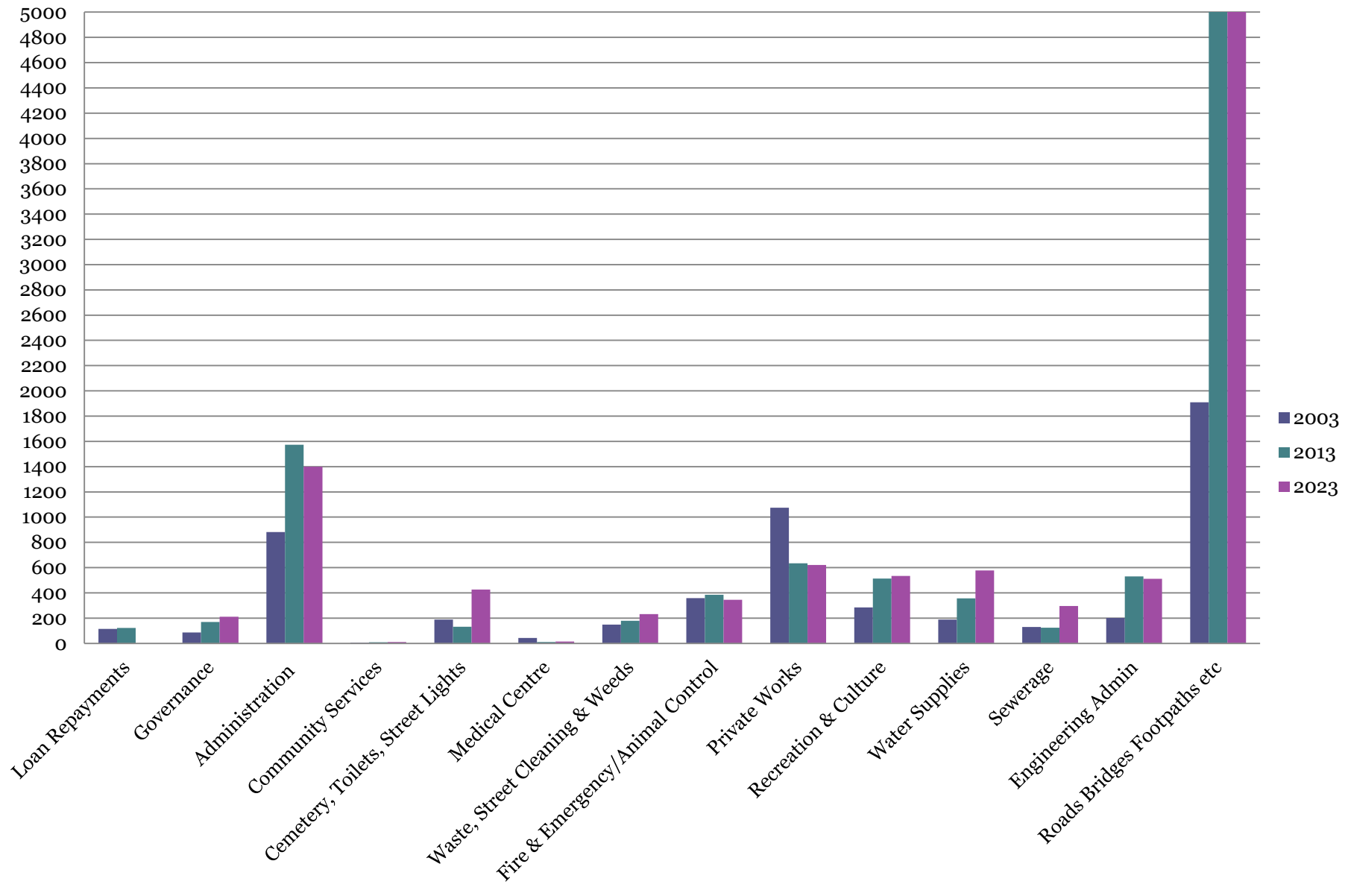
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## Expenditure





