



## Rates Harmonisation – Summary of Submissions Received

### Overview

In total, 550 written submissions were received during the period 20 March – 30 September 2020. The submissions have been outlined herein and are summarised below.

Preferred Option	Number of Submissions	Detail
1	362	Council will transition to a single rates structure for all ratepayers across the LGA, over a five year period, commencing from 1 July 2021, but does not generate any additional income over and above the mandatory rate peg.
2	126	Council will adjust rates over 5 years across the whole Local Government Area, starting from 1 July 2021, with an additional special rate variation of 2% on top of the annual rate increase, for the first year only.
Other / Not Specified	62	Respondent did not support Option 1 nor Option 2, suggested an alternative, raised enquiries, or did not specify their preference.

A summary of the submissions received in relation to rates harmonisation and Council's responses are outlined in the following table.

Theme	Number of Submissions Received	Comments / Suggestions	Council's Response
Financial concerns	146	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 has financially impacted ratepayers and residents. Given the pandemic and recession, it is not the time to increase rates.</li> <li>Low income / tight budget and cannot afford a rates increase.</li> <li>Retirees and pensioners cannot afford a rates increase.</li> <li>Cost of living pressures are increasing.</li> <li>High levels of socio-economic disadvantage in the LGA.</li> </ul>	Council notes the feedback. The financial recovery from the inequity inherited during amalgamation will be addressed by Council's cost efficiency program.
Do not want to pay more / support increase	118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rates are high already and do not want to pay more.</li> <li>Rates have already increased (valuation and/or changes in service charges).</li> <li>Former Holroyd ratepayers have been paying more over the years; do not want to pay more.</li> </ul>	Under Option 1, the highest ratepayers of the former council area of Holroyd will see no increase for five years as other areas catch up. This will not impact the core services provided by Council.



Cost reductions / budget	62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council should reduce costs and minimise expenditure.</li> <li>• Council should review service levels.</li> <li>• Council should consider revenue generation opportunities and investments.</li> <li>• Insufficient information provided regarding budget, and income versus expenditure.</li> </ul>	<p>Council notes the feedback. In the financial year 2019/20, Council reduced costs by 5% and plans to continue to reduce costs in 2020/21.</p> <p>Council adopted this approach in May 2020 and has implemented 50% of the proposed savings reported to Council in July 2020. This will be reflected in the Quarterly Business Review Statement.</p>
Increased rates unlikely to benefit my local area / unsatisfied with current state of local area	53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates increase unlikely to benefit residents and improve my local area.</li> <li>• Former Holroyd ratepayers have been paying higher rates without additional benefits seen.</li> <li>• Infrastructure, facilities and services have declined over time whilst rates have increased.</li> <li>• Concern that funds will not be spent on matters such as overcrowding, parking and safety.</li> <li>• New projects are not in my local area / will not benefit me.</li> </ul>	<p>Council notes the feedback, and has addressed these concerns above.</p>
Population increases	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased population should produce additional rates income for Council.</li> <li>• Population increases should be limited via appropriate planning controls. If population increases are unsustainable, limit approval of medium and high density dwellings.</li> <li>• Unclear why financial pressures increase as a result of population increases.</li> <li>• Costs should be passed on to developers who contribute to population increases.</li> <li>• Increased population and dwellings, along with current rates, should cover future improvements.</li> </ul>	<p>Council notes the feedback. Ratepayers would not see the cost of upgrading infrastructure, such as stormwater and roads. For example, the Merrylands CBD drainage project will cost approx. \$30m and benefit 5,000 additional dwellings. This is a cost of \$6,000 per dwelling not included in s711 contributions. As development increases, these will be realised. In addition to these costs, there is an undersupply of open space and community facilities. Council will continue to communicate with residents to keep them informed on these issues.</p>
Amalgamation	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amalgamation should have produced cost savings.</li> <li>• Council should be held accountable for finding cost savings post-amalgamation.</li> <li>• Did not support amalgamation and do not support increased rates as a result of the financial impacts.</li> <li>• High rated areas were lost during amalgamation; shortfall in revenue should be covered by the State Government.</li> <li>• Amalgamation should have delivered economies of scale.</li> </ul>	<p>Council notes the feedback. It has been previously reported that Cumberland was under-resourced from amalgamation. The loss of business rates of \$4.5m and the increase in FTE of 130 in the first three years has cost Council's budget millions. This is outlined in Council's Economic Statement. Following the COVID-19 financial crisis, Council is now implementing a financial recovery plan that will take 12-18 months to complete.</p>

