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Public Notice Draft Delivery Program and Budget 2013-1017



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM AND BUDGET 2013-2017

The Draft 2013-2017 Delivery Program and Budget is currently on public exhibition and Council is seeking feedback from residents. The document outlines the delivery program for the next four years. Actions and initiatives are also identified which will assist Council to achieve the goals of Community Strategic Plan.

The 2013-2017 Delivery Program and Budget has been developed including a special rate variation for a delivery plan for a progressive Parkes Shire scenario. It is proposed that rates be increased by 13% each year in the four years of the plan. Excluding the anticipated annual rate cap normally set by IPART this will result in a cumulative 46% increase overall during the four years of the Delivery Plan. In real terms the average residential rate will increase by an estimated \$5.12 a week in the fourth year.

All documents are available for review on Council's website <u>www.parkes.nsw.gov.au</u> and at Council's Administration Office at 2 Cecile Street, Parkes. The documents will also be on display at all of Council's Libraries throughout the Shire. Comments can be forwarded via email to <u>council@parkes.nsw.gov.au</u> or faxed to (02) 6862 3946 or alternatively any correspondence can be forwarded to: The General Manager, Parkes Shire Council, PO Box 337, Parkes NSW 2870.

The public exhibition will conclude on Wednesday, 27 February 2013 and Council welcomes and encourages your feedback.

Kent Boyd, General Manager, Parkes Shire Council

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Delivery Program for a

Progressive Parkes Shire

Delivery Program for a Progressive Parkes Shire

Council has been working with our community throughout 2012 to understand the priorities and expectations of residents in preparation for the 2013-17 Delivery Program. The Delivery Program includes the things Council can do to help achieve the vision and goals of the Community Strategic Plan.

The Delivery Program does not exist in isolation, it is a vital component in the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. Parkes Shire Council uses this framework as well as our Community Engagement Strategy to ensure our community is involved with the development of programs that Council will deliver over the next 4 years.

The Community Engagement Continuum, as the name implies is a continuous process, not a collection of isolated activities. It is the way Council does its work and how Council and Community work together.

The Community Engagement Continuum shows the integration of Council's plans and strategies, and how the Vision for 2022, developed by our community, informs all things. In order to achieve this vision, it has been separated into eight future directions. The Community Strategic Plan articulates the strategies Council has put in place for the future directions. The Delivery Program resources and actions these strategies.

Council has consulted more than 2000 people in our community in order to develop the Delivery Program. We engaged people to hear their views on what

Future Directions

1. Develop Lifelong Learning

Opportunities

- 2. Improve Health and Wellbeing
- 3. Promote, Support and Grow Our

Communities

- 4. Grow and Diversify the Economic Base
- 5. Develop Parkes as a National

Logistics Hub

- 6. Enhance Recreation and Culture
- 7. Care for the Environment in a Changing Climate
- 8. Maintain and Improve the Shire Assets and Infrastructure

In 2022 the Parkes Shire will be: a progressive regional centre, embracing a national logistics hub with vibrant communities, diverse opportunities, learning and healthy lifestyles.

Our Vision

programs and initiatives would make the biggest difference in the next 4 years and we surveyed to find out the importance of and satisfaction with our services.

After analysing the needs and wants of our community and examining Council's resources, it became clear that Council could not afford to deliver the services that our community expects with its current resources.

We then developed three options for the delivery program, the Current, Static and Progressive and went back to the community to ask which they preferred. A rate increase was proposed in the Static and Progressive Programs. The community voted in favour of the Progressive Program.

The elected Council resolved to support the implementation of the Progressive Program. This decision means a Special Rate Variation (SRV) application must be made to the Independent Pricing and Regulation Tribunal (IPART).

The Preferred Option

Cost pressures have impacted Council's financial position. Cost are increasing, wages (4%), energy (43%), manufacturing (8%), fuel and bitumen (11%), steel (15%) and telecommunications (9%), while our income has been capped at around 3% for 35 years, due to rate pegging. These cost pressures, as well as the carbon tax and cost shifting from State Government (equal to 5.74% of total income before capital) means our current budget cannot meet community expectations.

In order to deliver what the community expects, Council needs to increase its revenue, particularly its rates. Three options were developed, a rate rise was proposed for two of the three delivery program options, the Static and Progressive.

Current Situation

Rate cap only increase in rates (estimated 3%).

- Operating deficit remains.
- No new capital works (i.e only maintenance)
- Not enough funding to cover depreciation.
- Existing capital spending is unsustainable.
- \$33 million maintenance backlog will increase.
- Assets deteriorate.
- Services decline.
- Library and pool opening hours are likely to be decreased.
- Arts, culture, youth and partnership funding may be reduced or cut.
- Service levels reviewed & reduced where necessary.

Static Delivery Program

7% + the estimated rate cap increase, for a total of 10% each year for 4 years. After 4 years this would total a 46% increase. if the rate cap (CPI) is taken out it is a 31% increase over and above the cap on general rates.

- Operating deficit returned to balanced budget.
- Capital program just exceeds depreciation used to fund additional \$3m per annum renewal program.
- Significant maintenance backlog remains, but should not increase.
- Some services improved eg. roads, pools.
- Some service levels may still be under review eg. library, culture, arts, youth and partnerships.

Progressive Delivery Program

10% + the estimate rate cap increase, for a total of 13% each vear for 4 vears. After 4 vears this would total a 63% increase. if the rate cap (CPI) is taken out it is a 43% increase over and above the cap on general rates.

- Operating deficit turned into operating surplus. •
- Capital program now exceed depreciation.
- Surplus used to fund additional \$4m per annum • capital program.
- Asset maintenance backlog is being addressed.
- New assets are possible.
- Service improvements.

Workshops were held across the Shire which explained each delivery program and allowed the community to vote on their preferred option. An online survey, presentation and brochure were also made available to those who were unable to attend the workshops.

In both the workshops and online survey our community voted in favour of the Progressive Delivery Plan, which includes a 10% rate rise over the estimated rate peg (3%) each year over 4 years. After 4 years this is a 63% increase, if the rate cap (CPI) is taken out it is a 43% increase over and above the cap on general rates.

| | Current Situation | Static Delivery Program | Progressive Delivery Program |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Informed Workshops | 6% | 16% | 78% |
| Online Survey | 14.4% | 25% | 60.6% |

results of the delivery program voting, October/November 2012.

Council's Decision

Parkes Shire Councillors moved to support the Progressive Delivery Program on 29 January 2013, to increase the annual rates to fund the program as stated above and advertise the draft program for public comment.

Council's decision was based on the clear support of the community for the Progressive Delivery Program as well as a consensus that the Progressive Program will best allow the Parkes Shire to achieve the vision and goals of the Community Strategic Plan in a fiscally responsible and sustainable way.

Impact of a Rate Increase

The proposed increase in annual rates for the Progressive Delivery Program will be applied to the Residential, Business and Farmland Rate only (circled below, as it typically appears on your rate notice).

If approved the increases will be applied for a 4 year period commencing in the 2013/14 year.

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| IN SCRIPTION | DANTS IN STOLARS | STOR TRUCKS | TEXEL BUR |
| Residential General (Min) | 5300 | 0.003303 | \$300.00 |
| Water Residential Access | 1 | \$225 | 5-220.00 |
| Sover Hosidontial Accoss | 1 | \$400 | \$400.00 |
| Waste-Recycling Residential | 3 | \$290 | \$290.00 |
| Stom Water Charge | 1 | \$25 | \$ 25.00 |
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How much extra will I have to pay?