## Parks Maintenance Expenses

|                                   | \$         |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Library                           | 6000       |
| Elliott Park                      | 10,000     |
| Luke/Brew Park                    | 22,000     |
| Monash Park                       | 49,000     |
| Racecourse                        | 26,000     |
| Town/Centro Streets and Lake Area | 76,000     |
| Court House                       | 2,000      |
|                                   | <hr/>      |
|                                   | \$ 191,000 |





## Road Resheeting

- \$155,000/annum = current spend
- \$350,000/annum = 10 year cycle

## Cost per Kilometre

- With prior stream gravel -  
\$10,500/km
- With gravel/roadbase mix-  
\$17,500/km

## Resealing

- \$300,000/annum = current spend
- \$690,000/annum = 15 year cycle

## 7mm Reseal

- \$26,400/km (6m wide)

## 14mm Reseal

- \$35,800/km (6m wide)

## Reconstruction/Rehab

- \$200,000/annum
- >\$400,000/annum (minimum)

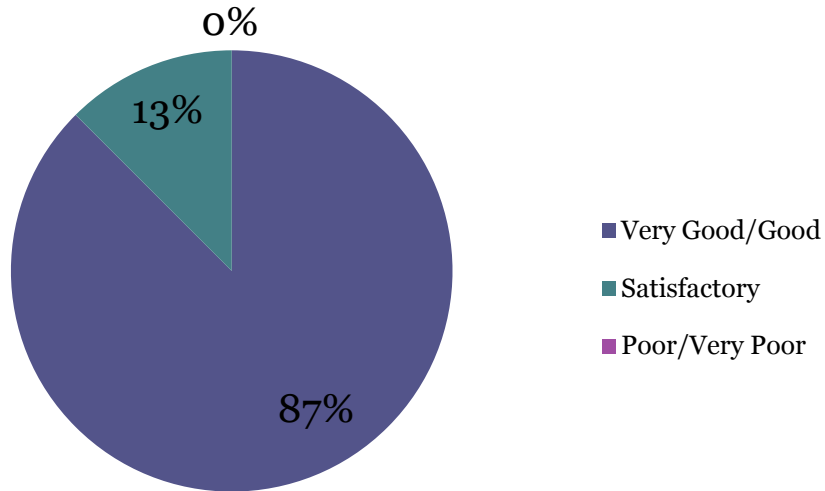
9m wide pavement / 6m seal  
\$145,000/km