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Date	Name	Suburb	Preferred Option	Comments	Financial Concerns	Population	Amalgamation	Savings &	Local Area	Do not want to pay more
25-Mar-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents, given COVID-19. Suggested reducing rates and reducing Council expenditure.	Yes			Yes		
25-Mar-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Increased number of residents, as a result of amalgamation, should mean more income and increased savings for Council. Questioned where loss of income is coming from. Suggested delaying increase due to COVID-19.	Yes	Yes				
30-Mar-20		Auburn	Option 1	Amalgamation should have reduced Council's costs. Cost reductions not mentioned in proposal. Questioned where loss of income is coming from (suggested wastage).			Yes	Yes		
1-Apr-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Facilities are fine as they are.						
6-Apr-20		Guildford	Option 1	Prefers option with less impact to residents.						
7-Apr-20		Guildford	Option 1	Retiree without excess funds to fund rates increase. Stated property valuation decreased, so does not understand why rates increase. Suggest Council focus on increasing revenue through other sources such as fines for illegal parking.	Yes			Yes		
9-Apr-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents, given COVID-19.	Yes					
9-Apr-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Facilities are fine as they are.						
9-Apr-20		South Wentworthville	Option 1	Does not want to pay more for rates.						Yes
10-Apr-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Council should reduce costs rather than increase rates. Increased density living should mean more income for Council.		Yes		Yes		
10-Apr-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Does not want to pay more for rates. Suggested more money is not the answer.						Yes
10-Apr-20		Balgowlah	Option 1	Amalgamation should have reduced Council's costs. Suggested limiting population increase via appropriate planning controls.		Yes	Yes			
11-Apr-20		South Wentworthville	Neither / Not Specified	Suggested reducing rates and providing relief to residents due to COVID-19. Suggested one Council office.	Yes					
13-Apr-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents, given COVID-19.	Yes					
13-Apr-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Does not want to pay more for rates.						Yes
13-Apr-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Stated that, since amalgamation, service has decreased yet rates increase. Suggested LGA may be too large to manage and de-merger would be nice.			Yes		Yes	
15-Apr-20		Pendle Hill	Option 1	Does not understand why a rates increase is required; increased number of dwellings should mean increased revenue.		Yes				
16-Apr-20		Lidcombe North	Option 1	Council should reduce costs rather than increase rates.				Yes		
20-Apr-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Does not believe increase in rates will benefit residents.					Yes	
23-Apr-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Increased density living should mean more income for Council. Harmonising over 5 years is too long to bring about equity.		Yes				
23-Apr-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Harmonising will bring equity. Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
26-Apr-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe increase in rates will benefit residents. States Holroyd area has not improved since amalgamation.					Yes	
28-Apr-20		Westmead	Option 2	Upward harmonisation will better enable a better level of services and infrastructure provision. Increase should be accompanied by plan on how and where additional revenue will be spent.						
30-Apr-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Harmonising will bring fairness and consistency in rates across the entire LGA. Suggested limiting population growth so as to not require increased services. Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes	Yes				
30-Apr-20		Berala	Option 2	Council must continue to improve parks, roads and facilities in its municipality. Higher density housing means parks and facilities should be improved.						
30-Apr-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	States Pemulwuy and greater Holroyd area have been paying more in rates and should not pay more.						Yes
4-May-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
5-May-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents, given COVID-19.	Yes					
8-May-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents. Current provisions are fine as they are.	Yes					
8-May-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates should be harmonised for atleast 5 years to reduce the impact on those already paying higher rates. Increase should be considered after 5 years, when population is more likely to be greater.						

9-May-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Happy to pay more if it benefits residents of Greystanes. States Greystanes is "forgotten" in relation to facilities upkeep.						
11-May-20		Merrylands	Neither / Not Specified	Did not comment on which option is preferred. Enquired about community engagement process and why financial pressures increase as a result of increased population.		Yes				
17-May-20		Guildford	Option 2	Council needs provision more infrastructure, plant, maintain trees and enforce rules.						
26-May-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Elderly on fixed income that cannot afford increase (aside from usual small percentage annual increases). Suggested rates should be based on ward population, demographics and access to the amenities/facilities that are being funded.	Yes					
4-Jun-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Does not believe increase in rates will benefit residents. States facilities have declined over time.					Yes	
5-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Suggested reducing executive salaries.				Yes		
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Council needs to upgrade facilities. If not done now, will cost more in future.						
7-Jul-20		Westmead	Option 2	Council needs to upgrade services. States services are poor.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not want to pay more for rates. States rates have already increased 9%.						Yes
7-Jul-20		Granville	Option 2	Council should improve walking paths, gardens and local shopping facilities.						
7-Jul-20		Regents Park	Option 1	In a lower paying ward, hence increase will have greater impact. Does not believe increase in rates will benefit residents of Regents Park.	Yes				Yes	
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
7-Jul-20	n	Wentworthville	Option 2	Option 2 selected to maintain standards and current level of services.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Option 2 selected so Council can improve pools.						
7-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 2	Council should upgrade infrastructure with population increases.						
7-Jul-20		Auburn	Option 1	Believes Auburn residents are more impacted, hence prefers option 1.						Yes
7-Jul-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	Council should serve the needs of future generations.						
7-Jul-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired as to how the averages are calculated, as did not believe Council's figures are correct.						
7-Jul-20		Auburn	Option 2	Council should be able to maintain and upgrade services as required.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Cannot afford to not let works get done and facilities to decline.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Council needs to improve infrastructure. Would like to see more in Greystanes ward.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Council needs to improve roads and lighting for community safety. Enquired whether increased population means increased rates revenue.		Yes				
7-Jul-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents of former Holroyd area.					Yes	
7-Jul-20		Guildford West	Option 1	States already paying higher rate and does not see benefits in their area. Belives 5 years is long time to harmonise and see equity.					Yes	
7-Jul-20		Merrylands West	Option 2	Council needs additional funds due to increased population.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Stated population increase is due to Parramatta and not the fault of Cumberland City residents.		Yes				
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	In the old Holroyd at Greystanes and states the levelling of rates needs to expatiated.						
7-Jul-20		Auburn	Option 1	Belives option 1's increase is clearly explained, whereas option 2's is unclear and he believes it is larger than stated.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents in their area. States funds are spent in Granville and Auburn areas, who pay lower rates.					Yes	
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase. Suggested cutting costs, such as waste pickups being private rather than through Council.	Yes			Yes		
7-Jul-20		Guildford	Neither / Not Specified	States problem with total rates is a result of amalgamation, as high rated areas were lost in this process. Suggests State Government should cover revenue shortfall, not residents, as amalgamation was forced.			Yes			
7-Jul-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired what Council is doing to reduce costs, as opposed to increasing rates. States not enough detail provided around budget and income vs revenue. Suggested amalgamation should produce cost savings.			Yes	Yes		
7-Jul-20		South Granville	Option 2	Council should improve infrastruture, particularly in Granville and Guildford. As Parramatta becomes 2nd CBD, Cumberland will be home to inner suburbs and has a lot of potential.						
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates have increased enough. Council should be more prudent in allocating funds to organisations.				Yes		Yes
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Enquired as to why revenue has not increased with increased population. Suggested Mayor and Councillors should not receive increased remuneration when community isn't getting pay rises.		Yes		Yes		
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates rates are high enough. Suggests services have suffered with amalgamation.			Yes			Yes
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	It is important to maintain and upgrade community facilities and infrastructure.						

7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
7-Jul-20		Merrylands West	Option 2	Suggests Cumberland City is falling behind other areas. Increased population due to those renting, which means investors should pay their share when it comes to rates.						
7-Jul-20		Auburn	Option 2	Facilities need to keep up with high population.						
7-Jul-20		Mays Hill	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
7-Jul-20		Guildford	Option 1	Facilities currently lacking and does not believe increase in revenue will address this.					Yes	
7-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Pensioner cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
7-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
7-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	If there is a valid reason to increase in future, evidence should be provided then.						Yes
7-Jul-20		Auburn	Option 1	Cost of living increase pressures mentioned. Current rates, along with increased population, should cover upgrades in coming years.	Yes	Yes				
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase. Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Not the time to increase rates given current climate.	Yes					
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Council should be held accountable in finding the funds post-amalgamation.			Yes	Yes		
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not want to pay more for rates.						Yes
8-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates are high enough (paying well above average) and does not believe increase will benefit former Holroyd residents.					Yes	Yes
8-Jul-20		South Wentworthville	Option 1	States funds are not being used efficiently.				Yes		
8-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Increased population should mean increased rates revenue.		Yes				Yes
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Facilities currently lacking and does not believe increase in revenue will address this. Any increase should be accompanied by plan on how and where additional revenue will be spent.					Yes	
8-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates are high enough (former Holroyd), and states funds redirected to low paying areas.					Yes	Yes
8-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates should have been harmonised upon amalgamation. Holroyd residents paying higher rates, but funds redirected to Auburn area.					Yes	
8-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates are high enough (former Holroyd).						Yes
8-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates harmonisation will provide equity across LGA.						
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe an increase in rates will benefit residents. Has not seen an improvement in local area in years.					Yes	
8-Jul-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Does not believe an increase in rates will benefit all residents. States funds will be redirected to Granville ward.					Yes	
8-Jul-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
8-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates have increased enough. Granville ward receiving most funding.					Yes	Yes
9-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates are high enough (former Holroyd). Granville ward receiving most funding.					Yes	Yes
9-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates harmonisation will provide equity across LGA.						
9-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates harmonisation will provide equity across LGA.						
9-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	More suitable.						
9-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates have increased enough.						Yes
9-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates harmonisation will provide equity across LGA.						
9-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Prefer rates to increase at a steady rate.						
10-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Prefers neither, but against a rates increase. Council should reduce expenses and find savings.				Yes		
10-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Option 2	Council is lacking funds and would rather rates be increased as opposed to services such as childcare.						
10-Jul-20		Greystanes	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired as to why Holroyd residents have been paying more, and as to why this was not addressed by now.						
11-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Costs should be passed on to developers who contribute to population increases.		Yes				
13-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Costs should be passed on to developers who contribute to population increases. Developers should also upgrade infrastructure or pay increased contributions.		Yes				
13-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents.					Yes	
13-Jul-20		Holroyd	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents, given COVID-19.	Yes					
13-Jul-20		Guildford	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
13-Jul-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
13-Jul-20		Westmead	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Increased population should mean increased rates revenue.		Yes				Yes
13-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Allow services to upgrade each year.						