The average residential rate in the Parkes Shire is \$531, the increase for the Progressive Delivery

| | Yr 1 | Yr 2 | Yr 3 | Yr 4 | Total |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net* increase | \$0.99 | \$1.18 | \$1.37 | \$1.58 | \$5.12 |
| Total [^] weekly increase | \$1.33 | \$1.50 | \$1.70 | \$1.92 | \$6.45 |



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| In the 4th year the net increase in annual rates is: Residential \$5.12/wk ~ 1.2 large coffees per week Business \$19.35/wk | | | | | | Footpaths | \$80k for maintenance No renewals No new footpaths | \$1.05 million budget Upgrades to village footpaths, Parkes school precincts, township and improved access for mobility vehicles. New walking tracks and exercise paths |
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| • | In the 4th year the rates for the average property will be affected as follows: Residential Business Farmland | | | | | Airport | Regular maintenance No capital improvements | Runway lighting renewal Terminal improvements Carpark development Apron reconstruction |
| Net increase | Residentia \$5.12 / wk | _ | .35 / wk | _ | 37 / wk | | \$620k operating deficit | \$830k extra capital over 4 |
| (above est. rate | - | <u> </u> | | | | s | Opening hours and | years for high priority works |
| cap increase) | \$67.00 / qtr | | 1.50 / qtr | _ | .75 / qtr | Pools | entry fees reviewedNo upgrades or new | such as amenities, shade structures and medium |
| | \$268.00 / yr | _ | 06.00 / y | | .00 / yr | _ ₽_ | works | priority works, especially in |
| Total rate (including | \$16.64 / wk | <u> </u> | .42 / wk | · | 33 / wk | | | smaller towns |
| increase and est. rate cap increase) | \$216.25 / qt \$865.00 / yr | _ | 2.29 / qtı 49.00 / y | | \$686.75 / qtr \$2747.00 / yr | | \$27k budget p.a. resulting in ageing equipment Reliant on grant funding | \$40k budget p.a. Replacement and upgrade of ageing equipment New works possible |
| The pensione | Pensior er rebate wi | | | | nimise | Sporting Facilities | Business as usual No extra funding | Master plans for sports facilities completed \$120k p.a. for Master Plan projects and upgrades |
| the impact of the rate increase on pensioners and those experiencing hardship. | | | | and | Library | Review of library collection exhibitions hosted and provided Review of programs and opening hours | Increases in budget mean new & improved collections New programs available Refurbishments to village libraries | |
| | Progress | | | | | | Possible reduction | Increased funding for Town |
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| Year 2 \$40 Year 3 \$70 | | | | l nu | from partnerships with | services and facilitiesSupport increased youth | | |
| Year 4 \$105 | | | | | | Community | Northparkes, Charles Sturt University and others | participation in Council planning • Secure co-funded partnership positions |
| The increased pensioner rebate reduces the net increase of the Progressive Delivery Program from \$5.12 to \$3.13 per week for the average pensioner property. | | | | | | Culture | Possible reduction of cultural grants Review of Arts Outwest support to events | Continue to support and maintain cultural activities Investigations continue for a cultural space |

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Progressive Program Service Improvements

Reasonableness of a Rate Increase

Council commissioned the Western Research Institute (WRI) to examine the reasonableness of the proposed rate variation under the Static and Progressive Delivery Program models. WRI considered three main criteria in their methodology being: Price Comparisons, (other goods usually purchased), Impact (on incomes), and Peer Comparisons (other Councils). The findings of the report are summarised below, the full report can be found at parkes.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Council for a copy.

Price Comparisons

Price comparisons (households) under both the Static and Progressive Program rate increases do not exceed the past and anticipated price increase of the services most closely aligned to local government services.

Impact

The impact was found to be minimal on households with rates currently representing less than 1 percent of household expenditure of 80 percent of households. With the maximum increase of 64 percent in the Progressive Delivery Program, rates remain below 1 percent of household expenditure. The impact on non-farm business with the rates increasing under the Progressive Program is less than 1 percent of value added. Rate increases for farm business are more significant at 4% of value added, however this can be partly attributed to the increased number of hobby farms.

Comparisons with Peers

The average household income of Parkes is just above the median income for Group 10 and 11 Local Government Areas (LGAs) while its current rates are well below the median for these 2 groups of councils (see below). By itself this would suggest that the Progressive rate increase is consistent with Parkes' peers. However Parkes is well below the median of these councils in terms of the disadvantage according to the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas, a measure of disadvantage. This issue is addressed through Council's monetary rebates and hardship policies.





Special Rate Variation Process and Management

The Parkes Shire Council Progressive Delivery Program and associated documents, the Workforce Plan, Operational Plan and Financial Plan will be placed on public display from 30 January 2013 for a period of 28 days. Submissions are invited from the public and can be made in writing and delivered to Parkes Shire Council.Council will consider any submissions made and has until March 14th to submit a finalised Special Rate Variation application to IPART.

IPART will then consider this application and Council will be advised in June 2013 of IPART's decision and the approved General Rate level set.

Although Council believes it has a strong case to support its application, ultimately IPART have the discretion to refuse any rise above the cap that was set on the 26th November 2012 being 3.4%, or alternatively a percentage increase anywhere from the level of the cap up to and including the full amount sought, being 13% each year for 4 years.

This means some of the projects, initiatives or items in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan that support this plan may be impacted. Council will have to review these documents after the determination of IPART to see which of these items will be subject to adjustment or elimination if the full increase is not granted. Similarly the items as they appear in the Capital Works Program in both the 4 year Financial Forecasts and the Operational Budget will have to be reviewed should the application not be fully granted.

Documentation relating to Councils Special Rate Variation Application to IPART, as well as a Delivery Program Option presentation on youtube can be found at parkes.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Parkes Shire Council.



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Submission

| Submission | Criterion Addressed | | Key Aspects Raised |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. Parkes Resident | 1. Need for variation | | 2 Reting structure Impact on Rete Reverse Constelly |
| Self Funded | 2. Community Consultation | | 3. Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers : Generally outlines the concern that self funded retirees are not |
| Retiree Letter dated: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | | assisted and suggest should be treated like pensioners. |
| | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | | Indicates no mention on increases to other charges. |
| 11-02-2013 | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | X | 5. Productivity and Cost Containment : Questions merit of local street works carried out in Parkes township as being waste and poorly carried out. Currajong street works damaged by watering system. Suggests funding for Art is waste of money . Traffic lights makes Parkes laughing stock. |

Councils Position

Criterion 3 - Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers: Council is aware that some individuals on a case by case basis may have financial difficulties in meeting their commitments with rate charges. Council considered a revised hardship Policy dealing with this issue in light of the Special Rate Variation being sought at it's meeting held on the 15th of January. Council adopted the Rates and Charges Pensioner Rebate and Hardship Assistance Policy at this meeting. Resolution 13-013. Whilst it would be extremely difficult to administer and verify a specific rebate for self funder retirees as a classification of rate payer given the likely diverse range of incomes amongst the group, individuals in this group that are in genuine need are able to avail themselves to the provisions of the hardship policy.

Criterion 5 -. Productivity and Cost Containment: The submission outlines a number of concerns with regards to Council productivity broadly in terms of project management. As previously reported to Council staff have focused a lot of effort towards business improvement in the manner in which it undertakes project management, most recently highlighted during the Parkes Pool refurbishment. This will continue to be an area of focus and review via the Project Management Group operating under the Project Management policy recently adopted by Council. The submission highlighted a number of concerns with projects that actually were funded and under the auspice of the NSW RMS. Including the Currajong Street works in addition the RMS not Council required the instillation of Traffic lights in Hartigan avenue.

The submission also indicated that funding of Art (Culture) should be viewed as a waste of money. Whilst this may be a valid personal opinion, Councils community engagement and the resulting Community Strategic Plan indicates that there is significant support for Councils support in this area in the Parkes Shire Community. Conversely Council is equally at times criticised by community members for failing to allocate sufficient funding and resources to Arts and Culture in general. The integrated planning process is the means by which Council ultimately manages these competing community needs and concerns through the Delivery Program.

Overall with regard to Productivity and Cost Containment, Council has also recognised the need for an ongoing commitment to business improvement and efficiencies. A full Council report on the many initiatives already in place and to be implemented in this area has been provided for Councils information and consideration this date.

Parkes NSW 2870

11th February 2013

The General Manager

Parkes Shire Council

PO Box 337

Parkes NSW 2870

Re: The Parkes Delivery Program

Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my protest at the proposed money grab by Parkes shire Council.