## Road-Grader Maintenance

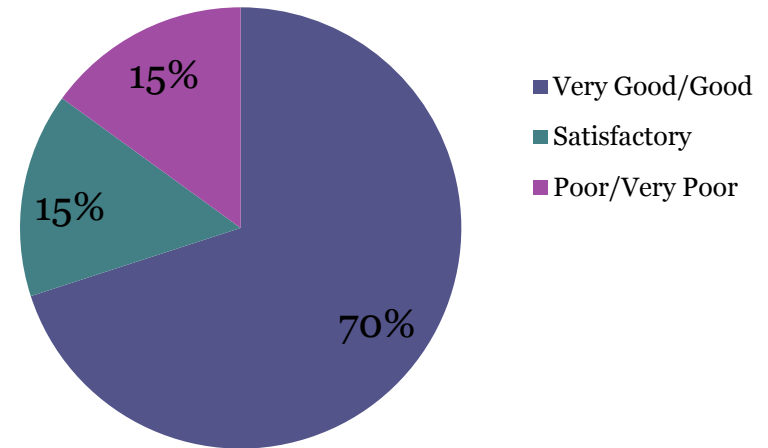
- Approximate cost \$1,000/km



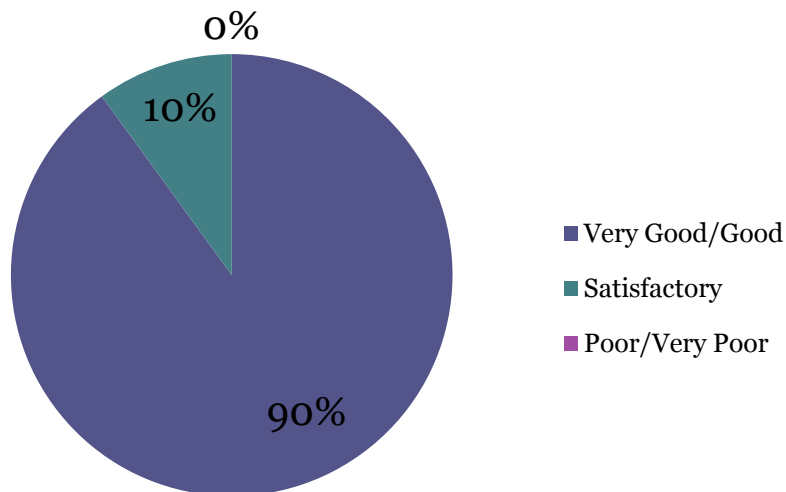
## Current Sealed Road Condition



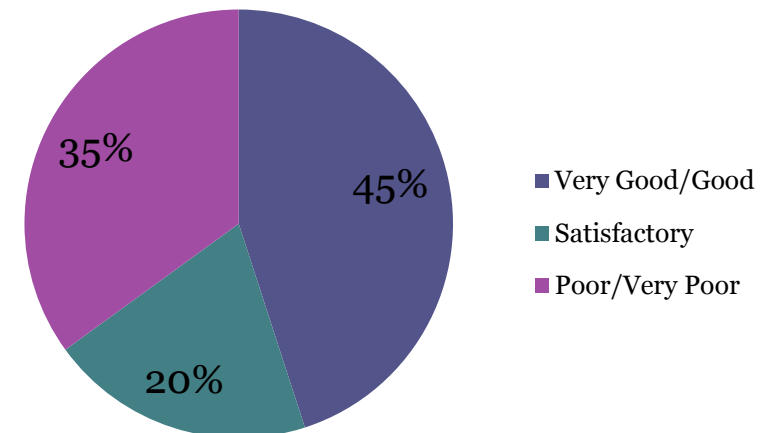
