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CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL



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COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

ACF	Animal Care Facility
AEP	Annual Exceedence Probability
AHD	Australian Height Datum
BASIX	Building Sustainability Index Scheme
BC	Building Certificate
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BPB	Buildings Professionals Board
CLEP	Campbelltown Local Environmental Plan
CBD	Central Business District
CPTED	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
CSG	Coal Seam Gas
DA	Development Application
DCP	Development Control Plan
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act 1992
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPI	Environmental Planning Instrument
FA	NSW Food Authority
FPL	Flood Planning Level
FFTF	Fit for the Future
FSR	Floor Space Ratio
GRCCC	Georges River Combined Councils Committee
GSC	Greater Sydney Commission
HIS	Heritage Impact Statement
IDO	Interim Development Order
IHAP	Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel
IPR	Integrated Planning and Reporting
JRPP	Joint Regional Planning Panel
KPoM	Koala Plan of Management
LEC	Land and Environment Court
LEC Act	<i>Land and Environment Court Act 1979</i>
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LEP 2002	Local Environmental Plan 2002
LGA	Local Government Area
LG Act	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
LPP	Local Planning Panel
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
MACROC	Macarthur Regional Organisation of Councils
MSB	Mine Subsidence Board
NGAA	National Growth Areas Alliance
NOPO	Notice of Proposed Order
NSWH	NSW Housing
OEH	Office of Environment and Heritage
OLG	Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet
OSD	On-Site Detention
OWMS	Onsite Wastewater Management System
PCA	Principal Certifying Authority
PoM	Plan of Management
POEO Act	<i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i>
PMF	Probable Maximum Flood
PN	Penalty Notice
PP	Planning Proposal
PPR	Planning Proposal Request
REF	Review of Environmental Factors
REP	Regional Environment Plan
RFS	NSW Rural Fire Service
RL	Reduced Levels
RMS	Roads and Maritime Services (incorporating previous Roads and Traffic Authority)
SEE	Statement of Environmental Effects
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SREP	Sydney Regional Environmental Plan
SSD	State Significant Development
STP	Sewerage Treatment Plant
TCP	Traffic Control Plan
TMP	Traffic Management Plan
TNSW	Transport for NSW
VMP	Vegetation Management Plan
VPA	Voluntary Planning Agreement
SECTION 149 CERTIFICATE	- Certificate as to zoning and planning restrictions on properties
SECTION 603 CERTIFICATE	- Certificate as to Rates and Charges outstanding on a property
SECTION 73 CERTIFICATE	- Certificate from Sydney Water regarding Subdivision



19 June 2018

You are hereby notified that the next Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Civic Centre, Campbelltown on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 6.30pm.

Lindy Deitz
General Manager

Agenda Summary

Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 6.30pm

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Dharawal people, whose Lands we are now meeting on. I would like to pay my respects to the Dharawal Elders, past and present and all other Aboriginal people who are here today.

2. APOLOGIES

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

Other Disclosures

4. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

4.1 2018-2019 Operational Plan (including the Budget, Fees and Charges) and Resourcing Strategy

Reporting Officer

Coordinator Corporate Planning and Strategy, Executive Manager City Growth and Strategy and Executive Manager Corporate Services and Governance
City Growth and Economy

Community Strategic Plan

Objective	Strategy
3 Outcome Three: A Thriving, Attractive City	3.7 - Public funds and assets are managed strategically, transparently and efficiently

Officer's Recommendation

That Council adopt the following corporate documents and make the 2018-2019 rates and charges contained herein:

- The 2018-2019 Operational Plan incorporating the Budget and Revenue Pricing Policy reflecting the rating structure outlined below:

Ordinary Rate

- That the Ordinary Rate of 0.337 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$704.96 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named **RESIDENTIAL**.

- That the Ordinary Rate of 0.2744 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$704.96 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as FARMLAND in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named **FARMLAND**.

- That the Ordinary Rate of 0.8497 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$704.96 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as BUSINESS in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named **BUSINESS**.

- d. That the Ordinary Rate of 1.0275 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$704.96 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown categorised as MINING in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named **MINING**.

Special Rates

That the Special Rate of 0.0306 cents in the dollar with a minimum of \$2 in accordance with Section 548(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the land value of all rateable land in the City of Campbelltown in accordance with Section 495 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be made for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this rate be named **SPECIAL RATE - INFRASTRUCTURE**.

Domestic Waste Management Service

- a. That a Domestic Waste Management Charge be made for the provision of domestic waste, recycling and organic waste removal services for each parcel of occupied land for which the service is available in the amount of \$394.55 per annum representing a weekly amount of \$7.59 in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named **DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (WRG)**.