My wife and I are self funded retirees and live on an allocated pension that has not increased over the last 3 years and unless there is a great change in the world economy will not increase in the 4 years that the Delivery Program runs. It appears that Council has not considered self funded retirees.

Where do we find the 63% increase to pay Council?

If Council's finances are below the income required to supply the services needed why does Council not use some of the reserve funds we have heard so much about.

We could put up with the increase in charges if Council spent our money wisely.

For example:

The median strip constructed in Currajong St. where the new garden was watered so well the road became saturated requiring reconstruction. The new pavement has since failed in several places.

The intersection of Dalton, Cooke and Close Streets which is now being changed. Why I haven't heard of any accidents in this area.

Hartigan Avenue was built not so long ago but needed major patching and a reseal recently due to faulty workmanship.

I could name many more cases of Council's poor workmanship and lack of supervision that are pushing up costs thus needing the extra funding that Council is seeking.

If funding is so tight might I suggest that all Council's support for any arts programs be withdrawn as these donations are only enjoyed by a small part of the community. 1 could list many more instances of waste but I am sure that you have got the message and if you do something about it little or no increases would be necessary.

No mention has been made of the proposed increases to the other Council charges such as water, garbage, sewer and stormwater. Is this going to be another shock?

Parkes is the laughing stock of the west with traffic lights at Hartigan Avenue London road intersection where traffic is almost Zero, there are many more intersections in town that have bigger problems than this one.

I would also suggest that Council extend the pensioner discount to self funded retirees who have a Seniors Card.

Finally I object to the proposed rip-off and can only hope that IPART have the sense to refuse Council's application.

Yours Faithfully

| Submission | Criterion Addressed | | Key Aspects Raised |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| | 1. Need for variation | X | 1. Need for Variation: Questions "For What?" and |
| 2. Bogan Gate Rural | 2. Community Consultation | X | questions usefulness of traffic islands, usefulness of |
| Letter Received: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | X | amenities such as walking tracks and pools. Rural rate |
| 12-02-2012 | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | | payers will be hit with costs for services they will not gain benefit. |
| | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | X | 2. Community Consultation: Utilisation of average farm |
| | | | rate misleading. Bogan Gate workshop staged in day whilst working. |
| | | | 3. Rating Structure Impact on Rate Payers : Generally outlines the ongoing increase in costs to farming and effects of drought. Impact much greater on them than average rates currently \$8,518.87 (7 x allotments) Questions the 4% impact being put down to Hobby Farms. |
| | | | 5. Productivity and Cost Containment : Generally questions road asset management by Council. Forecasts re-sheeting of their own road by 2037 ie 25 years. |
| | Coun | Icil | s Position |
| | this process clarified the needs and wants of the F Engagement Strategy termed "Your Priorities." The Engagement Strategy as part of the IP& R docume expectations that were across a range of Council a roads however there were also a whole range of it Asset categories and services. The Community clear | Parke he c ents. asset denti arly d | eviewed the Parkes Shire Council Community Strategic Plan es Shire Community in a phase outlined in the Community putcomes of this process are outlined in the Community In summary it was clear that the Community broadly had is and services. A primary concern indeed was the Shires fied needs and wants across the many number of Council id not want to see our economic situation continue to decline services as well as the deterioration of the Shire assets and |

infrastructure. The importance the SRV has with regard to Councils future sustainability was also recently highlighted in an analysis on Councils finances by the NSW State Treasury T-Corp report carried out in a recent funding application via the LIRs scheme.

Criterion 2 - Community Engagement: Council in no way intended to mislead the community. Council utilised the average farm rate in an effort to show the likely impact on the broadest range of that particular rating category. (This is the same use of averages used by the NSW Division of Local Government to undertake comparative analysis). It is noted that the author of the submission has a number of assessments that make up their overall rating obligation. The average rate figure was not the only method utilised in the Community Engagement and awareness process. Council also identified where on the rate notice the amount subject to SRV would appear and also the cumulative percentage rate increases that would occur. This would enable the rate payer to estimate the impact of the SRV. It would have been very problematic to try and explain individual impacts of the SRV given the number of unique and individual manners in which rural properties are assessed.

Council tried to conduct the priority workshops and the options workshops at times dates and venues convenient to the community. The Bogan Gate workshop was conducted prior to a Council meeting at Bogan Gate as it would likely have had the interest of community in Council activities heightened at this time. In the same round of consultation raised by the author there was a specific farming workshop widely advertised as well as a workshop in relatively close by centres to Bogan Gate being Parkes and Trundle. The widely advertised options workshops in October were similarly staged with the rural community in mind consciously before the harvest period and after 6pm again at nearby centres to Bogan Gate being in Trundle and in Parkes.

Criterion 3 - Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers: Council is aware that some individuals on a case by case basis may have financial difficulties in meeting their commitments with rate charges. Council considered a revised hardship Policy dealing with this issue in light of the Special Rate Variation being sought at it's meeting held on the 15th of January. Council adopted the Rates and Charges Pensioner Rebate and Hardship Assistance Policy at this meeting. Resolution 13-013. Council understands that farmers, particularly those with larger farms have high input costs due to the scale of production undertaken. General rates are based on land values and therefore those farm properties have rates which are commensurate with those higher land values. As the rate increase is applied uniformly based on the value of the properties, properties of higher value should not be disproportionately affected by the rate increase compared to lower value farms. Therefore rates like other input costs are generally proportionate to the size of the farming enterprise.

In looking at the subject property holdings as there are 7 individual assessments in a number of names with regard to this submission it is true that the overall increase amount in the 4th year will amount to \$5,249.31 more than rates currently paid. Assuming also an enterprise around this size is able to claim the amount as a taxation input cost at 30%, this will mean in the fourth year the amount extra would be approximately \$3675. If then factoring in a 3% CPI

the "real" increase will be initially after 4 years \$3,920, and therefore if claimed as an input on tax (calculated @ 30%) it would ultimately mean an increase of approximately \$2744 overall in the fourth year in "today's money".

WRI Report: The submission raises the inclusion of Hobby Farms in the WRI findings. Council has requested WRI re examine this issue. It is anticipated this full response will be completed and tabled at Councils meeting on the 5th of March when these submissions are to be considered by Council. Preliminary feedback from WRI would indicate the following.

WRI has delineated hobby farms, using the definition proposed by ABS. Hobby farms are those of the size 2-100 hectares, the farm owner derives most of his/her income from off-farm activities, and value added from agricultural operations is less than \$75,000. It would appear that in taking these out of the data set in analysing the impacts on the value added scenarios, there is a significant reducing in the impact of a rate rise in the three agricultural grow scenarios examined being: Usual growth of Agriculture, Agricultural Stagnation and Maximum growth when compared to the original data of the report that included hobby farms in the mix.

Criterion 5 -. Productivity and Cost Containment: The submission outlines a number of concerns with regards to Council productivity broadly in terms of management of the road assets. Approximately 29% of the funding sought in the SRV is allocated to the road asset backlog and increasing the frequency of things like the re sheeting program as mentioned in the submission. On current funding projections roads can only be re sheeted on average every 30 years, however under the Delivery Program for a Progressive Parkes Shire and in accordance with the transport asset management plans this time period may on average be halved.

The submission also indicated that funding of walking tracks, parks and amenities are of little use to the farming business. Whilst this may be a valid personal opinion, as indicated above 29% of the funding sought in the SRV would go to roads. It may also be noted that farming rates makes up approximately 30% of the total general rate income also. Councils community engagement and the resulting Community Strategic Plan indicates that there is significant support for Councils support in walking tracks, parks and in the Parkes Shire Community. Conversely Council is equally at times criticised by community members for failing to allocate sufficient funding and resources to these areas. The integrated planning process is the means by which Council ultimately manages these competing community needs and concerns through the Delivery Program.

Overall with regard to Productivity and Cost Containment, Council has however also recognised the need for an ongoing commitment to business improvement and efficiencies. A full Council report on the many initiatives already in place and to be implemented in this area has been provided for Councils information and consideration this date.

Bogan Gate. NSW. 2876.

Dear Parkes Shire Councillors,

We write this letter in objection to the proposed rate increases by the Parkes Shire Council.

