



**SOUTH BURNETT**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**

# **AGENDA**

## **Budget Committee Meeting Friday, 20 May 2022**

**I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Budget Committee will be held on:**

**Date: Friday, 20 May 2022**

**Time: 9.00am**

**Location: Warren Truss Chamber  
45 Glendon Street  
Kingaroy**

**Mark Pitt PSM  
Chief Executive Officer**

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2022**

**File Number:** 20/5/2022

**Author:** Executive Assistant

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2022 be received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2022**



# MINUTES

## Budget Committee Meeting Friday, 13 May 2022

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**MINUTES OF SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE WARREN TRUSS CHAMBER, 45 GLENDON STREET, KINGAROY  
ON FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2022 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:****Councillors:**

Cr Brett Otto (Mayor), Cr Gavin Jones (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Danita Potter, Cr Kirstie Schumacher, Cr Scott Henschen

**Council Officers:**

Peter O'May (General Manager Community), Susan Jarvis (General Manager Finance & Corporate), Tim Low (Acting General Manager Infrastructure), Kerri Anderson (Manager Finance and Sustainability), Kevin Searle (Manager Works), Leanne Petersen (Manager Property), Carolyn Knudsen (Manager Corporate Services), Craig Patch (Coordinator Finance), Bree Hunt (Executive Assistant)

**1 OPENING**

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Lords Prayer and welcomed all attendees.

**2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES****APOLOGY**

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/43**

Moved: Cr Brett Otto

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the apology received from Cr Duff be accepted and leave of absence granted.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 5/0**

Mark Pitt – Chief Executive Officer.

Tim Low – Acting General Manager Infrastructure (9:00am – 9:44am).

**Attendance:**

At 9:01am, Cr Gavin Jones returned to the meeting

**3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

Mayor Otto acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

**4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil



## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 5.1 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2022

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/44

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

That the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 6 May 2022 be received.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

#### **Attendance:**

At 9:39am, Coordinator Finance Craig Patch entered the meeting (online).

At 9:41am, Manager Property Leanne Petersen left the meeting.

At 9:44am, Acting General Manager Tim Low entered the meeting (online).

At 9:45am, Manager Property Leanne Petersen returned to the meeting.

## 6 BUSINESS

### 6.1 22-23 DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/45

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Committee approve the draft 22-23 fees and charges as amended from this meeting (excluding dog registrations, water standpipe sales, glamping tents, costs associated with cemeteries and costs associated with the category of transportable homes) with the approved draft to be presented to the June Ordinary Council meeting for adoption.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

## 7 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

## 8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 9:48am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Budget Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2022.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**6 BUSINESS****6.1 ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL DEBT POLICY 2022/2023 - STATUTORY010**

**File Number:** IR2870191  
**Author:** Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**PRECIS**

Adoption of the South Burnett Regional Council Debt Policy 2022/2023 – Statutory010

**SUMMARY**

South Burnett Regional Council ('Council') recognises that loan borrowings ('debt') for capital works are an important funding source and that the full cost of infrastructure should not be borne entirely by present day ratepayers and should also be contributed to by future ratepayers who will also benefit. Whilst recognising the importance of loan borrowings, Council will seek to reduce dependence on borrowings in order to minimise the impact on rating increases needed to fund the debt servicing and redemption.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the South Burnett Regional Council Debt Policy 2022/2023 – Statutory010 be adopted as presented.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

No direct financial and resource implications arise from this report which have not already been considered in the development of Council's annual budget.

**LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Corporate Plan 2021 - 2026	OR2 Achieve community recognition as an ethical Council that values and practices community consultation, accountable governance and open and transparent decision-making.
	OR5 Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management.
Operational Plan 2021/2022	Deliver the Council Policy Governance Framework to support strategic planning and compliance with relevant legislation, policies, codes of practice and standards. Deliver sound corporate risk management and internal audit functions aligning to policy.

**COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)**

An internal review was undertaken by Manager Finance & Sustainability with assistance from Corporate, Governance & Strategy. Only changes undertaken in the review were to update the financial year from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)**

*Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*  
*Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*

*Local Government Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013**Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982 (Qld)**Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2019 (Qld)**Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)*

Section 4(b) requires public entities to act and make decisions in away compatible with human rights. The *Human Rights Act 2019* requires public entities to only limit human rights in certain circumstances and after careful consideration. The human rights protected under the Act are not absolute. This means that the rights must be balanced against the rights of others and public policy issues of significance.

**In the decision-making process, Council is to consider the 23 human rights:**

1. Recognition and equality before the law;	13. Cultural rights—generally;
2. Right to life;	14. Cultural rights—Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
3. Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;	15. Right to liberty and security of person;
4. Freedom from forced work;	16. Humane treatment when deprived of liberty;
5. Freedom of movement;	17. Fair hearing;
6. Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief;	18. Rights in criminal proceedings;
7. Freedom of expression;	19. Children in the criminal process;
8. Peaceful assembly and freedom of association;	20. Right not to be tried or punished more than once;
9. Taking part in public life;	21. Retrospective criminal laws;
10. Property rights;	22. Right to education;
11. Privacy and reputation;	23. Right to health services.
12. Protection of families and children;	

### **POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS**

No direct local law or delegation implications arise from this report.

### **ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

No direct asset management implications arise from this report.

### **REPORT**

South Burnett Regional Council ('Council') recognises that loan borrowings ('debt') for capital works are an important funding source and that the full cost of infrastructure should not be borne entirely by present day ratepayers and should also be contributed to by future ratepayers who will also benefit. Whilst recognising the importance of loan borrowings, Council will seek to reduce dependence on borrowings in order to minimise the impact on rating increases needed to fund the debt servicing and redemption.

This policy is effective from the date of Council's resolution and will apply to the financial year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. The policy applies to all Council departments and provides guidance on the current financial year and the following nine (9) financial year's borrowing programs.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **South Burnett Regional Council Debt Policy 2022/2023 - Statutory010** [↓](#) 



POLICY CATEGORY - NUMBER: Statutory010

POLICY OWNER: Finance &amp; Sustainability

ECM ID: 2870191

ADOPTED:

## Debt Policy 2022/2023

**NOTE:** Council regularly reviews and updates its policies. The latest controlled version can be obtained from the Policy Register on Council's intranet or by contacting Council's Corporate, Governance & Strategy Branch. **A hard copy of this electronic document is considered uncontrolled when printed.**

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### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

South Burnett Regional Council ('Council') recognises that loan borrowings ('debt') for capital works are an important funding source and that the full cost of infrastructure should not be borne entirely by present day ratepayers and should also be contributed to by future ratepayers who will also benefit. Whilst recognising the importance of loan borrowings, Council will seek to reduce dependence on borrowings in order to minimise the impact on rating increases needed to fund the debt servicing and redemption.

Generally, Council will only borrow funds for the purpose of acquiring assets, improving facilities or infrastructure and/or substantially extending the useful life of income generating assets (e.g., water, sewerage, waste).

### 2. SCOPE

This policy is effective from the date of Council's resolution and will apply to the financial year from **1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**. The policy applies to all Council departments and provides guidance on the current financial year and the following nine (9) financial year's borrowing programs.

The purpose of establishing a Debt Policy is to:

- provide a comprehensive view of Council's long-term debt position and the capacity to fund infrastructure growth for the South Burnett region;
- increase awareness of issues concerning debt management;
- enhance the understanding between Councillors, community groups and Council staff by documenting policies and guidelines;
- demonstrate to government and lending institutions that Council has a disciplined approach to borrowing.

### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

*Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012* ('Regulation') requires a Local Government's Debt Policy to state the details of new borrowings planned for the current financial year and the next nine (9) financial years and the period over which the local government plans to repay existing and new borrowings.