- b. That a Domestic Waste Management Charge be made for the provision of domestic waste and recycling waste removal services for which the service is available in the amount of \$313.80 per annum representing a weekly amount of \$6.03 in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named **DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (WR)**.

- c. That the Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge be made for the availability of the service to vacant land in the amount of \$59.40 per annum representing a weekly amount of \$1.14 in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the year 2018-2019.

In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named **DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT AVAILABILITY**.

- d. That all other Domestic and Commercial Waste Management Charges be made and adopted in accordance with the 2018-2019 Fees and Charges.

Stormwater Management Service

That in accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual charge for stormwater management services for each parcel of urban land within the City of Campbelltown and categorised for rating purposes as Residential or Business excluding vacant land, land owned by the Crown (this includes Housing NSW).

For the 2018-2019 year, the following charges be made in respect of land to which the charge applies:

- \$25 per urban Residential rateable parcel
- \$12.50 per Residential (strata) rateable unit
- \$25 per 700sqm or part thereof for non-vacant Business land, capped to a maximum of \$1000
- \$25 per 700sqm or part thereof of surface land area for strata Business unit (proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement) not less than \$5 or greater than \$1000.

In accordance with Section 543(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this charge be named **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CHARGE**.

2. The 2018-2019 Fees and Charges.
3. The 2018-2028 Long-Term Financial Plan.
4. The 2018-2028 Asset Management Strategy.
5. The 2018-2028 Asset Management Plans.

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of key Integrated Planning and Reporting documents and their financial and operational conditions to be implemented as of 1 July 2018.

To inform Council of any submissions received during the public exhibition period of the draft 2018-2019 Operational Plan (including the Budget, Fees and Charges) and any edits to these documents resulting from these submissions.

History

Council at its meeting held 8 May 2018, approved the public exhibition of the draft 2018-2019 Operational Plan (including the Budget, Fees and Charges).

Council is required to adopt the annual Operational Plan incorporating the Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Pricing Policy prior to 30 June each year. This requirement is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for NSW requires councils to prepare a resourcing strategy to support these documents, consisting of a Workforce Management Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans. Council reviews components of its Resourcing Strategy when required to ensure adherence to the Integrated Planning requirements and integration with Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.

Report

Council at its meeting held 8 May 2018, resolved to place the 2018-2019 draft Operational Plan (including the Budget, Fees and Charges) on public exhibition, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Draft 2018-2019 Operational Plan (including the Budget, Fees and Charges)

The Operational Plan forms a key pillar of Council's IP&R Framework and sets the strategic direction for the coming year. It contains a comprehensive list of key projects, programs and initiatives to be delivered helping to drive the city towards the community vision contained within the Community Strategic Plan.

Public Exhibition and Document Amendments

The documents were placed on public exhibition for the required 28 days from 9 May to 5 June 2018. The documents and exhibition were promoted to local stakeholders in the following ways:

- all documents were made available to the community via soft copies on Council's website and hard copies at Council's administration building and branch libraries
- media release
- social media posts
- advertisements in Council's Public Notice in the Macarthur Chronicle and Macarthur Advertiser
- internal promotion for staff feedback.

Council received three external and three internal submissions on the documents during the public exhibition period. A summary of submissions received and any resulting edits are detailed within this report.

Two external submissions centred on Council's environmental budget and related projects and one queried increases in Council's child care fees. These submissions have resulted in no recommended changes to the documents. The submissions along with Council's response are detailed in attachment 1.

Two internal submissions resulted in some minor wording amendments to the Operational Plan 2018-2019 to improve readability, highlight the recent progress on and Council's commitment to the Western Sydney City Deal and Re-Imagine Campbelltown projects as well as display Council's new Continuous Improvement Framework.

One internal submission resulted in the addition of engineering fees in the Fees and Charges 2018-2019 which better align Council to its service delivery requirements.

Amendments made to the documents during the exhibition period are summarised below:

Operational Plan 2018-2019

Recommended Amendment	Source(s)
<p>Minor wording changes to improve grammar, readability and better reflect Council's initiatives and strategy for 2018-2019.</p> <p>The inclusion of actions focusing on the opportunities arising from the Western Sydney City Deal and other strategic partnerships and the Re-Imagining Campbelltown projects which accelerated during the exhibition period.</p> <p>Wording changes to highlight Council's Continuous Improvement Framework</p>	<p>Internal Submissions – staff input.</p> <p>Internal staff document review.</p>