## Future Sealed Road Condition



## Current Gravel Road Condition



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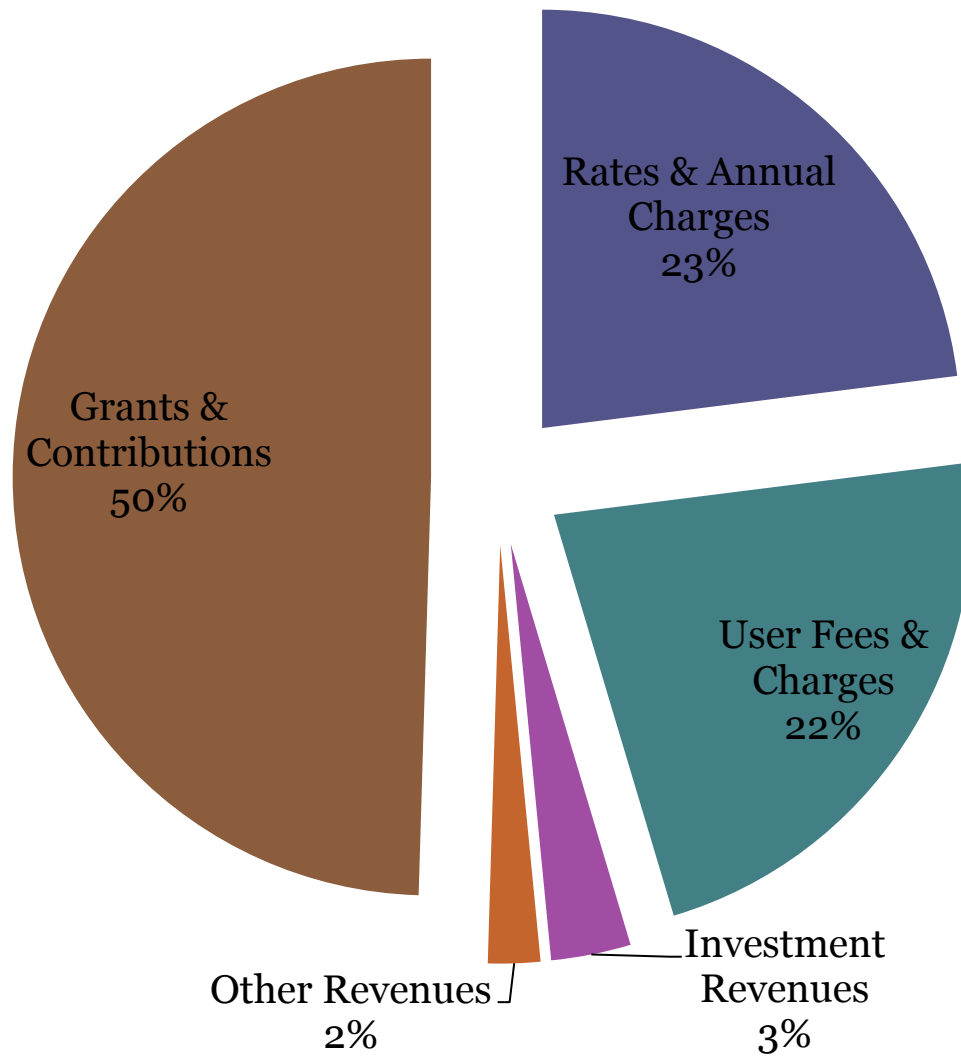








