



## Legislative Council Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

### Consolidated request for information relevant to the Inquiry into Rate Capping Policy

As part of the Inquiry into Rate Capping Policy, the Committee has resolved to request the following information. This request is made pursuant to section 19 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, and Legislative Council Standing Order 23.19. Further all responses will be treated as evidence, which is protected by parliamentary privilege.

Please return responses to [epc@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:epc@parliament.vic.gov.au) by Tuesday 12 July 2016. If you have any questions please contact the Secretariat on 03 8682 2869.

<b>Council Name:</b>	
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#### 1. Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

	What is the percentage pay increase provided for in your EBA for the following periods? If the EBA has not been concluded for these periods please advise.	What is the additional estimated cost of bracket creep annually at your council? Note Bracket creep means movements in payments unrelated to the general EBA indexation but related to reclassifications and annual and other increments relating to changes of bands.
2013/14 financial year	3.6%	1%
2014/15 financial year	3.6%	1%
2015/16 financial year	3.6%	1%
2016/17 financial year	Not finalised	1%
2017/18 financial year	Not finalised	1%

#### 2. Local government general election costs 2012 and 2016

General council election	Cost	How delivered (i.e., 'postal' or 'attendance elections')
2012	\$328,000	Postal
2016	\$480,000 Budget (final cost unknown yet)	Postal

Were there any differences between these two elections which would impact on costs (e.g. number of centres increased or decreased)?

No
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### 3. Senior officer salaries

As at 30 June 2015 (for the 2014/15 financial year) and 30 June 2016 (for the 2015/16 financial year), please provide the **number** of senior officers for each pay scale. Please note senior officers should be defined as per the *Local Government Act*, and should include **total remuneration** for each position.

Salary Band	Number of staff at 30 June 2015 (2014/15 financial year)		Number of staff at 30 June 2016 (2015/16 financial year)		Salary Band	Number of staff at 30 June 2015 (2014/15 financial year)		Number of staff at 30 June 2016 (2015/16 financial year)		Salary Band	Number of staff at 30 June 2015 (2014/15 financial year)		Number of staff at 30 June 2016 (2015/16 financial year)	
	EBA staff	Managers	EBA staff	Managers		EBA staff	Managers	EBA staff	Managers		EBA staff	Managers	EBA staff	Managers
\$120,000 - \$129,999					\$250,000 - \$259,999					\$380,000 - \$389,999				
\$130,000 - \$139,999		5		4	\$260,000 - \$269,999					\$390,000 - \$399,999				
\$140,000 - \$149,999		1		1	\$270,000 - \$279,999					\$400,000 - \$409,999				
\$150,000 - \$159,999		4		3	\$280,000 - \$289,999					\$410,000 - \$419,999				
\$160,000 - \$169,999		2		4	\$290,000 - \$299,999					\$420,000 - \$429,999				
\$170,000 - \$179,999					\$300,000 - \$309,999				1	\$430,000 - \$439,999				
\$180,000 - \$189,999		4			\$310,000 - \$319,999		1			\$440,000 - \$449,999				
\$190,000 - \$199,999				2	\$320,000 - \$329,999					\$450,000 - \$459,999				
\$200,000 - \$209,999					\$330,000 - \$339,999					\$460,000 - \$469,999				
\$210,000 - \$219,999		2		2	\$340,000 - \$349,999					\$470,000 - \$479,999				
\$220,000 - \$229,999		1			\$350,000 - \$359,999					\$480,000 - \$489,999				
\$230,000 - \$239,999					\$360,000 - \$369,999					\$490,000 - \$499,999				
\$240,000 - \$249,999					\$370,000 - \$379,999					\$500,000 +				



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### 4. Planning fees

	What was the cost to your council to issue planning permits?	What revenue was received by your council from planning permits?
2012/13 financial year	\$1,691,172	\$473,244
2013/14 financial year	\$1,534,783	\$447,076
2014/15 financial year	\$1,650,641	\$498,234
2015/16 financial year	\$1,767,061	\$468,665
2016/17 financial year (if not known please state this)	\$1,864,424	Not known at this time.

### 5. If your council applied to the Essential Services Commission (ESC) for a rate cap variation:

What was the total cost to council of preparing the application?	
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### 6. Roads and bridges

What is the size of the road network (in kms) that you are responsible for?	1,394km
If there is a backlog in road and/or bridge maintenance and renewal, has your council costed this and if so what is the estimated cost?	7,383,064

	How much road and/or bridge maintenance and renewal funding did your council receive from the state government?	How much road and/or bridge maintenance and renewal funding did your council receive from the federal government?	How much did your council spend in total on road and/or bridge maintenance and renewal?
2012/13 financial year	1,552,304	2,045,817	13,061,758
2013/14 financial year	465,736	1,515,676	13,119,763
2014/15 financial year		1,691,048	14,489,242
2015/16 financial year		4,313,765	17,527,084
2016/17 financial year (if not known please state this)		6,724,649	19,197,477

Do you have any other comments about funding for infrastructure (such as roads and bridges)?

If Councils are to reduce the existing infrastructure gap, external funding is absolutely essential. The additional Roads to Recovery funding provided in 2015-16 and 2016-17 has been exceptional, as has the introduction of the Bridges Renewal Program. The relaxing of the criteria for the Federal Black Spot program has also be most beneficial. The State Government funded Regional Growth Fund of 2012-13 and 2013-14 was an excellent program, which allowed municipalities to deliver valuable projects that would otherwise have taken a number of years. It was disappointing when this program was not continued.



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### 7. State Emergency Service

	How many State Emergency Service units are based in your municipality?	How many State Emergency Service units do you provide funding to?	How much funding did you provide to the State Emergency Service?	Did you provide any other support/assistance to the State Emergency Service? (such as land, buildings or maintenance )	If you provided other support/assistance to the State Emergency Service, what is the estimated value?
2012/13 financial year	1	1	\$16,831.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No rent/lease fees charged on Council owned land.</li></ul>	\$7,000.00 PA
2013/14 financial year	1	1	\$15,815.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No rent/lease fees charged on Council owned land.</li></ul>	\$7,000.00 PA
2014/15 financial year	1	1	\$15,815.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No rent/lease fees charged on Council owned land.</li></ul>	\$7,000.00 PA
2015/16 financial year	1	1	\$15,815.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No rent/lease fees charged on Council owned land.</li><li>• Planning consent to extend on land.</li></ul>	\$7,000.00 PA
2016/17 financial year (if not known please state this)	1	1	Approx \$16,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No rent/lease fees charged on Council owned land.</li></ul>	\$7,000.00 PA

### 8. Containing costs

Are you able to give some examples of how council has reduced spending and/or contained costs in 2015/16 in preparation for the introduction of rate capping? Was any infrastructure deferred or cancelled, if so please specify.

Are you able to give some examples of planned measures to reduce spending and/or contain costs in 2016/17 in following the introduction of rate capping? Was any infrastructure deferred or cancelled, if so please specify.