*Section 104(5)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009* ('Act') requires a local government to develop a Debt Policy as part of its financial management system. The Act also defines Council as a statutory body and subsequently Council's borrowing activities continue to be governed by the *Statutory*

*Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982.*

### 3.1. Purpose of the Borrowings

Council restricts borrowings to expenditure on identified capital projects that are considered by Council to be of the highest priority, and which cannot be funded from other sources of revenue. In no circumstances should Council borrow funds to finance recurrent expenditure or the operational activities of Council.

### 3.2. Roles and Responsibilities

Pursuant to *Section 192* of the Regulation, detail of the proposed borrowing for the current year and the future nine (9) years will be prepared annually as part of the budget process.

All borrowings shall be obtained through Queensland Treasury Corporation ('QTC') with applications outlining proposed borrowings to be forwarded for approval to the Minister responsible for Local Government. Council shall continue to use the full range of QTC's fund management services in order to enhance the Council's loan/redemption procedures to meet Council's policy criteria.

Credit reviews will be undertaken periodically by QTC on behalf of the Minister for Local Government. Loan proceeds will be drawn down subject to cash flow requirements annually so as to minimise interest expense.

### 3.3. Asset Management

The Regulation requires Councils to effectively plan and manage their infrastructure assets, focusing particularly on ensuring the sustainable management of the assets mentioned in the local government's asset register. This may require Council to consider borrowings to fund identified priority infrastructure projects.

### 3.4. Risk Management

Council is committed to the management of risk, so it is important that management policies, procedures and practices are in place to minimise Council's exposure to risk. Council will take into account Council's adopted Corporate Risk and Internal Audit Framework, Long-Term Financial Forecast and relevant Financial Sustainability Ratios and Measures.

### 3.5. Loan Repayment Terms Proposed for New Loans

Roads	10 - 20 years
Waste	15 – 20 years dependent on asset
Water	15 – 20 years
Sewerage	15 – 20 years
General	Between six (6) and 20 years dependent on asset

The borrowing term will not exceed the life of the asset to which it relates, in order to apportion costs on an equitable basis over future generations of ratepayers. Spreading the cost of these capital projects over a long-term will minimise the revenue impact on the community, as well as addressing the need and cost benefit of providing for infrastructure development immediately to meet expected future demographic needs.

Where borrowing is constrained, borrowings for infrastructure that provides a return on capital will take precedence over borrowings for other assets.

Where capital expenditure is deferred from one year to the next, the drawdown of approved loan funds will be reviewed to minimise interest expense.

### 3.6. Proposed New Borrowings

Council intends to borrow \$800,000 in the current financial year and has a total of planned borrowings of \$11.8 million forecast for 2022/2023 - 2031/2032 for the following identified projects:

#### Gordonbrook Dam Wall Upgrade

This project is required to:

- meet legislative obligations under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability Act) 2008* and Dam Safety Condition DS 16 – Dam Upgrade to Minimum AFC Requirements;
- increase the spillway capacity or dam infrastructure in order to achieve the Acceptable Flood Capacity (or 1 in 10,000-year event).

This project is not to increase the overall storage volume or height of the dam itself, but to provide adequate spillway capacity to prevent dam failure under extreme flood conditions.

### 3.7. Loan Drawdowns

QTC and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning approve proposed borrowing for a particular financial year. In order to minimise finance costs, loan drawdowns should be deferred as long as possible after taking into consideration Council's overall cash flow requirements.

### 3.8. Existing Loans

Existing loans will continue to be discharged at the initial repayment terms and interest rates, unless the repayment terms are altered by the QTC or if surplus funds become available, and it is advantageous to Council, apply excess cash reserves towards early repayment of debts.

Projected Borrowings for 2022/2023 - 2031/2032 can be found in Attachment A.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

**Loan Drawdowns** means the time at which the loan is funded from QTC and provided to Council.

## 5. LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

*Local Government Act 2009* (Qld)

*Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld)

*Local Government Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013*

*Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* (Qld)

*Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2019* (Qld)

## 6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

South Burnett Regional Council Investment Policy 2022/2023 – Statutory009

South Burnett Regional Council Revenue Policy 2022/2023 – Statutory005

South Burnett Regional Council Revenue Statement 2022/2023

South Burnett Regional Council Asset Management Policy – Strategic014

South Burnett Regional Council Corporate Risk and Internal Audit Framework

## 7. NEXT REVIEW

As prescribed by legislation – June 2023

**8. VERSION CONTROL**

Version	Revision Description	Adopted Date	ECM Reference
1	New Policy	21 July 2010	896430
2	Policy Review	13 July 2011	1127076
3	Policy Review	11 July 2012	1304490
4	Policy Review	3 July 2013	1458317
5	Policy Review	25 July 2014	1620431
6	Policy Review	29 June 2015	1888895
7	Policy Review	27 June 2016	1958989
8	Policy Review	26 June 2017	2719367
9	Policy Review	25 June 2018	2513689
10	Policy Review	12 June 2019	2597433
11	Policy Review	17 June 2020	2690853
12	Policy Review	30 June 2021	2800665
13	Policy Review		

Mark Pitt PSM  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date:

Attachment A

## Proposed 10 Year Borrowing Schedule

Borrowing Schedule 2022-2032	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Total
<b>Water</b>				
Gordonbrook Dam Wall Upgrade	\$ 800,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 11,800,000
<b>Total Loan Borrowings</b>	\$ 800,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 11,800,000

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## 6.2 EXEMPTIONS AND CONCESSIONS ON VARIOUS SPECIAL, SEPARATE AND UTILITY CHARGES 2022/2023

**File Number:** 20/05/2022

**Author:** Manager Finance & Sustainability

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

### PRECIS

Setting the exemptions and concessions on various rates and charges for groups or organisations, which provide a public service or community benefit.

### SUMMARY

Council recognises that various groups or organisations provide a public service or community benefit throughout the region. In order to assist these groups or organisations Council has determined to provide concessions on various rates and charges.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That:

1. pursuant to *Section 93* of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council provides an exemption of differential general rates and separate charges for properties as identified within the categories per the table below.
2. pursuant to *Sections 120, 121 and 122* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grants a rebate for various rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 as identified in the table below and subject to the following:
  - (a) Property owners must notify Council immediately if there is a substantive change in land use for a property that is receiving a rate concession.
  - (b) Applications received during the current financial year that fall within the categories below, will be granted a rate concession following the passing of a resolution by Council.
  - (c) If a property has been granted a rate concession in the previous financial year, the owner will not be required to re-apply to receive the rate concession for the current financial year. However, proof of ongoing eligibility will be required if requested.

Concession Category	Differential General Rates	Separate Rates	Water Access	Sewerage Access	Waste Bin
Queensland Country Women's Association	100%	100%	75%	75%	0%
Youth Accommodation	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Youth Groups – Scouts, Guides	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Seniors and Welfare Groups	100%	100%	50%	50%	0%
Kindergartens	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Service and Other Clubs	100%	100%	75%	75%	0%
Show Grounds	100%	100%	50%	50%	0%
Race Grounds	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Museums, Theatres, Heritage	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Sporting Groups and Associations	100%	100%	75%	75%	0%
Charitable Organisations	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Community Owned Halls	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Rate concessions reduce Council's revenue by an estimated \$255,000. This has been included in the budget.

**LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

OR5 Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management.

OR14 Continue to implement regional equity / consistency in Council's rating system.

**COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)**

Rating implications have been discussed with Council during the development of the 2022/2023 budget.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)**

Rate resolutions are in accordance with the relevant section of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The adoption of appropriate rate resolutions is integral to funding the budget.

**POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Council's Revenue Policy.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Rate revenue is used to fund depreciation which is the source of funds for capital works programs. Funds are also used for the provision of services as well as operation and maintenance of assets.