We currently run a Mixed Agricultural Business and our sole income is derived from Primary Production in the Bogan Gate district, it is not supplemented by mining, government or any other outside employment. We are therefore not classed as "hobby farmers". We do employ staff on both a permanent and casual basis.

We too, like Council have increasing costs for wages, energy, fuel and lubricants, steel, telecommunications not to mention fertilizers, agricultural sprays, seed, livestock expenses, veterinary costs, repairs and maintenance of farm equipment -headers, tractors, trucks, utes, spray rigs etc, registration expenses, workers compensation, superannuation, Livestock Health and Pest Authority rates, Meat and Livestock Association levies, insurances, freight, protective wear, grain warehouse and saleyard levies, the list goes on, and of course not forgetting the rising price of TRUCK TYRES!

Unfortunately, unlike some other businesses we are unable to, after production, set the price we would like for our commodities. Our final sale price is set by the local and world markets of the day for both livestock and grain.

No one would argue that the last 12 years of primary production in the Bogan Gate area has been a particularly fruitful exercise, after experiencing 10 years of crippling drought followed by two harvests in succession that were decimated by floods at the eleventh hour. But of course the world has to eat so life goes on.

We are provided with no "on property services" by the Parkes Shire Council therefore our rates do not include water, sewerage or waste disposal charges. We provide and maintain our own water for stock and personal usage from dams and rainwater tanks on our properties. We also provide and maintain our own sewerage facilities and our waste from production and personal use is either taken to the Bogan Gate tip, which is a Council facility, at our expense or recycled at our expense. We therefore pay rates on our Bogan Gate properties on a Farm Land usage rate only. Enough of the gloomy facts but we're sure you get the picture.

Our current Farm Land rate charges are \$8,519.87 per/annum and by the figures provided to us by Parkes Shire Council staff on the 7 February, 2013 (see copy attached) will, over a 4 year period, rise to total \$13,769.18 per/annum on the Progressive Delivery Plan.

That is of course without and we quote from the pamphlet –Delivery Plan for a Progressive Parkes Shire- under the heading- Impact,- "With the maximum increase of 64% in the Progressive Delivery Program, rates remain below 1% of household expenditure. The impact on non-farm business with the rates increasing under the Progressing Program is less than 1% of value added. RATE INCREASES FOR FARM BUSINESS ARE MORE SIGNIFICANT AT 4% OF VALUE ADDED, HOWEVER THIS CAN BE PARTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASED NUMBER OF HOBBY FARMS.

For what!

The pleasure of having to negotiate a new cement, chunk or flower bed in the middle of the road in Parkes that obstructs traffic flow and has to employ more council staff for it to be continually maintained and makes it even harder to access Parkes for our business purposes. A near, 100 kilometre round trip for a swim in the newly refurbished Parkes pool or maybe a little walk on a new walking track or exercise path we're presuming also in Parkes. Unfortunately we do not have the vision that the Parkes Shire Council has that these or very few of the other Service Improvements as stated in the Progressive Program will enhance our business. We still envisage that after a good rain our business production will still in essence be halted as -all unsealed roads in the Parkes Shire will still close to heavy vehicles.

Some of the roads in the Parkes Shire are that poorly maintained that 2 years ago our own a was involved in a what could have been a fatal, single vehicle accident in the Bogan Gate district, where the vehicle was driving was written off. was merely taking a sample of grain from the paddock to the grain storage facility. When the rescue team and Parkes Police arrived at the scene they attributed the cause of the accident solely to the disgusting state of the road. Not driver error, not speed, not alcohol, not vehicle failure or defect. Just simply the extremely poor state of the road.

So if the Progressive Plan was voted in by Council we could see this road re-sheeted by the year 2037 at the latest?

The village of Bogan Gate doesn't even have a public toilet in its antiquated, weed filled, public park!

The local Bogan Gate cemetery isn't even owned or maintained by Council. It is managed by local trustees and maintained, very well, by members of the local community.

The Shire Delivery Plan very cunningly did not state on the value of Farm Land rates it had estimated its figures on and after enquires to Council, we were informed that the average on Farm Land rate of \$1,685.00 was the amount used. So depending on your land property values each portion would therefore be charged at different hectare values throughout the Shire. All smoke and mirrors really. We know that we are not the only Primary Producers that run viable agricultural enterprises in the Parkes Shire, whose rates are well above this figure.

We currently pay \$163.85 per week to Parkes Shire Council in Farm Land Rates alone and if the proposed "Progressive Model" is adopted by this Council we will be paying a weekly rate of \$264.80 by the year 2017. Well above the \$16.37 per/week rise spruiked about in the deceptive literature sent out by Council.

Again, we ask for what!

Yes, of course we do use Parkes Shire Council facilities and like all others we are happy to pay our share of Shire rates for what is reasonable and fair usage but it seems that" the good old cockies" that have paid their rates without question for decades will be hammered again, for services and facilities that they will not reap any or very little benefit from if the proposed rate charges are adopted.

And if you are wondering why we did not attend the Bogan Gate workshop and have our say then, well it was held in the middle of the working day and we were actually attending to our business commitments but we did complete surveys and return them to Council.

Again, we object to the proposed rate increases by the Parkes Shire Council and ask that all Councillors take a long, hard look at the actual figures and don't be the elected members that allowed the few to fund the services for the many.

Yours faithfully

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| | 1. Need for variation | | 2. Community Consultation: Was not aware of Your | | | |
| 3. Alectown Rural | 2. Community Consultation | X | Choice workshops after attending Your Priorities | | | |
| Letter Received: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | X | workshop. Suggests rate notice mail out should have been utilised with not single reliance on media. | | | |
| 12-02-2012 | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | X | | | | |
| | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | | 3. Rating Structure Impact on Rate Payers : . Generally outlines the ongoing increase in costs to farming. Impact | | | |
| | | | much greater on them than average rates currently \$8,000. Group 11 comparisons particularly with farming and business .will be exceeded if 13% passed on Business rate 1.74. States distinctly higher | | | |
| | | | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions : Believes that total of 7% increase should suffice for 4 years as ample. | | | |
| | Councils Position | | | | | |
| | Criterion 2 - Community Engagement: A check has been made and unfortunately the author of the submission did not automatically have a personal invitation letter for the Your Choice workshop by attending the earlier Your Priorities workshop in Alectown this was due to the fact that their name did not appear on the attendance register which may inadvertently have been missed. The Your Choice workshops for nearby Parkes and Peak Hill were extensively advertised on local radio and local media as well as flyer etc sent out and farming groups being emailed etc. These advertised options workshops were staged in October particularly with the rural community in mind consciously due to time constraints due to the harvest period. They were also timed after 6pm again with business and farmers in mind. | | | | | |
| | | • | nis would have seen the call for attendance at workshops in stacles for the rural community to participate. Christmas and | | | |

New Year follow shortly after. The time requirements for both a SRV application and the final development of the Delivery Program saw that October was the most conducive month to carry out the workshops. These workshops received very wide media attention however it is unfortunate that some people still may not have been aware of them being conducted. Council did recognise the opportunity to increase awareness even further regarding the SRV application, and did infact utilise the 3rd rate instalment mail out to send a the newsletter which saw an opportunity for submissions such as this to be made and considered by Council

Criterion 3 - Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers: Council is aware that some individuals on a case by case basis may have financial difficulties in meeting their commitments with rate charges. Council considered a revised hardship Policy dealing with this issue in light of the Special Rate Variation being sought at it's meeting held on the 15th of January. Council adopted the Rates and Charges Pensioner Rebate and Hardship Assistance Policy at this meeting. Resolution 13-013. Council understands that farmers, particularly those with larger farms have high input costs due to the scale of production undertaken. General rates are based on land values and therefore those farm properties have rates which are commensurate with those higher land values. As the rate increase is applied uniformly based on the value of the properties, properties of higher value should not be disproportionately affected by the rate increase compared to lower value farms. Therefore rates like other input costs are generally proportionate to the size of the farming enterprise.

In looking at the approximate amounts sighted in the submission with an overall increase from \$8,000 to \$12,000 in the 4th year would amount to \$4,000 more than rates currently paid. The submission indicates that they are subject to tax deductibility benefits so assuming rates are claimed as an input cost subject to a 30% deduction, in the fourth year the amount extra would be approximately \$2,800. If then factoring in a 3% CPI the "real" increase will be initially after 4 years \$3,520, and therefore if claimed as an input on tax (calculated @ 30%) it would ultimately mean an increase of approximately \$2464 overall in the fourth year in "today's money".

WRI Report: The submission raises the inclusion of Hobby Farms in the WRI findings. Council has requested WRI re examine this issue. It is anticipated this full response will be completed and tabled at Councils meeting on the 5th of March when these submissions are to be considered by Council. Preliminary feedback from WRI would indicate the following.

WRI has delineated hobby farms, using the definition proposed by ABS. Hobby farms are those of the size 2-100 hectares, the farm owner derives most of his/her income from off-farm activities, and value added from agricultural operations is less than \$75,000. It would appear that in taking these out of the data set in analysing the impacts on the value added scenarios, there is a significant reducing in the impact of a rate rise in the three agricultural grow scenarios examined being: Usual growth of Agriculture, Agricultural Stagnation and Maximum growth when compared to the original data of the report that included hobby farms in the mix.

The submission raises concerns with the overall impact of the rate increase on the business community as well as famers. In the WRI report into the reasonableness of the SRV in looking at the impact non farm business it concluded:

"overall the impact is relatively small on non-farm business with rates representing less than 1 per cent of value added. Even with the progressive plan implementation (13% a year over 4 years), rates will increase by less than 1 percentage point of value added. Therefore the impact of even the progressive rate increase is insignificant for non-farm business".

Criterion 4 -. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions: The submission suggests that Council should consider a 4% increase above the rate cap being 7% each year for the four years. This amount was not considered as a scenario in the Long Term Financial Plans that examined the current situation being no rise, 10% being static and 13% being progressive. Council developed the Delivery Program assuming the 13% progressive amount. These percentage considerations were based on a three pillared analysis of Councils future sustainability being, Financial management, Asset Management and the Communities needs and aspirations. Council has carefully weighed up the options in addressing all of the challenges around these three elements and therefore developed a Delivery Program that will address these challenges that requires funding by the 13% per year for your year funding scenario and consequently a SRV to IPART.

Alectown, 2870.

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12/02/13

To: Kent Boyd

Manager,

Parkes Shire Council.

Dear Kent, and Councillors

This is a note to outline our concerns, with council's commitment to a 13% by 4 year increase in rates. We initially applauded council's initiative to hold a series of community meetings to help the new council develop a plan for the Shire. We attended that meeting at Alectown but now with hindsight, are very disappointed with the outcome. We were asked about our concerns and priorities and the extra services we would like to see but nothing was said of a potential rate rise.

The second round of meetings came and went and we knew nothing of them. We were disappointed. Finally at the beginning of February all rate payers received information on the impending rate increases. Just a week prior to this mail out we ran our own straw poll of neighbours and of the 7 families surveyed 5 were not aware of the impending rate increase decision and the other two were not clear on the amount or for how long. We also asked a prominent business in Parkes, and they too, were none the wiser.

This is our first concern. Surely with council conducting such an "exhaustive consultation period with the community for six months" as stated by Ken Keith on ABC radio you would expect many more people to know of the impending rates decision. On decisions as large and out of the ordinary as this one is, surely general mail outs, preferably with rates notices, at least three months in advance would be more effective than relying on local media.

Secondly, and more importantly, we have major concerns with the progressive program rate increase. Can we say from the outset that in principle we are not against a modest increase, and recognise council's challenges in balancing the books, but this challenge exists for everyone. Of additional concern is the excessively increased load this increase places on businesses, both agricultural and non-agricultural. The suggested increase highlights the ever compounding imbalance of our present rating structure. Our farms' annual rates bill is \$8,000 and by the end of the 4 year rating increase period we will have paid nearly **\$12,000** extra, just for the increases. Would residential rate payers be happy with this scenario?

Thirdly we have a concern for the future generation of farmers in our Shire. With these types of potential increases compounding into the future, what encouragement is there for young people to stay in the industry?

Fourthly: Council has also continually noted that our rating level is lower on average than our Group 11 counterparts. If this is a major concern for council, then conversely, what can be the justification with the Progressive Plan to rapidly overtake the median level and become very distinctly one of the highest rated councils within this group? (as per council's contracted report by WRI entitled "Reasonableness of the special rate variation" pp 18-19.) At the pinnacle of these extrapolations is a business rate that will be 1.74 times higher that the G11 average.

Simply put, we have not spoken to anyone in the rural and business community who is happy with this excessive rate rise, in fact, some are even angry. It is not our intention to be an anchor on the progress of the Shire, but in seeking a balanced perspective on this issue, we cannot support the Progressive Delivery Program. It has the potential to be more "regressive" in outcome, both in terms of the additional financial pressure it places on rate payers (particularly business rate payers), but also on the respect and reputation Council has within the community and further abroad.

In conclusion, 3% + 4% (total 7% / yr for 4 years) would in our opinion be an ample increase. This amount would recognise council's need to catch up in certain essential areas but at the same time lead the community by example with sound balanced fiscal management. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

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Yours faithfully,

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| 4. Alectown Rural Letter Dated: | 1. Need for variation | | 2. Community Consultation: Use of Coffee cup |
| | 2. Community Consultation | X | 2. Community Consultation : Use of Coffee cup comparison was deceptive. Agrees most people in favour |
| 13-02-2012 | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | X | of the rate rise. 2nd Submission: Reiterates that use of |
| 2nd Submission | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | X | Coffee cups and truck tyres was ridiculous and fooled the community. |
| Dated: 25-02-2012 | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | X | 3. Rating Structure Impact on Rate Payers: . Rate cap in |
| | | | place to ensure Council runs business effectively. 2r Submission: Proposed increase excessive. Rural ar business people doing it tough. |
| | | | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions : Believes that total of 10% increase should suffice for 4 years as ample. 2nd Submission: Asks Council to consider 7% rise all up being still hard but more acceptable. |
| | | | 5. Productivity and Cost Containment: Generally states the rise will make Council more wasteful. |
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| | potential impacts of an rate rise were understood to well known that people tend to process information people like numbers and details and some use com- of the rise in a number of ways including comparati- comparisons with similar Councils and percentages people who wanted information on the SRV and in Council in no way was trying to be deceptive but rate | y all n in paris ve ev s. T ts im ther | Community Engagement strategy wanted to ensure that the members of the community across all demographics. It is different ways for example some people are visual some cons etc. Council endeavoured to communicate the impacts very day consumables. Weekly, quarterly and annual costs, his variety Council believes ensured the widest number of pacts were able to understand them in a personal sense. inclusive of all community members. Council recognises on community have a preference for the manner in which they |

Criterion 3 - Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers: Council is aware that some individuals on a case by case basis may have financial difficulties in meeting their commitments with rate charges. Council considered a revised hardship Policy dealing with this issue in light of the Special Rate Variation being sought at it's meeting held on the 15th of January. Council adopted the Rates and Charges Pensioner Rebate and Hardship Assistance Policy at this meeting. Resolution 13-013. Council understands that farmers, particularly those with larger farms have high input costs due to the scale of production undertaken. General rates are based on land values and therefore those farm properties have rates which are commensurate with those higher land values. As the rate increase is applied uniformly based on the value of the properties, properties of higher value should not be disproportionately affected by the rate increase compared to lower value farms. Therefore rates like other input costs are generally proportionate to the size of the farming enterprise.

The submission also states that rate pegging is in place so Council run's its business with it's means. NSW is the only state in which rate pegging is imposed. Rate pegging was introduced in the 1970s as a measure to deal with high inflationary pressures and the notion that Councils were receiving a greater flow of income from the then Whitlam Government reforms which were thought to have taken the pressure off a council's overall rating needs. Decades later, rate pegging has been recognised by academics and researchers as a major and unnecessary revenue constraint on NSW councils.