Fees and Charges 2018-2019

Recommended Amendment	Source(s)
<p>Required fee increases from the Office of Local Government. "From 1 July 2018 cat and dog lifetime registration fees will increase in line with the Consumer Price Index as required by the Companion Animals Regulation 2008" – NSW OLG</p> <p>The new fees are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desexed animal: \$57 (from \$55) • Animal under 6 months not desexed: \$57 (from \$55) • Non-desexed animal: \$207 (from \$201) • Breeder (Recognised) concession: \$57 (from \$55) • Pensioner concession (desexed animal only): \$24 (from \$23) • Pound/Shelter animal 50 per cent discount (desexed): \$28.50 (from \$27.50) 	<p>NSW Office of Local Government mandatory fee changes.</p>
<p>Addition of a new fee in relation to Engineering Construction Certificates (Engineering works plan design certification). Council's current fee structure allows for these services in relation to drainage lines and road works; however Council is receiving a number of Construction Certificates that relate to works that do not include drainage lines or road works, such as riparian corridors and open space embellishment.</p> <p>As the previous Fees and Charges document has been silent in relation to this type of work, a quote had been provided to potential applicants. It is proposed that a fee is included in line with the similar services provided.</p> <p>It is proposed that a fee of \$625 plus 0.03 per cent of the</p>	<p>Internal submission in relation to Council's engineering fees.</p>

Recommended Amendment	Source(s)
<p>cost of works plus GST is included for Open Space, Landscaping and Riparian Corridor Engineering Construction Certificates.</p> <p>This fee is in line with how Council is currently calculating Engineering Construction Certificates for such applications.</p>	

The Draft Operational Plan and Draft Fees and Charges have been compiled based on productivity factors, efficiency savings, the influence of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) and limit on increases to land rates.

In November 2017, IPART announced the percentage variation for land rates would be 2.3 per cent. IPART determines the rate peg by measuring changes in the LGCI, which includes changes in the average costs faced by councils, and consideration of a factor to reflect improvements in productivity.

The LGCI in the year to September 2017 was 2.3 per cent. According to IPART, this increase reflects the continuing low inflationary environment and modest rate of public sector wages growth in recent years. No adjustment for a productivity factor was made.

In calculating the 2018-2019 fees and charges, references are made to the LGCI as they affect the service level and costs in providing services to the community.

Rating structure (Revenue Pricing Policy)

In adopting the Operational Plan, the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to formally make, by resolution, the rates and charges for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. This requirement exists to give legal form to the rating structure, rates and annual charges in addition to the summary information provided in the Operational Plan.

The Campbelltown Local Government Area is traditionally re-valued by the Office of the Valuer General every three years with the valuations used in the calculation and distribution of annual rate levies. The values have been determined as at 1 July 2016 and form the basis for the proposed 2018-2019 financial year rating structure.

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Council's General Income Variation has increased by 2.3 per cent as approved by the IPART under delegation by the Minister for Local Government. The Operational Plan incorporating the budget has been prepared on the basis of a 2.3 per cent increase in the general rate income for 2018-2019 providing a total rate yield of \$88,523,268.

The table and details below show the rating structure based on the rateable properties applicable to the 2018-2019 year.

Rate Type	Category	Ad Valorem Amount (¢ in \$)	Minimum Rate \$	Rate Yield \$
Ordinary	Residential	0.3370	704.96	62,721,200
Ordinary	Farmland	0.2744	704.96	579,491
Ordinary	Business	0.8497	704.96	18,975,856
Ordinary	Mining	1.0275	704.96	27,126
Special	Infrastructure	0.0306	2.00	6,219,595
			Total	88,523,268

In accordance with Section 514 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, each parcel of land within the City of Campbelltown has been categorised for rating purposes with owners notified via the annual rate notice.

Domestic Waste Management Service

Council provides a Domestic Waste Management (DWM) Charge for the provisions of the Domestic Waste Management Service for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 as follows:

Waste Management Service	Annual Charge	Weekly
Domestic Waste Management Charge – WRG (3 bin service: waste, recycle + green)	\$394.55	\$7.59
Domestic Waste Management Charge – WR (2 bin service: waste + recycle)*	\$313.80	\$6.03
Domestic Waste Management Charge-Business (waste + recycle)	\$354.05	\$6.81
DWM Availability Charge [#]	\$59.40	\$1.14

[#] vacant land

* Residential two bin service applies to multi occupancy dwellings where owners share bins as approved by Council.

It is recommended that all other domestic and commercial/business waste charges be adopted in accordance with the 2018-2019 Fees and Charges document.

