Special Rate Variation (SRV)

Introduction – Your services, your options, your rates.

Council has had a special rate variation (SRV) of 9 per cent for five years, which ends this financial year. A decision now needs to be made on whether to submit an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a future SRV.

The current SRV provided Council with approximately \$5.6 million per annum in additional funding to:

- deliver much needed road and other works to bring community infrastructure up to a satisfactory standard.
- increase graffiti removal, parks maintenance, cleaning, mechanical work and general maintenance

Our main focus has been road, bridge and footpath works; improvement and restoration of public buildings; drainage works which reduce the impact of flooding; and renovation of sporting fields.

While Council will apply the regular 3 per cent annual rate peg increase, this is just to stay in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and meet regular increasing costs in the broader economy.

The approval for the current SRV expires in June 2014. To continue this variation, Council will need to lodge a new application to IPART. Should Council not proceed with lodging an application or lodge an application and be unsuccessful, our annual operational budget will decrease by approximately \$6.3 million. This means Council will need to reduce capital works and services.

In addition to the continuation of the current SRV, the 10-year Long Term Financial Plan indicates that Council will have a funding gap over and above the current 9 per cent and will require additional funds to meet the infrastructure and service level demands of a growing city. The community has requested an increased and additional range of services, particularly in the areas of traffic and transport infrastructure, safety and the look and feel of the city. To deliver these additional services, additional funding is required.



In the past three years, Council has spoken to more than 3,500 people. During this process, the community has requested an increased and additional range of services, particularly in the areas of roads safety and cleaner, newer looking city.

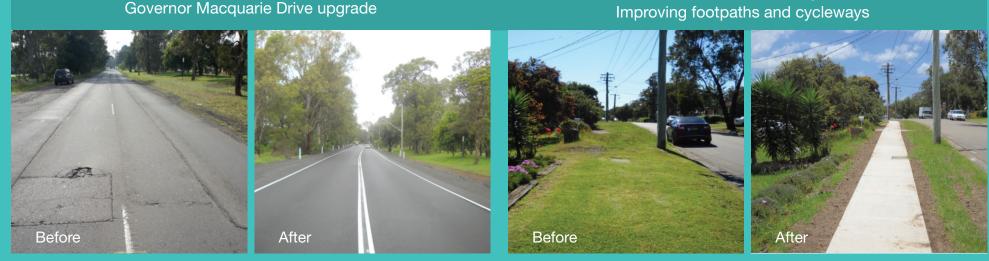
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What did **Council deliver** with the previous special rate variation?





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Parks and Sp

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Total Funds

How much

WHAT WILL I GET WITH ACH OPTION?	OPTION 1 MAINTAIN SERVICES	OPTION 2 REDUCE SERVICES	OPTION 3 INCREASE SERVICES
	Keep the existing rate variation (9%) only and maintain current services, road works and infrastructure delivery to the community.	Lose the existing variation (-9%) and reduce services, road works and infrastructure delivery to the community	Increase rate variation (9% + 2.5% for two years) and increase services, road works and infrastructure delivery to the community.
ges and Footpaths	\$20 million	\$8.3 million	\$29.9 million
Centres and Facilities	\$9.7 million	\$4.1 million	\$12.4 million
sportsgrounds	\$6.8 million	\$2.5 million	\$8.2 million
from flooding	\$3.6 million	\$1.3 million	\$3.9 million
Available	\$40.1 million available for the next four years	\$16.1 million available for the next four years	\$54.4 million available for the next four years
will it cost me?	The average rate increase per house will be \$1.75 cents per week or \$118 a year to continue the same level of services, road works and infrastructure delivery. Based on current rates payable, the increase in your rates next year in comparison to this year is 62 cents per week or \$32 per year.	The average rate decrease per house will be \$1.13 per week or \$59 a year. Council will reduce services, road works and infrastructure delivery.	The average rate increase per house will be \$2.73 per week or \$142 in th first year. It will be a further \$1.19 per week or \$62 in the second year. Some of the additional works which Council will be able to deliver include: • Resurfacing and essential works to 13 additional roads and 15 new bus shelt across the whole local government are • Critical upgrades and floodlighting to sports grounds to improve safety, lighting access and packing
			 lighting, access and parking. A special playground for children with a disability. Upgrades to 7 playgrounds. Upgrades to 7 additional childcare and community centres.

How can you provide feedback? **Take the Survey**

Before Council proceeds with making a decision regarding the special rate variation they are seeking community feedback on each of the three options. The survey is available on Council's website www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au

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Heavy patching, reconstruction and resurfacing to restore failed pavement at Devonshire Road, Kemps Creek



Hinkler Avenue and McGirr Parade, Warwick Farm

Parks and playgrounds

Whitlam Leisure Centre More than \$700,000 in works undertaken.



Roberts Park, Chipping Norton

Vasta Park







Need more information:

For more information on the special rate variation, including how the options will affect you directly and the types of projects that will be funded by the special rate variation, please visit www. liverpool.nsw.gov.au or phone Council on 1300 36 2170. Council has many people who speak different languages as well as access to a translating service for residents who speak limited or no Englisi