The Local Government and Shire's Association 2007 submission to the *Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity* stated "Rate pegging has negative consequences in the long run including depriving communities of infrastructure and services, the deferral of infrastructure maintenance and renewal expenditure; and undermining the financial sustainability of councils". Therefore a request for council to stay within the rate peg limit is taken ultimately to be a request for reduced service levels, not improved services.

The impact of slow growth in rates is highlighted by the Federal Government 2008/2009 Local Government National report, which shows that average rates per capita in NSW were \$120 or 22% less the average of other States.

Councils is in this case utilising the provisions of Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 to raise rates in a legal sense above the cap as it feels it meets the criteria to justify this increase.

The submission raises concerns with the overall impact of the rate increase on the business community as well as famers. In the WRI report into the reasonableness of the SRV in looking at the impact non farm business it concluded:

"overall the impact is relatively small on non-farm business with rates representing less than 1 per cent of value added. Even with the progressive plan implementation (13% a year over 4 years), rates will increase by less than 1 percentage point of value added. Therefore the impact of even the progressive rate increase

is insignificant for non-farm business."

Criterion 4 -. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions: In the first submission the Static scenario has been suggested being 10% cumulative for the four years. Council has considered this scenario in the Long Term financial Plan however in assessing the financial, asset management and community needs has developed the Delivery Program for a Progressive Parkes Shire based on funding from a 13% cumulative rise over the next four years. It is only in this funding that there is provision for any substantial new capital projects going forward, it was clear throughout the Community Engagement that there was wide support for Council working not only to address the asset backlog but also to work towards new capital projects to progress the shire in the years to come. The importance the SRV has with regard to Councils future sustainability was also recently highlighted in an analysis on Councils finances by the NSW State Treasury T-Corp report carried out in a recent funding application via the LIRs scheme.

In the second submission dated the 25-02-13 the author has requested a further reduction in the rate rise and that Council should consider a 4% increase above the rate cap being 7% each year for the four years. This amount was not considered as a scenario in the Long Term Financial Plans that examined the current situation being no rise, 10% being static and 13% being progressive. As already indicated Council developed the Delivery Program assuming the 13% progressive amount. These percentage considerations were based on a three pillared analysis of Councils future sustainability being, Financial management, Asset Management and the Communities needs and aspirations. Council has carefully weighed up the options in addressing all of the challenges around these three elements and therefore developed a Delivery Program that will address these challenges that requires funding by the 13% per year for your year funding scenario and consequently a SRV to IPART.

Criterion 5 -. Productivity and Cost Containment: The first submission indicates that by increasing revenue through increased rates would make Council more wasteful and less careful. Council has also considered this issue with regard to Productivity and Cost Containment. Indeed Council has recognised the need for an increased and ongoing commitment to business improvement and efficiencies. A full Council report on the many initiatives already in place and to be implemented in this area has been provided for Councils information and consideration this date

Alectown N.S.W.2870 13-02-2013

Kent Boyd General Manager Parkes Shire Council. Parkes.

Dear Kent and shire councillors,

I thought it courtesy that I write to council to let the councillors know my thoughts about the new vision on our rate rise than just winging to the local paper. I

just want ratepayers to realise what this rate rise will mean in the long term. Thank you for pointing out to me that my house rates will be \$181 less than I quoted

because I added the increase to the extras (water, sewerage etc). I really feel the shire and those in charge of our local government should compromise.

There are always ways of saving. I think just because you're able to raise 9.3 million over 4 years wont make you any more efficient. It could just make you more wasteful and less

I have been a farmer all my life and I just wish everything that I produced went up 3% careful. every year. The shire needs to realise that you raise all your rates from the private sector home owners, business and rural sectors. It is a major cost that we cannot pass on.

I would like to comment on Ian Chambers letter to the Editor saying how much the shire have saved us through rate pegging. These laws are in place so you can run a business within your means. If these laws had not been in place we all would be out of business to-day. The shire needs these regulations to control their spending, I would have a great farm if I had everything I needed, but that really is not going to happen. Ratepayers will have to realize that we will be without some things within the shire, but it will make us appreciate what we have and not what we need.

I do feel the shire was very deceptive how the increase was described in your flyer's vision for Parkes. You even had me believing that I was only going to give up 1 1/2 coffees

a week. Please tell it straight, the glossy promotion has fooled a lot of people. If this increase goes ahead, what happens after 2017?? Can we go back to 2013 rates.

Most people are in favour of a rate rise. We do appreciate the council's efforts to be as I think not.

The Champion Post has just given you a big head line that you are a compassionate progressive as possible. council so lets see more of it. I really think if the shire OK'ed the 7% static rise per year

for the next 4 years we would see some compassion. That is a little less than what I suggested in my letter to the Editor.

I do hope this letter can go to your next meeting on 19th February. I am not anti council, I just believe in good business where it is affordable.

Thanking you for your patience.

Yours faithfully,

Alectown. N.S.W. 2870 25th February, 2013.

General Manager and Shire Councillors Parkes Shire Council.

I am putting in a submission to you all to reconsider the rate rise that you plan for Parkes shire.

I really believe your current anticipated 10% plus 3% for the next 4 years is very excessive.

I think if you meet the ratepayers in the middle at 7% all up it is still going to be very hard for them, but probably more acceptable. Rural and business people in the Parkes shire are doing it very tough.

I have spoken to many ratepayers and most are very ignorant of the extent of your plan. I know this is their fault, but the shire should not take advantage of this because it is not as clear as the shire perceive it to be. They will realize the true extent in a couple of years time.

To try and talk in number of coffees and truck tyres was so ridiculous. I think the glossy promotion has fooled a lot of people.

I do hope you receive all the submissions that the ratepayers have submitted to you in good faith.

I challenge all the councillors to reconsider what report you will send to IPART on the 14th March.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts with you.

Yours faithfully.

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| 5. Parkes Resident Self Funded Retiree Email dated: 17-02-2013 | 1. Need for variation2. Community Consultation3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | 3. Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers: Generally outlines the concern th self funded retirees are not assisted and suggest should be treated lil pensioners. Indicates no mention on increases to other charges. | | | | | |
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| | may have financial difficulties in me Policy dealing with this issue in lig January. Council adopted the Rate Resolution 13-013. Whilst it would be as a classification of rate payer gives are in genuine need are able to avail Other fees and charges : The proper at its meeting in January 2013. As a by the CPI only where it was cons previous year. Councils are required or zero cost recovery scenarios for community service obligations (CSC taken to pass these savings on to the | Licture Impact on Rate Payers: Council is aware that some individuals on a case by case ulties in meeting their commitments with rate charges. Council considered a revised har issue in light of the Special Rate Variation being sought at it's meeting held on the 18 ed the Rates and Charges Pensioner Rebate and Hardship Assistance Policy at this me st it would be extremely difficult to administer and verify a specific rebate for self funder re payer given the likely diverse range of incomes amongst the group, individuals in this grou able to avail themselves to the provisions of the hardship policy. | | | | | |

 From:
 Sunday, 17 February 2016 2.101 m.

 Sent:
 Council

 Subject:
 Re Rate rises

It is with some deep concern I read your Delivery for a Progressive Parkes Shire -Our Vision ??? Due see and appreciate the problems Council faces, my alarm bells ring when I note NO consideration expressed for self funded retirees!

Unlike your depicting 1 to two bought large coffees - (which I rarely indulge in) my problem is through a long life of working paying our due taxes now my husband is deceased I am not entitled to a pension just a health care card and my Superannuation Fund has had serious severe losses which no one seems to be responsible for.

My electricity account has jumped from the last bill to this by \$290.63. and in most of this time I have been absent looking after family, my worry is you are asking for a large increase plus CPI and this will annually multiply where my Superannuation will continue to decrease.

Will I be able to continue to live in my own home? Have no issues with presenting my taxable income return to Council annually and would hope that a guide line for fees would be based on income.

Feel sure there are so many like me - who do not object to doing their bit - if it is possible. Not to be considered is alarming. Farmers are - Pensioners are - why are self funded retirees not?

Would appreciate a reply - last year I did write a letter expressing this concern had no response. Yes it is probably possible to manage the first increase - but after with that multiplied and CPI also added it will become very difficult to cope with for people in my position.

Do understand the grave need of up grading and creating facilities and having never had footpaths in my area and seeing young people and families mainly using the road have some idea of issues council faces. I have had to pay thousands out this year to repair our fences due to the extra dry and then earlier last year the historic flooding rains.

From the built on land above me a wash came down that undermined our brick fence and took a lot of our asphalt drive right out so I too have had to cope with unexpected fees. Also repairs and replacements as things age and have to be

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replaced but with income being so restricted I am very worried as to how one is expected to cope with no category for my status even being considered by Council.

Would greatly appreciate a reply when convenient. I do hope to remain in my home till I die and doing this becomes an issue with increases such as you are proposing plus all the other increases that come up. It is the multiplying of the excess plus CPI that is frankly - for me quite stressful. Sincerely

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| | 1. Need for variation | | 3. Rating Structure Impact on Rate Payers: This | | | |
| 6. Parkes Rural | 2. Community Consultation | | submission focuses on the findings of the WRI report into | | | |
| Email dated: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | Χ | reasonableness. In particular the Farming category of rates and the potential impacts of hobby farms in the | | | |
| 19-02-2013 | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | | conclusions being made. | | | |
| | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | X | | | | |
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| | WRI Report: The submission raises the issues around the impact that the inclusion of Hobby Farms may has on the WRI findings. Council has requested WRI re examine these with regards to the concerns raised in the submission. It is anticipated this full response will be completed and tabled at Councils meeting on the 5th of March when these submissions are to be considered by Council. Preliminary feedback from WRI would indicate the following. | | | | | |
| | hectares, the farm owner derives most of his/her in operations is less than \$75,000. It would appear the the value added scenarios, there is a significant red | come at in ducir | roposed by ABS. Hobby farms are those of the size 2-100 e from off-farm activities, and value added from agricultural taking these out of the data set in analysing the impacts on ng in the impact of a rate rise in the three agricultural grow ure, Agricultural Stagnation and Maximum growth when | | | |

compared to the original data of the report that included hobby farms in the mix.

The submission also pointed out also that if Hobby Farms were to be excluded from the analysis in determining the average farming rate, the outcome would be that the overall average of rates being paid would increase for this larger farm group. Clearly this is indeed the case, the below graph representing the spread of the total number of farmland rate assessments and the value of rates being paid



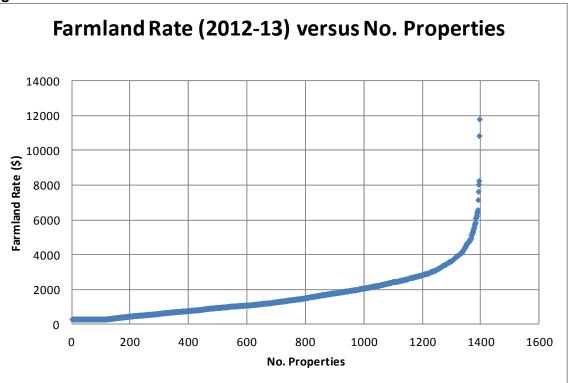


Figure 1 shows the number of individually rated properties in the farmland category. There are approximately 1400 farmland rated properties and the average rate, based on DLG methodology, for the 2012/13 year is approximately \$1600. There are approximately 840 properties below the average and 560 properties above the average. Farms that are an aggregations of a number of individually rated properties, will be shown as individual properties in the above figure.

Parkes NSW 2870

19th February 2013

To Parkes Shire Council

DATE: 20/2/2013 DOC # 849762 DAY BOX: INDEX:

ACTION:

We are writing to express some concerns we have about the proposed special rate variation. We realise that Council has developed the recently endorsed Progressive Delivery Program over some time, which has included community consultation at all stages. However the full extent of the rate increases that this program involves

Having read the information available on the council website and circulated on public brochures, there are a few things we would like clarified - particularly as to the effect they will have on local farmers like ourselves.

We read in the Western Region Institute report that they assessed the increases "...in terms of rates' movement in line with other costs and prices; in terms of the impact on rates' increases on household expenditure and business viability; and in terms of consistency of rates' increases with Parkes Shire rankings."(p25) It seems to us that as far as farmland is concerned the reasonableness of the proposed variation can be questioned in two of these areas.

According to the WRI, "The rate increase will be considered in line with other price and cost increases if it does not exceed the actual price increase of related items over the last four years.."(p7) However in relation to farm and nonfarm businesses, they go on to state that " ...except for input prices to electricity and rail freight, even the static rate increase exceeds the past and anticipated input price and wage increases over the relevant period."(p25)

On page 7 we also read "The impact of the rate increase on the viability of Parkes farm & non-farm business is considered insignificant if 70% (ie deducting company tax) of the rate increase changes rates as a percentage of industry value added by less than 1 percentage point." The results here for the Progressive Program are quoted as at least 1.01% under Scenario 2 ("growing agriculture") or 2.95% under Scenario 1 ("stagnating agriculture"). While we would all like to think that "..the assumption of stagnating agricultural value added may be less plausible than the assumption of growing agriculture.."(p25), with the inevitable ups and downs of the seasons we certainly cannot count on it and the WRI does not seem to provide any clear evidence itself to support this assertion.

The WRI qualify these unsatisfactory figures by noting rather vaguely that "...concern about this impact should be mitigated to some extent because the significance of rate increases for farm business is in part due to the growing number of hobby farms."(p25) As landholders operating our farm as a business, and not deriving income from separate occupations, we would like to have some better information as to what the real impact on us and those like us percentage wise might be. Does Council know to what extent the above figures are actually overstated due to the hobby farm factor?

We also feel that the inclusion of hobby farms clouds the average total farmland rate increase figures quoted in the information brochure recently circulated by Council. If many of the 1414 farm areas used to calculate these averages are not in fact large enough to be working as genuine farm businesses, then the "\$16.37 per week" or "1.8 track tyres per year" will certainly not be representative for most farmers. Does Council have information on the balance here, and has it been duly considered?

We acknowledge that Council has a very challenging ongoing task in matching community expectations and aspirations with available resources, but in the interests of fairness we would appreciate your response to these few queries.

Yours sincerely,

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| | 1. Need for variation | | 2 Definer Structure Impact on Date Devere: Concrelly |
| 7. Parkes Rural | 2. Community Consultation | | 3. Rating Structure Impact on Rate Payers : Generally outlines the ongoing increase in costs to farming and |
| Email dated: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | X | effects of drought. Also possible increase in Tip charges |
| 21-02-2013 | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | | will impact on his situation. |
| | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | X | 5. Productivity and Cost Containment : Generally states Council should work with current constraints and better |
| | | - | utilize resources. |
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| | Councils Position | | |
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Criterion 5 -. Productivity and Cost Containment: The states that Council should work within current constraints and better utilise resources. Council has examined this area closely and would be unable under current funding to offer both the levels of services expected by the community as well as maintain its assets and address some significant asset backlogs in particular with regard to roads. Council has considered the better utilisation of resources being with regard to Productivity and Cost Containment. Council has understands the need for an increased and

| ongoing commitment to business improvement and efficiencies. A full Council report on the many initiatives already |
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| in place and to be implemented in this area has been provided for Councils information and consideration this date. |

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Thursday, 21 February 2013 10:12 PM Council Council Rates & tip charges

To whom it may concern

I do not support the rate increase for farmland.

- · We are not getting enough for our produce to make it viable
- Our over heads continue to go up
- We continue to be the price takers while everyone else puts there price up.

I am trying to get into farming at a relatively young age compared to the average age of a farmer and its not easy.

I think the council needs to work within its current constraints and better utilize resources.

Another issue which is going to affect my area is tip fees. Over the last 6 months I know of 5 loads of rubbish that have been dumped around my property. Some piles of rubbish are still there, others I have cleaned up and taken to the tip myself. One was dumped directly opposite my front gate. This has happened with no tip fees, it will get a lot worse when there are tip fees. Most people on low incomes will not pay the tip fees, they will drive a short distance out of town to dump there rubbish.