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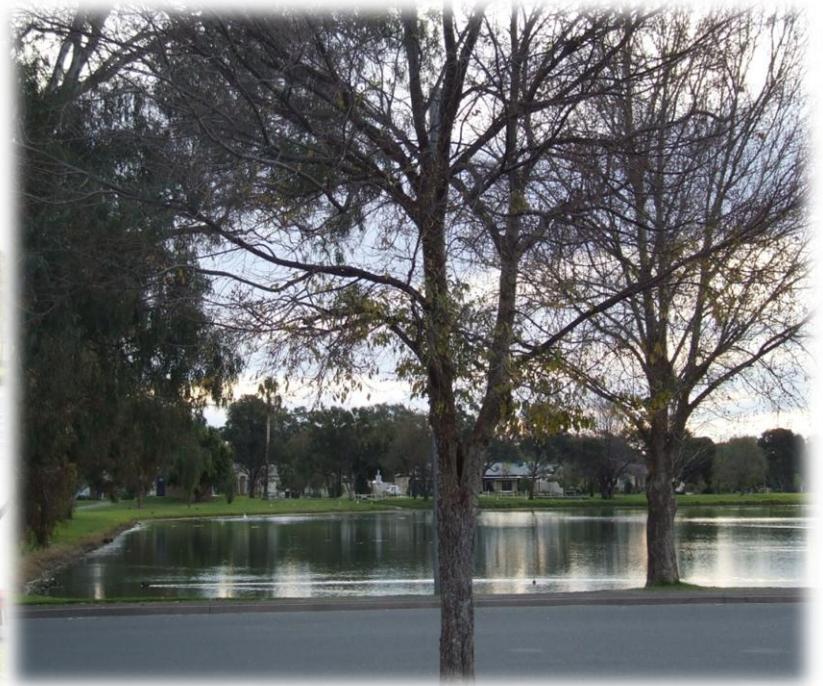
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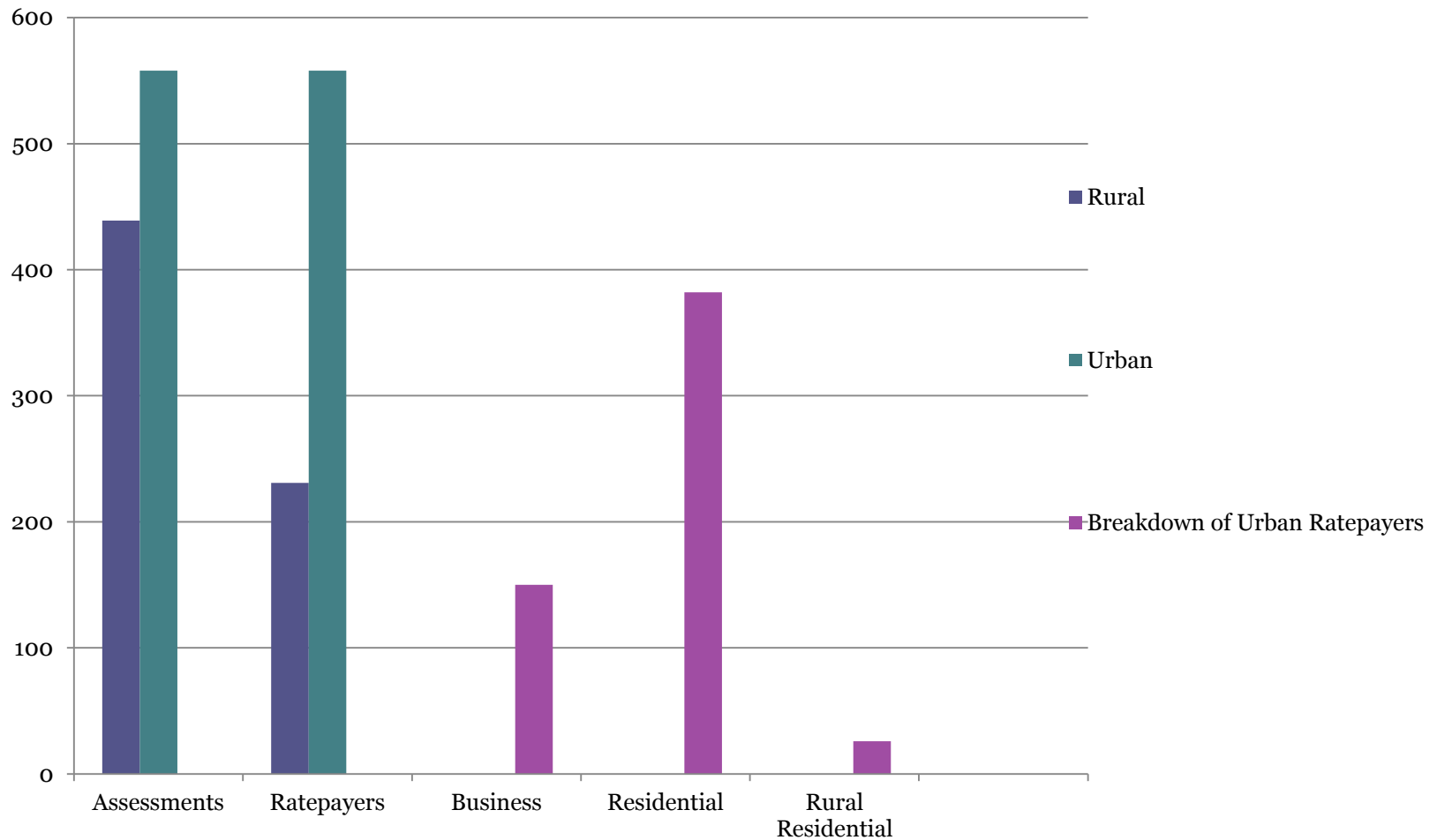