Stormwater Management Service Charge

In accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes an annual charge for Stormwater Management Services for each parcel of urban land within the City of Campbelltown and categorised for rating purposes as Residential or Business excluding vacant land and land owned by the Crown (this includes Housing NSW). It is recommended for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 that the following charges be made in respect of land to which the charge applies:

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Stormwater Management Service Program of Works

Activity	Amount
Water Quality Testing Program	\$80,000
Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Program	\$100,000
Blaxland Road Stormwater Improvements	\$1,040,000
Local Stormwater Pit Improvement Program	\$130,000
TOTAL	\$1,350,000

Accrual of Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

In accordance with Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Minister for Local Government has determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2018-2019 rating year will be 7.5 per cent.

Resourcing Strategy

Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

The Long Term Financial Plan focuses on Council's long term goal of financial sustainability and delivering quality services and outcomes for the community. It is a decision making tool that addresses areas of impact on Council's ability to fund services and capital works, while living within its means and ensuring financial viability over the next ten year period. The plan is subject to continual review to ensure that changing community expectations are considered.

Asset Management Strategy and Plans

The Asset Management Strategy 2018-2028 and Plans provide a ten year forecast, detailing Council's approach to the management of community assets in line with appropriate standards and Asset Management Policy. These documents have been written in line with the International Infrastructure Management Manual and address the areas of levels of service, demand forecast, operations and maintenance, renewals, new works and disposals. The Asset Management Strategy and Plans integrate with the ten year financial forecasts for the management of assets in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Campbelltown City Council's Asset Management Plans are broken up into four separate plans:

1. Buildings and Facilities Asset Management Plan 2018-2028
2. Road Network Asset Management Plan 2018-2028
3. Public Spaces Asset Management Plan 2018-2028
4. Stormwater and Drainage Asset Management Plan 2018-2028

The strategy and plans have been reviewed updated to include up to date information on Council's current asset condition and align to the LTFP.

Attachments

1. External Submissions and Council's Response (contained within this report)
2. Operational Plan 2018-2019 - (due to size of document) - (distributed under separate cover)
3. Fees and Charges 2018-2019 - (due to size of document) - (distributed under separate cover)
4. Long Term Financial Plan 2018-2028 - (due to size of document) - (distributed under separate cover)
5. Asset Management Strategy 2018-2028 - (due to size of document) - (distributed under separate cover)
6. Asset Management Plans 2018-2028 - (due to size of document) - (distributed under separate cover)

Attachment 1 – External submissions received during the public exhibition period of the draft Operational Plan 2018 – 2019 including Budget and Fees & Charges

In total three external submissions were received during the exhibition period. Responses were provided to all submitters through a formal letter from Council. Relevant staff contact details were included should more information be required.

Submission	Response	Recommended Edits
<p>Submission 1:</p> <p>I am writing behalf of all the parents with kids in the childcare to complain about the increase in childcare fees for forth year continuously. We have been having childcare fee increase in Council run childcare centres since 2015. As our pay not increasing every year it's been very hard for us parents to support the child care fee increase every year.</p>	<p>Feedback regarding the proposed fee increases for the education and care services</p> <p>Thank you for your recent correspondence to Council and submission through our website dated 29 May 2018 regarding the proposed increase to the Family, Education and Community services child care fees for 2018-19.</p> <p>We acknowledge your concerns and feedback in response to the Draft 2018-19 Operational Plan including Budget and Fees and Charges. All feedback submitted during the public exhibition period will be addressed at the upcoming Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 June 2018.</p> <p>Our service fees increase each year in line with increases in the cost of delivery of the service. Increased costs are associated with staff related costs which form a major component of the services expenditure as well as other cost such as utilities. In order for Council to continue to provide high quality child care to the community, there is a proposed increase of \$5.00 per day for 7.00am to 6.00pm sessions.</p> <p>Council's child care services offer quality programs, with all services rated as Exceeding and one service rated Excellent, which is the highest rating a service can achieve under the National Quality Framework.</p> <p>With the introduction of the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) package coming into effect on 2 July 2018 there may be changes to your families out of pocket gap fee expenses. Our administration team can assist you to assess any benefits against the governments Child Care Subsidy eligibility.</p> <p>In setting of fees Council aims to minimise the impact on families whilst ensuring we continue to offer high quality care and education.</p>	<p>No edits required</p>