**REPORT**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**6.3 WAIVING MINIMUM GENERAL RATES 2022/2023****File Number:** 20/05/2022**Author:** Manager Finance & Sustainability**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**PRECIS**

Determining concession from Minimum General Rates for properties which are small parcels of land used for a pump site or small parcels of land worked in conjunction with other properties held in the same ownership.

**SUMMARY**

Council has determined that some classes of properties should be exempt from the minimum general rate. Generally, these properties are small parcels of land used for a pump site or small parcels of land worked in conjunction with other properties held in the same ownership.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That pursuant to *Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grants a rebate equal to the full value of the separate charges and part of the differential general rates equal to the difference between the Minimum Differential General Rate for the appropriate category and the rate calculated using the rate in the dollar and the valuation for the properties identified hereunder:

1. Any rateable land held as a Permit to Occupy for water facility purposes, namely bore and pump site and associated purposes only.
2. Properties that are small parcels of land worked in conjunction with properties held in the same ownership and identified in table hereunder:

Assess No	Property Description and Location
31384	Hebbel Drive, Tablelands
31598-1	Bradleys Road, Wooroonden

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

This concession reduces Council's revenue of approximately \$2,000.

**LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

OR5 Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management.

OR14 Continue to implement regional equity / consistency in Council's rating system.

**COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)**

Rating implications have been discussed with Council during the development of the 2022/2023 budget.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)**

*Chapter 4, Part 10 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

**POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Council's Revenue Policy.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Minor impact to the level of rate revenue which is used to fund depreciation as the source of funds for capital works on Council assets as well as the operation and maintenance of those assets and to provide general services.

**REPORT**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

#### **6.4 SETTING THE LEVEL OF CONCESSION ON RATES AND CHARGES FOR APPROVED PENSIONERS 2022/2023**

**File Number:** 20/05/2022

**Author:** Manager Finance & Sustainability

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

#### **PRECIS**

Setting the level of concession on rates and charges for approved pensioners for the financial period ending 30 June 2023.

#### **SUMMARY**

Council is committed to assisting ratepayers who receive a pension. As a result, Council has agreed to provide assistance by way of a concession on rates to pensioners who meet the administrative guidelines for the Queensland Government pensioner rate subsidy scheme.

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#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That pursuant to *Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of rates be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the Queensland Government pensioner remission.

The rebate will be set at:

1. Twenty percent of the differential general rate, sewerage utility charges, water utility charges and waste/refuse utility charges; and
2. The maximum concession granted per property shall be capped at \$200 per annum.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

This concession reduces Council's revenue by \$200 per recipient at a total estimated cost of \$804,000.

#### **LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

OR5 Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management.

#### **COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)**

Rating implications have been discussed with Council during the development of the 2022/2023 budget.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)**

*Chapter 4 Part 10 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.* For pensioners who meet the administrative guidelines for the Queensland Government pensioner rate subsidy scheme.

#### **POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS**

In Accordance with Council's Revenue Policy.

#### **ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Impacts the level of rate revenue which is used to fund depreciation as the source of funds for capital works on Council assets as well as the provision of services and the operation and maintenance of those assets. The impact has been included in the budget.

**REPORT**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

**6.5 CONCESSION OF WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES - HAEMODIALYSIS MACHINES  
2022/2023**

**File Number:** 20/05/2022  
**Author:** Manager Finance & Sustainability  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**PRECIS**

Setting the level of concession on water consumption charges for the users of Haemodialysis Machines for the financial period ending 30 June 2023.

**SUMMARY**

The Council has determined that where ratepayers or residents require the use of a Haemodialysis Machine for health reasons, then Council will grant a concession of water consumption charges.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That pursuant to *Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council allows an annual rebate of 190KL on the water usage to any patient who qualifies for and operates a home Haemodialysis Machine supplied by Queensland Health.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

This concession reduces Councils revenue by approximately \$400, per recipient. Currently Council has one (1) recipient across the region at a total cost of \$400.

**LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

OR5 Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management.

OR14 Continue to implement regional equity / consistency in Council's rating system.

**COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)**

Consultation was undertaken with affected patients and Queensland Health.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)**

*Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012* apply

**POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Council's Revenue Policy.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

**REPORT**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## 6.6 RATES MODELLING INPUTS

**File Number:** 18.05.2022

**Author:** Manager Finance & Sustainability

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

### PRECIS

Inputs to be used for rates modelling for 2022/2023 budget.

### SUMMARY

Proposed rates adjustments and percentage increases to use in the 2022/2023 budget for rates modelling.

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### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee approve the percentage increases and other rates input changes as per the below for inclusion in rates modelling for the 22/23 budget deliberations.

### BACKGROUND

Council has gone through a number of workshops regarding rates modelling, the effects of the new valuations and proposed strategies for second pedestal charges for the 2022/2023 period. The below adjustments have currently been proposed based on these workshops for potential inclusion in the rates modelling for the new year budget.

#### Percentage increases

- 1.75% General Rate
- 6.00% Water (based on modelling from 21/22 to account for large capital spend required over the next 10 years)
- 3.00% Sewerage (based on modelling from 21/22 to account for large capital spend required in the future)
- 1.00% Domestic Waste
- 6.00% Waste Management Levy
- 5.00% General Rate for Coal and Power categories

The below are additional changes to methodologies that Council has indicated they would like to use for the 2022/2023 modelling

- Rural residential categories to be reduced to 2 – one for Blackbutt and one for all other areas
- Second pedestal charges for Hospitals and Education facilities to be set at 80% of the first pedestal charge = \$602 per pedestal
- Second pedestal charges for other categories (including commercial flats, hotels, motels, caravan parks and other commercial categories) be set at \$411 per pedestal

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**6.7 THREE YEAR AVERAGING**

**File Number:** 18.05.2022  
**Author:** Manager Finance & Sustainability  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**PRECIS**

Use of three-year averaging for rates valuations

**SUMMARY**

New valuations have come into effect from 30 June 2022 and to assist with the impact of these new valuations, three-year averaging is recommended, and the use of capping be removed.

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommend to Council

- the continued use of 3 year averaging for land valuations for use in the general rate calculations
- the use of capping be removed

**BACKGROUND**

In the current year, new valuations have been done for the region which come into effect on the 30 June 2022. To assist with the impact that these fluctuations will have on ratepayers, Council usually uses three-year averaging so that the full impact would be brought in over a three-year period and not all at once.

In the past, Council has also used capping which was used to put a limit on the percentage increase that ratepayers would experience on their general rates each year. In past years, this was set at a maximum limit of 30% for the general rate calculations. As we are now going into new valuations, Council could consider removing this capping (ceiling limit).

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 7.1 LANIGANS AND BIRT ROAD BITUMEN ROAD SEAL CONSTRUCTION - CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING REQUEST

**File Number:** 20/5/2022

I, Councillor Brett Otto, give notice that at the Budget Committee Meeting to be held on 20 May 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

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#### MOTION

That the 22/23 capital budget (CAPEX) includes the following unsealed road renewal projects:

##### **Lanigan's Road – Nanango:**

- Ripping, compacting and application of an appropriate dust suppression product along the unsealed section of Lanigans Road, Nanango twice within the financial year at six monthly intervals as a trial project to test the effectiveness of such as to dust suppression;
- Installation of appropriate drainage infrastructure on Lanigan's Road, Nanango to support road renewal works;

##### **Birt Road - Booie:**

- Ripping, compacting (and gravel re-sheeting as required) and application of an appropriate dust suppression product along the unsealed section of Birt Road, Booie twice within the financial year at six monthly intervals as a trial project to test the effectiveness of such as to dust suppression;
- Installation of appropriate drainage infrastructure on Birt's Road, Booie to support road renewal works;

#### RATIONALE

Upon receipt of the report from manager Kevin on '**Proprietary Product Application for Dust Suppression**' it is my intention to put forward the following notices of motion to the budget committee meeting on the Capital Budget for 22/23.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**8 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

**9 CLOSURE OF MEETING**