# Significant Proposals in the Plan:

- Essentially balanced budget of \$9.4m annually for ten years
- A proposal to seek a 10% General Rate rise (7.5% over the current rate cap predicted) in 2015/16 and 2016/17. This will be preceded by a community consultation process before the Minister will approve its application. This proposed increase aligns levels of rates with regional Councils, and is required to meet the levels of service currently provided.
- A proposal to relinquish trusteeship of The Willows and the Jerilderie Court House, owned by the State Government
- Withdrawal of lifeguards at the swimming pool, while maintaining current opening hours. Parents and other responsible adults will be required to provide supervision
- Reduction in maintenance allocations for unused community assets such as the RSL Hall
- Maintained opening hours of the Library with reduction in staff costs by having one librarian on at any time
- Continued commitment to joint maintenance of Lake Jerilderie with the Aquatic Club
- Manning of the Jerilderie waste depot offset by user charges (postponed from previous years)
- Abandoned membership of the Newell Highway Promotion and the Kidman Way Promotion
- A number of capital works included are dependent on external grant funds such as Police Stables restoration and swimming pool refurbishment.
- **The Water and Sewer Fund continue to be sustainable with significant reserves building up to replace assets in the future.**
- **An increase in 5% in water usage charges**
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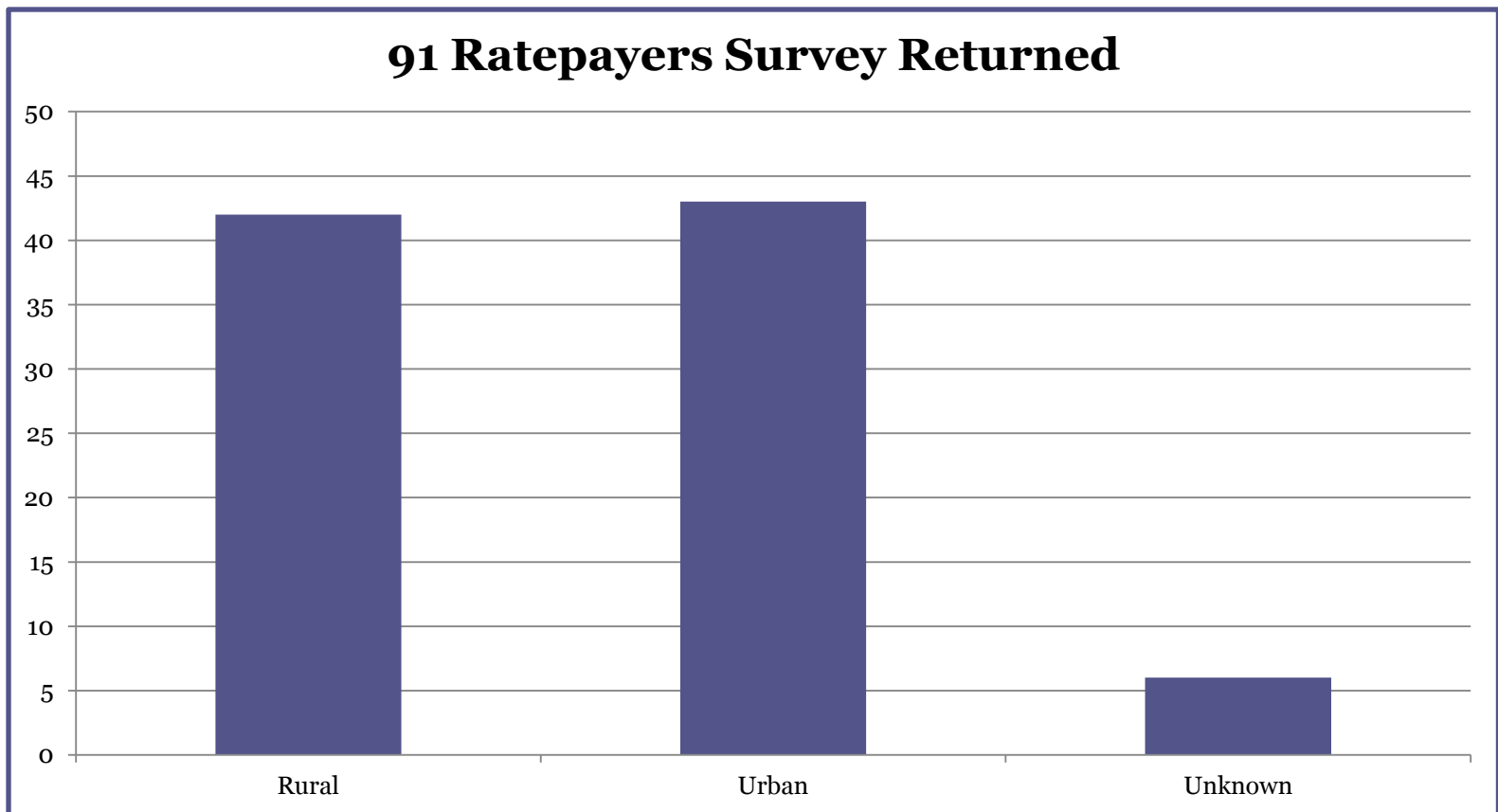


# JSC- Assessments/Ratepayers





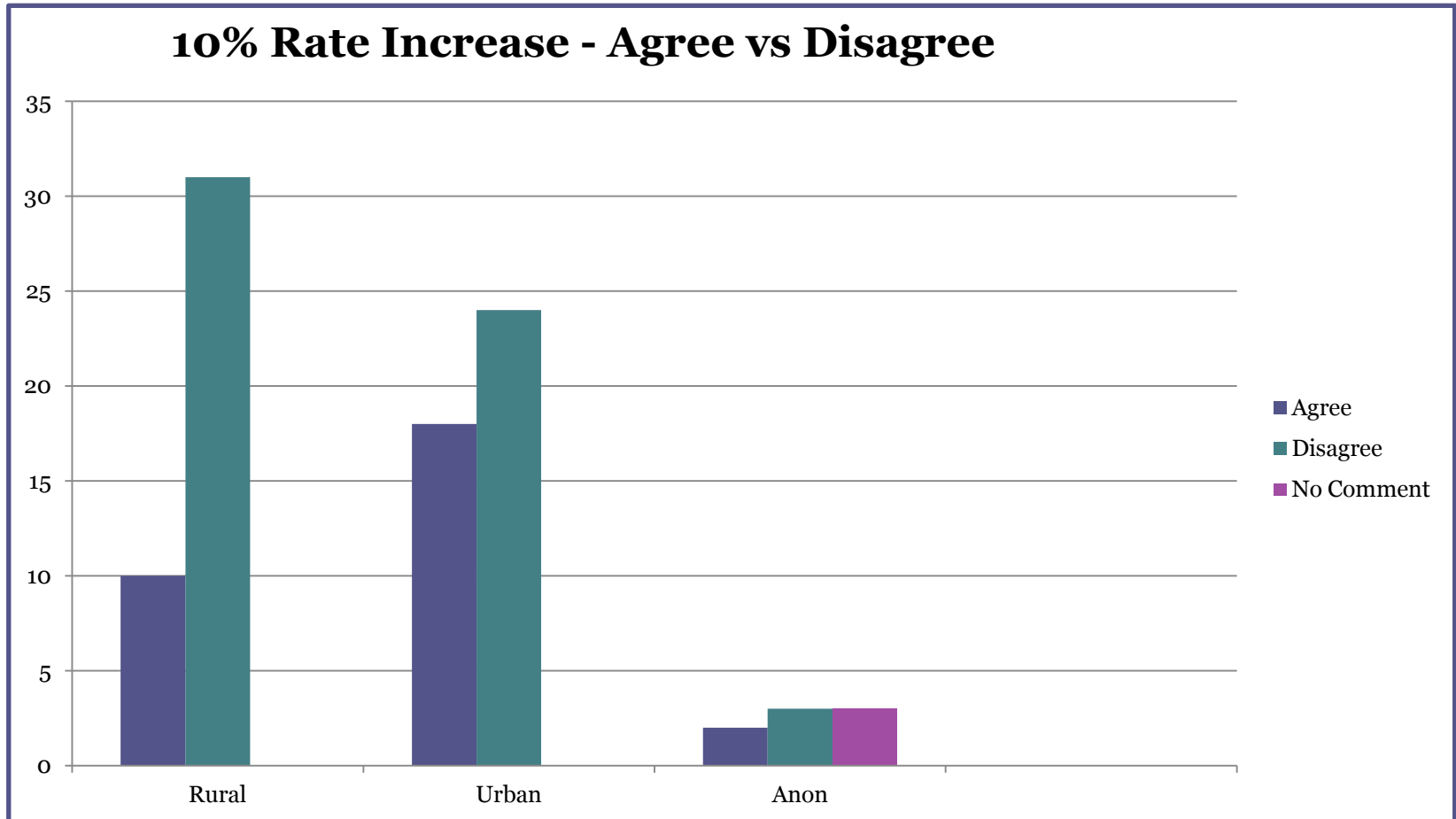
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