13-Jul-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Paying higher rates and does not want to further subsidise other areas.						Yes
13-Jul-20		Granville	Option 2	No comments.						
13-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents.					Yes	
13-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Do not utilise facilities, and they are adequate.						
13-Jul-20		Woodpark	Option 1	Limit population and pressure on infrastructure/facilities will lessen.		Yes				
14-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Increased population should mean increased rates revenue.		Yes				
14-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
14-Jul-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Will be financially impacted as owner of multiple properties. Does not utilise facilities.	Yes					
14-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents.					Yes	
14-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents.					Yes	
15-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Council should reduce financial pressure on residents, as low socioeconomic status in LGA. Cannot afford more medium density housing.	Yes	Yes				
16-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
17-Jul-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Low income earners cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
17-Jul-20		Westmead	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents.					Yes	
22-Jul-20		Guildford	Option 2	Important to maintain and upgrade infrastructure,						
22-Jul-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Council does not know how to budget. More dwellings should mean increased rates revenue.		Yes		Yes		Yes
29-Jul-20		Merrylands West	Option 2	Facilities and infrastructure need to be maintained and upgraded.						
29-Jul-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Does not believe rates increase will benefit residents. Harmonisation will bring equity.					Yes	
29-Jul-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Economy in recession; not the time to increase rates.	Yes					
29-Jul-20		Auburn	Option 1	Minimise impact and financial pressure.	Yes					
29-Jul-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Allow Council to improve its financial standing.						
29-Jul-20		Westmead	Option 2	Raise funds to meet Council's needs.						
29-Jul-20		Pemulwuy	Neither / Not Specified	Rates are high enough. Does not support an increase. Does not believe residents will benefit from rates increase.					Yes	Yes
30-Jul-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Council should reduce costs, rather than target rates.				Yes		
30-Jul-20		Guildford	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity.						
30-Jul-20		Granville	Option 2	Simpler approach and enjoys the way parks are maintained.						
30-Jul-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired about minimum rates increasing and figures.						
31-Jul-20		Kings Langley	Option 2	Increase means Council can keep up with demand.						
1-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	No comments.						
1-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Against any increase and wants a freeze. Suggested a discount.						Yes
2-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 2	Does not want to see area go backwards.						
4-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
4-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Increase is a small price to pay to provide for Council's needs.						
6-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
6-Aug-20		Regents Park	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
6-Aug-20		Pendle Hill	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
6-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Facilities are fine as they are.						
6-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
6-Aug-20		Pendle Hill	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
6-Aug-20		Holroyd	Option 2	Improve infrastructure and resources.						
6-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
6-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 2	No comments.						
6-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Rates are high enough / have already increased.						Yes
6-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Former Holroyd rates are high enough. Council should review service levels.				Yes		Yes
6-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Cater for needs of growing population and build additional infrastructure.						
6-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Do not want to pay more.						Yes
6-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Do not want to pay more.						Yes
6-Aug-20		Granville	Option 2	Support a financially stronger Council.						
6-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired about corporate costs breakdown.						
6-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Improve infrastructure and resources; add to property values.						
6-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Improve infrastructure and facilities.						
6-Aug-20		Strathfield	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
6-Aug-20		Oak Park	Option 1	Rates are high enough; Council to explore reducing costs.				Yes		Yes
6-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Amalgamation should provide cost savings.			Yes			
6-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes

6-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Harmonise only.						
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Facilities are fine as they are.						
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Facilities are fine as they are.						
7-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 2	Improve infrastructure and facilities.						
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 2	Rather pay more now, than an increase later.						
7-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity.						
7-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Amalgamation should provide cost savings.			Yes			
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected. Builders and stae government should contribute more.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Do not want to pay more.						Yes
7-Aug-20		Chester Hill	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option selected.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact option.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Woodpark	Option 2	Support community and Council staff.						
7-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Difficult times, so lesser impact.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 2	No comments.						
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 2	No comments.						
7-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Does not support increase/option 2.						Yes
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Low income earners cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should cut costs.	Yes			Yes		
7-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	No comments.						
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Does not support an increase. Does not believe residents will benefit from rates increase.					Yes	Yes
7-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 2	Population and demand will grow. All areas should however see benefits.						
7-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	No comments.						
7-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
7-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 2	No comments.						
7-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	Wants to support community facilities and ensure services aren't privatised.						
7-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
7-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 2	Support good services.						
7-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Does not support any increase.						Yes
7-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Council needs to have budget to deal with upcoming issues.						
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Rates are high enough.						Yes
7-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Rates are high enough. Proposed a reduction in rates.						Yes
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financial difficulties / cost of living too high.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financial difficulties / cost of living too high.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financial difficulties / cost of living too high.	Yes					
7-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financial difficulties / cost of living too high.	Yes					
8-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Lesser impact.						
8-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
8-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Financial difficulties. Rates increase will not benefit my local area/residents.	Yes				Yes	
8-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Rate are high enough for ex-Holroyd.						Yes
8-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
8-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Do not want to pay more.						Yes
8-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Former Holroyd rates are high enough. Do not want to pay more.						Yes
8-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Amalgamation was supposed to provide cost savings.			Yes			
8-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
8-Aug-20		Guildford	Neither / Not Specified	Harmonise should not mean rates increasing. Rates already increased.						Yes
8-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
8-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents. Enquired how funds will be spent.					Yes	

8-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Pay more to sustain our future.						
8-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Auburn and Parramatta should see greater increases (harmonise).						
8-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 2	Greater population means additional infrastructure and services needed.						
8-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
8-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 2	Facilities need to keep up with high population.						
9-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Does not foresee a population increase.						
9-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	No comments.						
9-Aug-20		Auburn	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired which former area they reside in, as recently moved to LGA.						
9-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Council has enough funds, but they are mismanaged.				Yes		
9-Aug-20		South Granville	Option 1	Council should review costs before seeking to increase rates.				Yes		
9-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Holroyd rates are high enough. Council should review costs.				Yes		Yes
9-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
9-Aug-20		South Wentworthville	Option 2	Planning in advance for future sustainability.						
9-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
9-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Council should review costs rather than increase rates.				Yes		
9-Aug-20		Regents Park	Neither / Not Specified	Amalgamation should reduce costs. Strongly against the proposal.			Yes			Yes
9-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Financially difficult times.	Yes					Yes
9-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
9-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Does not want to pay more for rates.						Yes
9-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity.						
9-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity.						
9-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
9-Aug-20		Berala	Option 2	Future proofing Council funding.						
10-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Does not want to pay more (former Holroyd).						Yes
10-Aug-20		Regents Park	Option 2	Sufficient funding is required to maintain assets and level of services.						
10-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Does not want to pay more.						Yes
10-Aug-20		Auburn	Neither / Not Specified	Increases should be paid by those contributing to population increase - homeowners or tenants.						
10-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Suggested would be better to reinstate Holroyd Council.			Yes			
10-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Do not want to pay more.						Yes
10-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
10-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Would like to see improvements in the LGA.						
10-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	No comments.						
10-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Harmonisation required, however how rates are calculated requires change.						
10-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
10-Aug-20		Regents Park	Option 1	Amalgamation should have reduced costs.			Yes			
10-Aug-20		Guildford West	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired about why her rates have increased (service charges).						
10-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Lesser impact.						
10-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Amalgamation should reduce costs. Increased population should increase revenue.		Yes	Yes	Yes		
10-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase. Financial difficulties.	Yes					
10-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	No comments.						
10-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
10-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired about averages and why harmonisation should be over 5 years.						
10-Aug-20		Holroyd	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
10-Aug-20		Holroyd	Option 2	Ensure important works are done and LGA remains a beautiful place to live.						
10-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired how his rates will be impacted, as paying greater than averages shown.						
10-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	No comments.						
10-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Neither / Not Specified	Against increase to minimum rates.						Yes
10-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Economy needs to recover.	Yes					
10-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents. Council should reduce costs.				Yes	Yes	
10-Aug-20		Pymble	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should cut costs.	Yes			Yes		
10-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
10-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Enquired about rates calculation and averages in flyer. Others should be brought in line with Holroyd.						
11-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 2	Improvement of facilities and infrastructure.						
11-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
11-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Increased population should increase revenue.	Yes	Yes				



11-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Financial difficulties / cost of living too high.	Yes					
11-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	No comments.						
11-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Council should reduce costs.				Yes		
11-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 2	Council needs extra income for growing community.						
11-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	No comments.						
11-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
11-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
11-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Rates increased enough.						Yes
11-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should postpone projects and ensure rates do not increase for ratepayers in the LGA.	Yes					
11-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Reduce high density to limit population increases rather than increase rates.		Yes				
11-Aug-20		Smithfield	Option 1	Council should reduce costs.				Yes		
11-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Financially difficult times; Council should not increase rates for any ratepayer.	Yes					
11-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Does not want rates to increase.						Yes
11-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 2	No comments.						
11-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Option 2	Rates increase will benefit local areas.						
11-Aug-20		Auburn	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired about what projects will be provided if Option 2 selected.						
11-Aug-20		Yakamia (WA)	Option 1	Rates are high enough already.						Yes
11-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates are high enough already.						Yes
12-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
12-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Holroyd rates are high enough.						Yes
12-Aug-20		South Granville	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
12-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Want to invest in our community.						
12-Aug-20		South Wentworthville	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
12-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Council should reduce costs.				Yes		
12-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Requested information regarding spread of RVs.						
12-Aug-20		Holroyd	Neither / Not Specified	Wants a rate reduction. Enquired why his rates are high.						Yes
12-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
12-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Lack of attention to Guildford.	Yes				Yes	
12-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Council needs to be more cost effective.				Yes		
12-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Retain the maintenance structure.						
12-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Current provision of infrastructure to be maintained.						
12-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
12-Aug-20		Greystanes	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired why his rates seem high compared to averages.						
12-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Lesser impact. Council should reduce costs.				Yes		
12-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Council should reduce costs.				Yes		
12-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
12-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	No comments.						
13-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Glen Haven	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
13-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Improve facilities (such as commuter parking).						
13-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Financial difficulties. Low socioeconomic status in LGA. Council should reduce costs.	Yes			Yes		
13-Aug-20		Guildford	Neither / Not Specified	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
13-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
13-Aug-20	urton	Merrylands	Option 2	Council has to remain viable to provide services now and into the future.						
13-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 2	Future proofing Council funding.						
13-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Council is not using funds effectively.				Yes		
13-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired why rates have risen when there is a rates freeze. Does not support proposal.						Yes
13-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Lesser impact.						
13-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
13-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Lesser impact. Does not want rates to increase.						Yes
14-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Facilities are fine as they are. Can review in 5 years time.						