<p>Submission 2:</p> <p>I refer to outcome two, "a respected and protected natural environment" The stated allocation of monies as: \$2,000 for activation of natural environment; \$506,500 for environmental education programs; \$35,000 for conserve and care for our city's biodiversity and \$5,000 for plan for and ensure development in our city is sustainable and resilient is totally inadequate and inappropriately allocated. Whilst i acknowledge that activities, such as funding for conservation and regeneration work is often sourced via grants, the size of our natural environment and amount of resources required to protect and maintain, particularly given the amount of damaged occurring (e.g. illegal dumping, manmade fires, water degradation from heavy metals to Georges river) the budget appears ill conceived. One can only assume that by seeking completion of the koala plan of management, the draft operation plan does not expect this to be implemented during the 2018/2019 financial year as there does not appear to be any allowance for even a portion of the \$130,000 schedule of management actions.</p>	<p>Feedback regarding submission on the draft Operational Plan 2018 – 2019 in relation to allocation of resources for environmental initiatives and the Koala Plan of Management</p> <p>Thank you for your recent correspondence to Council and submission through our website dated 13 May 2018 regarding the allocation of funds for environmental initiatives and the Koala Plan of Management.</p> <p>We acknowledge your feedback in response to the Draft 2018-19 Operational Plan including Budget and Fees and Charges. All feedback submitted during the public exhibition period will be addressed at the upcoming extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 June 2018.</p> <p>In regards to the allocation of funds for environmental initiatives, Council divides its total budget into these strategies using a cost centre alignment approach. The interconnected nature of Council's strategies can result in overlap and at times place larger portions of funds into a singular strategy. Overall Council has allocated more than \$4.5 million dollars to environmental initiatives in 2018-2019. The vast majority of this (\$3.9 million) is allocated to Strategy 2.1 – Implement and advocate for initiatives that conserve the city's natural environment. This is a broad strategy which includes a wide range of environmental protection and compliance projects.</p> <p>This Strategy includes initiatives such as water quality monitoring, participation in the Georges River Combined Council's Committee, investigations and patrols for illegal dumping and pollution. Council will also be completing an in depth feasibility study into the Georges River Recreational Trail, the Simmos Beach Trail Network Signage Project as well as implementing the Bushcare and Plans of Management.</p> <p>Council is heavily committed to the areas natural beauty and resources and has allocated appropriate resources for the 2018-2019 year. A project to improve Council's financial alignment and reporting is also planned for the 2018-2019 year. This will allow improved communication of Council's financial allocations to individual strategies.</p> <p>In regards to the Koala Plan of Management, Council has allocated funds in 2018-2019 for the continued development of the plan.</p> <p>Funding for additional projects within koala habitat for the 2018/19 year includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40,000 for restoration works at Smiths Creek Reserve (\$20,000 internal funding over two years and \$20,000 external grant funding) • \$134,000 funding for koala habitat restoration (tree planting) at Macquarie Fields Landfill Site.
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No edits required

<p>Submission 3: Regarding page 34 - Strategy 2.2 - Activate the city's natural bushlands and open spaces, fostering enhanced stewardship of these areas.</p> <p>Council has allocated a budget of \$2,000. How can this amount be adequate for the list of actions to be delivered by City Delivery.</p> <p>I would suggest that the lack of funding for this outcome demonstrates Council is really not committed to it?</p>	<p>Feedback regarding submission on the draft Operational Plan 2018 – 2019 in relation to allocation of resources for environmental initiatives</p> <p>Thank you for your recent correspondence to Council and submission through our website dated 16 May 2018 regarding the allocation of funds for environmental initiatives.</p> <p>We acknowledge your feedback in response to the Draft 2018-19 Operational Plan including Budget and Fees and Charges. All feedback submitted during the public exhibition period will be addressed at the upcoming extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 June 2018.</p> <p>In regards to the allocation of funds for environmental initiatives, Council divides its total budget into these strategies using a cost centre alignment approach. The interconnected nature of Council's strategies can result in overlap and at times place larger portions of funds into a singular strategy. Overall Council has allocated more than \$4.5 million dollars to environmental initiatives in 2018-2019. The vast majority of this (\$3.9 million) is allocated to Strategy 2.1 – Implement and advocate for initiatives that conserve the city's natural environment. This is a broad strategy which includes a wide range of environmental protection and compliance projects.</p> <p>This Strategy includes initiatives such as water quality monitoring, participation in the Georges River Combined Council's Committee, investigations and patrols for illegal dumping and pollution. Council will also be completing an in depth feasibility study into the Georges River Recreational Trail, the Simmos Beach Trail Network Signage Project as well as implementing the Bushcare and Plans of Management.</p> <p>Council is heavily committed to the areas natural beauty and resources and has allocated appropriate resources for the 2018-2019 year. A project to improve Council's financial alignment and reporting is also planned for the 2018-2019 year. This will allow improved communication of Council's financial allocations to individual strategies.</p>	<p>No edits required</p>
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5. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6. PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS