

Additional Budget Legislative Disclosures

In accordance with section 169(6) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Council is required to report the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year (2018/19) compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget (2017/18). The calculation of this percentage for a financial year excludes rebates and discounts applicable on rates and utility charges.

	Adopted Budget 2017/18	Adopted Budget 2018/19	% Change from 2017/18 to 2018/19
Gross Rates and Utility Charges	\$295,191,209	\$311,545,633	5.54%

It must be noted that the percentage change is a combined increase across all types of differential general rating categories, special charges and waste utility charges as defined in the Council's revenue statement (included in this budget) with a further allowance made for rate growth. Council has in total 261 differential general rating categories (examples being residential properties, commercial properties, agricultural properties, hotels, shopping centres, retirement villages and many more) and a number of different special charges and waste utility charges which it levies.

In accordance with section 43(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councils Waste business is classified as a significant business. A previous public benefit assessment conducted resulted in Council resolving to apply the competitive neutrality principle to its Waste Business in the form of full cost pricing. Accordingly, in accordance with section 169(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Councils Waste business is separately identified in the Statement of Income and Expenditure.