14-Aug-20		Auburn	Neither / Not Specified	Does not support proposal. Council should reduce costs then reput the proposal.				Yes		
14-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
14-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 2	Infrastructure and community facilities need to keep up with increased population.						
14-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Do not want to pay more.						Yes
14-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Council should manage funds most effectively.				Yes		
14-Aug-20		Lidcombe North	Option 1	Infrastructure and services are fine.						
14-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Amalgamation was supposed to provide cost savings.			Yes			
14-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Unit should not pay more or be similar in cost to houses.						Yes
14-Aug-20		Cabramatta West	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
14-Aug-20		Holroyd	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
14-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
15-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should manage funds effectively.	Yes			Yes		
15-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity. Residents did not select to increase population.						
15-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
15-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Pensioners are not being considered.	Yes					
15-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Does not want rates to increase. Not required at this time.						Yes
15-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 2	Infrastructure and facilities must be maintained.						
15-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 2	Minimal increase will provide great benefits.						
15-Aug-20		Mays Hill	Option 2	Understand cost pressures and does not want services to decline.						
15-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
16-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity across the LGA.						
16-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
16-Aug-20		Berala	Option 1	Understands need to harmonise, but concerned services will decrease.					Yes	
16-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Others brought up to ex Holroyd rate levels.						
16-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
16-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Lesser impact.	Yes					
16-Aug-20		Granville	Option 2	Would like to see improvements in the LGA.						
16-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	No comments.						
16-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Council should reduce costs.				Yes		Yes
17-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Services not acceptable level.					Yes	Yes
17-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
17-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
17-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Services and facilities are not impressive.					Yes	Yes
17-Aug-20		Greystanes	Neither / Not Specified	Rates are high enough and have increased. Amalgamation should bring cost savings.			Yes			Yes
17-Aug-20		Lidcombe North	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Financial difficulties.	Yes					
18-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Amalgamation should bring cost savings. Increased population means more revenue.		Yes	Yes			
18-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired why rates have risen when there is a rates freeze. Would be happy to support increase if knew it would benefit his local area.					Yes	
18-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Do not want to pay more.						Yes
18-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Rates already increased.						Yes
18-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Asset rich, money poor. Rates already increased over years.	Yes					Yes
18-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Already been paying more. Amalgamation should provide cost savings.			Yes			Yes
18-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Population won't increase if we limit new builds.	Yes	Yes				
18-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Rates increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
18-Aug-20		Greystanes	Neither / Not Specified	Rates have increased over years. Holroyd residents disadvantaged.					Yes	Yes
18-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	No comments.						
18-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Holroyd should not pay more than ex Auburn and Parramatta.						Yes
18-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Prefer Council has financial means to fund greater level of services.						
18-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
18-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 2	Can afford it and Council needs to get finances in order.						
18-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired why his rates seem high compared to averages. Pemulwuy not serviced well.					Yes	
19-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Financial difficulties. Rates are high enough. Council should reduce costs.	Yes			Yes		Yes
19-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 2	Forward thinking. Improve standard of living for residents.						
19-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should reduce costs.	Yes			Yes		
19-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Land value system is unfair. Rate calculations need to be changed.						Yes
19-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Would like to see improvements in the LGA.						
19-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Council should provide breakdown of expenditure.				Yes		

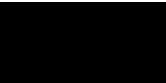
19-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
19-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Votes option 2, but wants to see more contribution from unit dwellers.						
19-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 2	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
19-Aug-20		Regents Park	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
19-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Financial difficulties.	Yes					
19-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Makes complete financial sense and prosperity. Wants more investment in ex Holroyd.						
19-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired why rates increased if there is a rates path freeze.						
20-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	Want services to improve.						
20-Aug-20		Eastwood	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
20-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Increase will not benefit residents.					Yes	
20-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity across the LGA.						
20-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	No comments.						
20-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should cut costs.	Yes				Yes	
20-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Council should cut costs. Additional breakdown of expenditure needed.					Yes	
20-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Option 1	Increased population should mean increased rates revenue.		Yes				
20-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Tird of subsidising costs for high density housing.						Yes
20-Aug-20		Regents Park	Neither / Not Specified	Amalgamation should provide cost savings. Auburn residents greatly impacted.			Yes			Yes
20-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Council should manage funds more effectively.				Yes		Yes
21-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	No comments.						
21-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 2	All to pay more.						
21-Aug-20		Granville	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
21-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Holroyd already paying more. Level playing field and increase for all.						
22-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Rates already increased.						Yes
22-Aug-20		Baulkham Hills	Option 2	Infrastructure needs to be good.						
22-Aug-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Need more transparency on expenditure.				Yes		
22-Aug-20		Merrylands West	Option 2	New infrastructure needed.						
22-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity across the LGA.						
22-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Funds are not allocated fairly across LGA. Expenses are not managed well.				Yes	Yes	
22-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
23-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 2	Enquired as to why rates increased when there is a rates path freeze. Does not mind option 2.						
24-Aug-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Rates have increased already. Not fair to increase rates when ratepayers have not asked for overpopulation.		Yes				Yes
24-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 2	Maintain services and not sell off.						
24-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	No comments.						
24-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Rather small increase now than larger in future.						
24-Aug-20		Auburn	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
24-Aug-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Financial difficulties. Council should manage expenses better.	Yes			Yes		
24-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Former Holroyd already paying more. Harmonise than consider increase in future.						Yes
25-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Neither / Not Specified	Increased population should mean increased rates revenue.		Yes				
25-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 1	Amalgamation should provide cost savings.			Yes			
25-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Financially difficult times.	Yes					
25-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Do not want to see programs cut.						
26-Aug-20		Lidcombe	Neither / Not Specified	Rates should decrease, especially for older ratepayers.						Yes
26-Aug-20		Westmead	Option 1	Does not want rates to increase.						Yes
26-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	No comments.						
26-Aug-20		Berala	Option 1	Did not support amalgamation, so should not have to pay more.			Yes			
26-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Should not pay extra when high rise devepments are prioritised. Does not believe increase will benefit residents.					Yes	
26-Aug-20		Girraween	Option 1	Already been paying more and getting no additional support.					Yes	Yes
27-Aug-20		Guildford	Option 2	Council needs to generate additional income.						
27-Aug-20		Toongabbie	Option 1	Did not support amalgamation. Toongabbie has been neglected.			Yes		Yes	
27-Aug-20		Not Provided	Option 1	Council should look at other ways to generate income (term deposits inadequate).				Yes		
27-Aug-20		South Wentworthville	Neither / Not Specified	Amalgamation has not helped Council and should be undone.			Yes			
27-Aug-20		Guildford West	Option 1	Rates have already increased.						Yes
27-Aug-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	Increase will help the community.						
28-Aug-20		Granville	Option 2	Wants to invest in where they live.						
28-Aug-20		Greystanes	Option 2	No comments.						

