

**Delivery Address:**

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We'd like you to tell us your preferred option on whether or not you support a rate increase to further our investment for maintenance and renewal of public assets – see over.

**HAVE your  
SAY**

**Please return by:  
Friday 30 January 2015**

**Attachment 5B**

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General Manager  
Coffs Harbour City Council  
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COFFS HARBOUR DC NSW 2450

Are you a ratepayer of the Coffs Harbour local Govt area? YES ☐ / NO ☐

**Tell us which option you prefer (please tick one)**

In our previous engagement with the community on service levels, the message that came across most strongly was that Coffs Harbour residents want to keep Council services at their current levels. With that in mind, at this time there are two options for you to consider:

☐ **Option A:**

**The Further Deterioration of Public Assets**

**Approximate 3% rate peg increase - for general ordinary rate income**

Option A would be no additional rate increase to general ordinary rates for the next two years other than the estimated rate peg increase of 3% each year. This would mean no additional investment in public asset maintenance and renewal which will result in the further deterioration of these assets and a corresponding reduction in the level of service they provide.

☐ **Option B:**

**Increase the Investment for Maintenance and Renewal of Public Assets**

**Approximate 8.14% rate increase for 2015/16 and a 7.75% increase for 2016/17 (including rate peg) - for general ordinary rate income**

Option B would be an approximate 8.14% increase in general ordinary rates for 2015/16 with another increase of 7.75% for 2016/17 (including the annual rate peg increase of around 3%). All additional funds above the rate pegging increase will be used to fund the shortfall in Council's current asset maintenance and renewal expenditure. These additional funds will be sufficient to prevent the further deterioration of public assets.

**If you would like to receive email updates on the outcomes of this consultation, please provide an email address:**