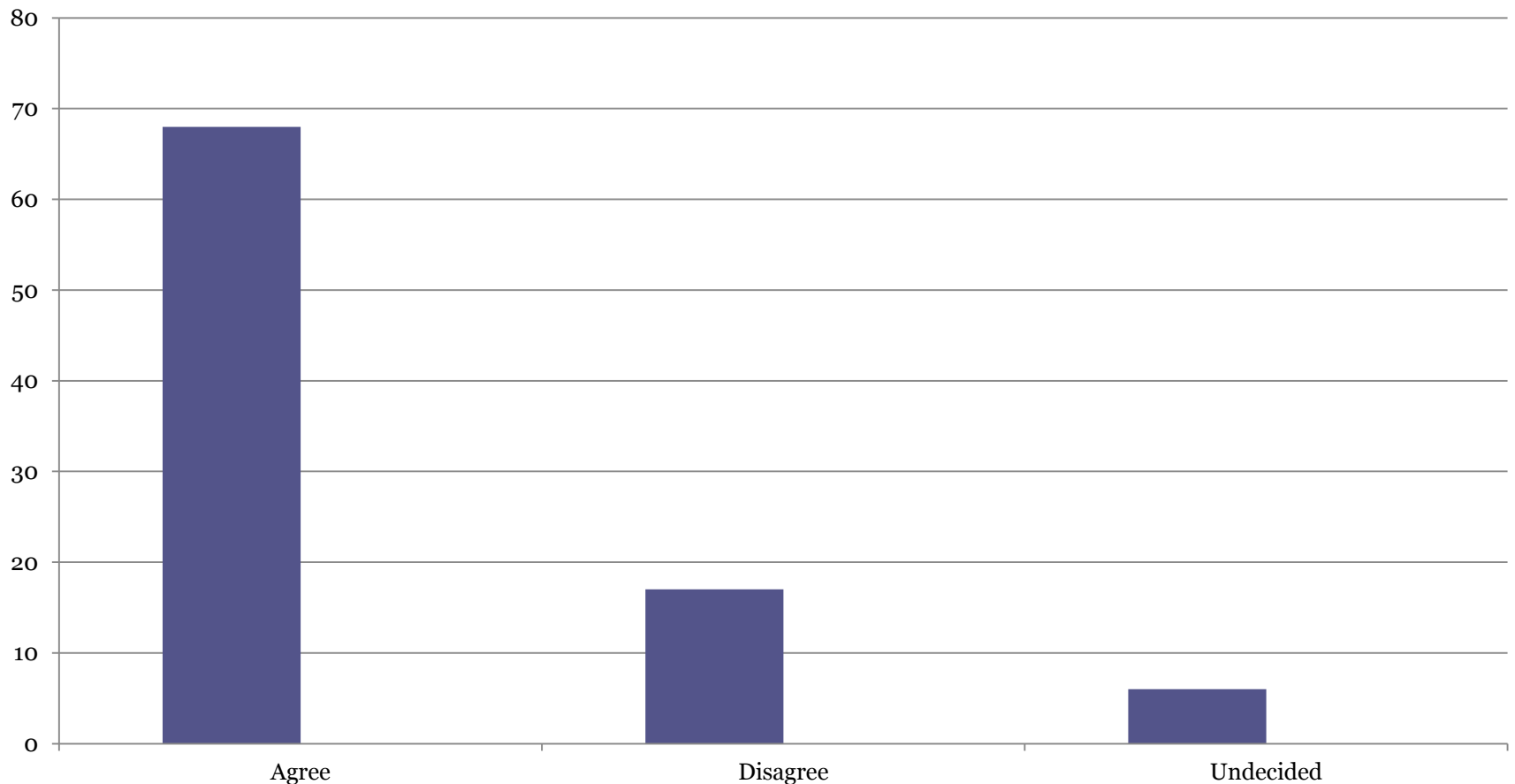
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# Questions

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