28-Aug-20	Granville	Option 2	Provide Council with funds to improve the LGA and ensure it isn't left behind.						
28-Aug-20	Westmead	Option 1	Harmonisation will bring equity across the LGA.						
28-Aug-20	Pendle Hill	Option 1	Pensioner on low income. Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
28-Aug-20	Auburn	Option 1	Not fair for unit holders to pay same rates as houses, which get more services.						
29-Aug-20	Greystanes	Option 2	Small increase which will help maintain services and standards.						
30-Aug-20	South Wentworthville	Option 1	Rates are high enough.						Yes
30-Aug-20	Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Council does not spend efficiently. Low socio-economic area, cannot afford increase.	Yes			Yes		
30-Aug-20	Girraween	Option 2	Additional money required to support infrastructure.						
30-Aug-20	Guildford	Option 2	Adequate funding needed to cover running costs and future planning.						
31-Aug-20	Auburn	Option 1	Lack of funds is a money mismanagement issue.				Yes		
31-Aug-20	South Wentworthville	Option 2	Additional revenue needs to be raised to fund investment in community projects.						
31-Aug-20	Greystanes	Option 1	Increase in population should generate more revenue. Council should cut costs.		Yes		Yes		
31-Aug-20	Greystanes	Option 1	Did not support amalgamation. Financially difficult times.	Yes			Yes		
31-Aug-20	Auburn	Option 1	Did not support amalgamation. Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes			Yes		
31-Aug-20	Berala	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
31-Aug-20	Berala	Option 1	Cannot afford rates increase.	Yes					
31-Aug-20	Greystanes	Option 1	Ratepayers should not be penalised for inept Government decisions.						Yes
31-Aug-20	Westmead	Option 1	Council should cut costs and find savings.				Yes		
31-Aug-20	Not Provided	Option 1	Less financial burden.	Yes					
31-Aug-20	Auburn	Option 1	Rates are already high and increase will impact Auburn residents most.	Yes					Yes
31-Aug-20	Lidcombe	Neither / Not Specified	Rates already increased. Houses should not pay more, but cost of rates should be based on services.						Yes
1-Sep-20	Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Increase will not benefit residents of Greystanes.					Yes	Yes
1-Sep-20	Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough; cannot see benefits.					Yes	Yes
1-Sep-20	Greystanes	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Increase will not benefit residents of Greystanes.					Yes	Yes
1-Sep-20	Not Provided	Option 2	Would like to see services improve.						
2-Sep-20	Granville	Option 1	Rates are high enough. Council needs to budget better.				Yes		Yes
2-Sep-20	Auburn	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Slow down development to slow down population increase.	Yes	Yes				
2-Sep-20	Berala	Option 2	Increase is small. Would like to see upgrades go ahead in LGA.						
2-Sep-20	Westmead	Option 1	Increased population should mean increased rates revenue. Should slow down future high density. Harmonisation will bring equity.		Yes				
2-Sep-20	Guildford	Option 1	No comments.						
2-Sep-20	Guildford	Option 1	Rates are too high for commercial ratepayers.						Yes
2-Sep-20	Merrylands	Option 1	Lesser impact option.						
2-Sep-20	Merrylands	Option 1	Dislike increases.						Yes
2-Sep-20	Merrylands West	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Harmonisation will bring equity.	Yes					
2-Sep-20	Lidcombe	Option 1	Does not believe increase will benefit residents of Lidcombe.					Yes	
4-Sep-20	Lidcombe	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should review budget and find savings.	Yes			Yes		
4-Sep-20	Merrylands	Option 1	Council should review services and find savings. Council should also review existing and future project to determine if they are still necessary for the community				Yes		
4-Sep-20	Auburn	Option 1	Increased population should generate more revenue. Illegal boarding homes should pay more.		Yes				
5-Sep-20	Merrylands	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Increased population should increase revenue.	Yes	Yes				
7-Sep-20	Pemulwuy	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired about averages and how harmonisation proposal will impact Holroyd						
8-Sep-20	Granville	Option 1	Cannot afford increase in rates.	Yes					
8-Sep-20	Greystanes	Option 1	No comments.						
8-Sep-20	Guildford	Option 1	Retired and cannot afford to pay more.	Yes					
9-Sep-20	Auburn	Option 2	The rates are too low.						
9-Sep-20	Pemulwuy	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired regarding averages in flyer. Expressed dissatisfaction with state of Pemulwuy.					Yes	
9-Sep-20	Regents Park	Option 1	Suggested increase in population due to high density. Proposal 2 be deferred due to	Yes					
9-Sep-20	Girraween	Option 1	Option 1 selected as Option 2 would cause financial strain.	Yes					
10-Sep-20	Greystanes	Option 2	Want to ensure facilities and infrastructure can be upgraded, and remove need for 3rd parties to invest due to budget constraints.						
10-Sep-20	Parramatta	Option 2	Want to ensure facilities and infrastructure can be upgraded, and remove need for 3rd parties to invest due to budget constraints.						
10-Sep-20	Greystanes	Option 2	Want to ensure facilities and infrastructure can be upgraded, and remove need for 3rd parties to invest due to budget constraints.						
10-Sep-20	Parramatta	Option 2	Want to ensure facilities and infrastructure can be upgraded, and remove need for 3rd parties to invest due to budget constraints.						

10-Sep-20		Not Provided	Neither / Not Specified	Wants Council to decrease rates, given current state of economy.	Yes					
12-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Holroyd rates are high enough. Halt high density if population increase is unsustainable.		Yes				Yes
13-Sep-20		Pendle Hill	Option 1	No comments.						
13-Sep-20		Berala	Option 1	Financially difficult times. Council should find cost savings. Name change to CCC	Yes			Yes		
14-Sep-20		Guildford	Option 1	On a low income.	Yes					
17-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 2	Improved facilities.						
17-Sep-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Option 1 is fair.						
17-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Voted option 2, but asked Council to keep COVID-19 and effects in mind.	Yes					
17-Sep-20		Girraween	Option 1	Already paying more as a Holroyd resident.						Yes
17-Sep-20		Girraween	Option 1	Already paying more as a Holroyd resident.						Yes
17-Sep-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Rates are already high.						Yes
17-Sep-20		Lidcombe	Neither / Not Specified	Advised of concerns with Lidcombe, lack of projects and parking. Will leave for Council to decide.						
17-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Council should manage funds most effectively. Increased density should increase		Yes		Yes		
17-Sep-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Holroyd ratepayers already pay more. Increase can wait until after harmonisation.						Yes
19-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	COVID-19 has impacted many - money is tight.	Yes					
20-Sep-20		Not Provided	Option 2	Option 2 selected as otherwise it will become a burden in a few years.						
20-Sep-20		Merrylands	Option 1	Raised concerns regarding minimum rates; higher density should increase rates revenue.		Yes				
21-Sep-20		Not Provided	Option 2	Supports harmonisation & 2.5% additional for first year to meet needs of growing						
22-Sep-20		Guildford West	Option 2	Ensure important works and upgrades are done.						
22-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Will already see an increase as in Auburn and these are financially difficult times.	Yes					
23-Sep-20		Granville	Option 1	Claimed Council misuses funds. Mayor & Councillors should do their job better.				Yes		
25-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Retired pensioner so financial impacts.	Yes					
27-Sep-20		Lidcombe	Neither / Not Specified	Suggested 3rd option, to request to harmonise over a longer period due to recession. Council should cut costs.	Yes			Yes		
27-Sep-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Did not support amalgamation, so should not have to pay more. Financial difficulties. Council should cut costs. Increased population should provide increased rates revenue.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
27-Sep-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Did not support amalgamation, so should not have to pay more. Financial difficulties. Council should cut costs. Increased population should provide increased rates revenue.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
29-Sep-20		Wentworthville	Option 1	Council should cut costs and budget better.				Yes		
29-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Council does not spend wisely.				Yes		
29-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Suggested Council ask for extension of rates freeze due to COVID-19, otherwise option 1.	Yes					
29-Sep-20		Merrylands West	Neither / Not Specified	Enquired as to whether Option 2 increase would be on top of the rate peg set by IPART.						
29-Sep-20		Auburn	Neither / Not Specified	Does not support neither option. Council should cut costs. Amalgamation was not		Yes		Yes		Yes
29-Sep-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Amalgamation was supposed to provide cost savings, not rate increases.			Yes			Yes
29-Sep-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Pensioner cannot afford rates increase. Amalgamation promise rates would not increase.	Yes		Yes			
29-Sep-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Carer on tight budget. Amalgamation was not meant to increase rates. Deamalgamation.	Yes		Yes			
29-Sep-20		Berala	Neither / Not Specified	Pensioner cannot afford rates increase. Amalgamation promise rates would not increase.	Yes		Yes			
30-Sep-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	Sooner all ratepayers pay the same rates the better. This will bring equity.						
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 2	Option 2 as long as funds used to employ more staff not contractors & improve community engagement.						
30-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 2	Selected Option 2, but unhappy with current state of former Holroyd area. Against privatising childcare and swim centres. Feels Holroyd is being left out.					Yes	
30-Sep-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	All ratepayers should pay the same regardless of where they live.						
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Would like consistent improvement to infrastructure.						
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Rates are already too expensive. I oppose to paying more.						Yes
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Paying too much already.						Yes
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Can't afford it.	Yes					
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Can't afford it.	Yes					
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	We are already paying high council fees. Unit owners contribute enough.						Yes
30-Sep-20		Pemulwuy	Option 1	Former Auburn should pay more. Former Holroyd has been paying significantly more for years.						Yes
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Many residents they losing jobs and income; not all can afford to pay increased rate .	Yes					
30-Sep-20		Wentworthville	Option 2	It s time for all rate payers to pay the same level of rates.						
30-Sep-20		Greystanes	Option 1	Harmonise first. Not enough information to justify increase.						Yes
30-Sep-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Increased population should mean more revenue for Council.		Yes				
30-Sep-20		Merrylands West	Option 1	Growth with apartments in the area will bring additional rates income for the council		Yes				
30-Sep-20		Auburn	Option 1	Too much money for us.	Yes					



30-Sep-20



Auburn

Option 1

Too much money.

Yes