I don't normally give feedback and just accept the change. But in this instance the rate changes are just to high.

Regards

Parkes

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| Letter Received: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | X | holdings equate to an extra \$8,000 |
| 26-02-2012 | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | | |
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Parkes 2870 26th Feb 2013

The General Manager Porkes Shere Council Parked

Dear Sir, Reluctantly, I take the time to pat per to paper to comment on the council's proposed 4 year rate sise.

The emplications of a 11-13% annual note rese on the runal base would place a huge bunden on the sector. On my own formely holdengis, this would equate to an extra \$8,000. I would predict an increasing level of rate default, simply because the sectors inability to service such on increase.

I strongly unge Coancil to consider the flow-on effect of such actions, and not just assume that the rural base will abcorb these increases as a mother of course. Aurely some middle ground could be a compromise, allowing some delivery of service, without putting such a huge burden on the rural base. consider! yours faithfully,

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| 9. Peak Hill Rural | 2. Community Consultation | | outlines the ongoing increase in costs to farming. Indicate |
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Peak Hill 2869

23/2/2012

The Parkes Shire Council

Cecil Street

Parkes 2870

RE: RATE INCREASE

Until now, we have paid our rates on our farming land and never questioned what we get for our money. But the time has come to let you know that we are not very happy with your decision to increase our rates by 12%, cumulative over the next four years.

On my calculations our rates will increase by over \$5000.00 after four years. We don't feel, that we the business community, gets the best bang for our buck because we are too busy running our businesses, providing employment opportunities to make use of all the facilities provided by the council. To make matters worse, we have to let the council know when the roads surrounding our farming properties need maintenance.

Maybe the council could look at a different type of rating structure, such as a cheaper rating system for farms and business, owners. These people provide the employment opportunities for our shire and need to be encouraged rather than discouraged.

We can live without the coffee a week but for the safety of the shires residents, we cannot go without replacing the 1.5 truck tyres a year.

Farmers are price takers and cannot pass on this increase to the people that purchase our produce. Please take this into consideration when you make your decisions that affect our bottom line too.

Kind regards

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| | 1. Need for variation | | |
| 10. Parkes Resident Letter | 2. Community Consultation | | 3. Rating structure Impact on Rate Payers: Generally outlines the concern that rates be too expensive and |
| dated: | 3. Rating structure and impact on rate payers | X | estimates rates will be \$3000 after 4 years. |
| 25-02-2013 | 4. Delivery Program and LTFP assumptions | | |
| | 5. Productivity and cost containment strategies | X | 5. Productivity and Cost Containment : Generally questions Councils stewardship of public funds. Sites |
| | | | Council should reduce service levels and points out investment losses. A number of derogatory remarks regarding recent events in Council in general. |
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PARKES T 25TH FEB 2013

EDITOR OF CHAMPION POST 4 PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL.

DEAR SIRS, I REALY AM UNPOSET WITH. THE THOUGHT OF A RATE IN CREASE OF 13%. I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS WITH THIS LETTER AS MY WAY WITH WORDS IS VERY SLIM.

AGREE WITH WES WESTLOT'S LETTER OF A FEW WEEKS AGO. ALSO WITH THE LETTER FROM YVONE HUTTON, I WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE LETTER FROM IAN CHAMBERS.

WITH AN INCREASE OF 13% + THENORMAL 3%, DOES THIS MEAN AT THE END OF FOUR YOUYEARS WE WILL BE PAYING 64% ON WHAT WE PAY NOW, MY RATES WILL BE ABOUT \$3,000, I'VE BEEN PAYING RATES NEARLY 50 YEARS AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS GONE UP A LITTLE, BUT NOT LIKE B'S.

I THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD LEARN TO LIVE WITH IN THEIR MEANS (LIKE THE REST OF US). IF THEY HAVE NOT A LOT OF FUNDS THEY SHOULD ONLY DO INAMEDERTIE JOBS. 4 SAVE UP & DO



ARE THE PEOPLE THAT DID THE NUMBERS TO SELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR DOING THE NUMBERS FOR THE RATES, IF'SO I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT 4 IS BIGGER TAAN 3. + NUMBERS WERE NOT NEEDED TO BE NRAWN OUT UT MILLI. I WAS TOLD SOME SHOPS TOOK LISTS PARTITION OF NAMES + & 90% OF PEOPLE SAID NO TO A RATE RISE AT BY. AT THIS RATE THE COUNCIL IS SIMILAR TO JULIA GILLARD + IS NOT LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE. I REALY DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE PUT UP WITH THESE THINGS , I THINK WHO EVER SAID "IT'S ONLY A CUP OF COFFEE" MUST BE DRINKING OUT OF AVERY BIG MUG. IN ENDING THIS NOTE I REALY THINK (COUNCIL) - THEY ARE ALL BLOODY MAD. YOURSE SINCERELY

P.S.

I HEAR THEY ARE WANTING ANOTHER HOCKEY FIELD. THE COUNCIL CAN'T HELP THE SQUASH COURTS SO I HOPE

PROTESTATION LETTERS

BEING LETTERS SUBMITTED REGARDING THE SPECIAL RATE VARIATION IN PROTEST WITH NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE CRITERIA CONSIDERED.

Letter Dated 25-02-13 Parkes Rural
 Letter Dated 26-02-13 Goonumbla Rural

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I pay enough rates already and I'm not happy about the increase and I don't want to pay anymore.

| Regards . | |
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PARKES 2870

Darkee Shire Council

Cnr Bogan St & Cecile St

PARKES NSW 2870

RE: INTENDED RATE RISE

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know that I am against the Rate rise for the Parkes Shire.

Yours Sincerely

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Parkes Shire Council

Cnr Bogan St & Cecile St

PARKES NSW 2870

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Cnr Bogan St & Cecile St

PARKES NSW 2870

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Parkes Shire Council

PARKES NSW 2870

RE: INTENDED RATE RISE

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the Rate rise for Parkes Shire.

Yours Sincerely

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Annexure 2.y

Parkes Shire Council

Ordinary Meeting Minutes 5 March 2013

Council Resolution 13-87

10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 (GM) Adoption of Delivery Program including 2013/2014 Operational Plan and 2013/2014 Budget including Special Rate Variation

Executive Summary

The draft Delivery Program incorporating the following suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents has been on display for the statutory period of 28 days:

Community Engagement Strategy Community Strategic Plan 4 year Delivery Program 4 year Financial Forecast 10 Year Asset Management Strategy 10 year Long Term Financial Plan 4 year Workforce Strategy Operational Plan Operational Budget

The draft Delivery Program incorporated the special rate variation scenarios of "Static" being a 10% increase per year for four (4) years, and the "Progressive" being a 13% increase per year for four (4) years.

Council received 15 submissions which primarily related to the Special Rate Variation component of the Delivery Program. Details of the submissions and recommended actions are detailed in the report.

The Plans and all associated documents are presented for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the draft Progressive Delivery Program be adopted, which includes provision for a special rate variation of 13% increase per year for the four (4) years of the delivery program. The Delivery Program consists of the following documents:

Community Engagement Strategy Community Strategic Plan 4 year Delivery Program 4 year Financial Forecast 10 year Asset Management Strategy 10 year Long Term Financial Plan 4 year Workforce Strategy Operational Plan Operational Budget

- 2. That the draft schedule of fees and charges made under Section 608 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and included in the draft Revenue Policy be adopted.
- 3. That pursuant to section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the draft Statement of Revenue Policy be adopted for the year 2013/14.
- 4. That Council hereby approves and votes the expenditure in the 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 Operational Plan and Operational Budget.
- 5. That the statement of amounts and rates to be charged for works on private land for 2013/14 contained with the draft Operational Plan be adopted.
- 6. That council lodge a Section 508A Special Rate Variation by the 11th of March 2013 to IPART for a special rate variation of 13% increase per year for four (4) years, as set out in the Progressive delivery program.
- 7. That Council instigate a formal, risk based, business process review, and that the outcomes of the review be reported to the risk review committee annually.

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That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Michael Greenwood, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

CARRIED