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| East Victoria Park Residential Rate Payer | Rates should be reduced. The council's performance measured on costs saved, with priority to the majority of actual ratepayers, not small minority groups. | Submission noted. |
| East Victoria Park Residential Rate Payer | Have your say? So no real consideration. You are just increasing rates again. If you can't balance your budget it's the ratepayers that foot the bill. How about cutting out a lot of the rubbish things you are doing. Cut back your overheads first before you stick it everyone else. Where is the report on how you will save money in the coming year? | <p>The Town is experiencing large price increases in many core contracts for materials, utilities, insurance, services and capital works.</p> <p>A lower increase was considered during the budgetary process, however this would limit Town's ability to achieve the outcomes needed to continue maintaining the Town's assets and achieving the strategic community plan.</p> <p>The Town seeks external funding where possible for projects, however, this is not always possible depending in the nature of the project.</p> |
| Carlisle Residential Rate Payer | Stop what we can't afford. A 200% raise on bulk verge collection is unreasonable and makes this service unjustifiable. Look at alternatives. Tip passes, skip bins or do the suburb in quarters only provide the service to a part of the suburb each 4 years. "Cycle path" is ridiculous the only thing with wheels I have seen in it is a car stuck. I'm all for adding to the suburb and generating jobs but it has to be quality, with purpose and the cost justified. Please be responsible when spending. | Submission noted. |
| Anonymous | An 8% increase in rates in this cost of living crisis is an astonishingly bad decision for ratepayers. This is on top of over 5% rise last year and over 3% the year before. We can not afford it. Last year's increase was above other neighbouring councils, e.g. Belmont has a 3.5% rise, after a similar rise last year. Belmont provides superior services for less - proposed residential rating for 2024/25 is 6.32 cents, compared to you 9.058 cents. This is a huge difference from several years of | <p>The net rate increase for the Town over the past five years is a total of 2.4%, in comparison with the producer price index was a total of 15.9% over the same period.</p> <p>The rate in the dollar is consistent throughout the Town though it differs by the type of property (residential, non-residential and vacant). This figure is multiplied by the gross rental value (GRV) that is provided by Landgate and</p> |

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| | <p>large rate increases by ToVP. Your reasoning is that the GRV has increased after valuations. Can you provide a breakdown of value increased by suburb? Carlisle property prices don't seem to have risen anywhere near as much as the other suburbs and we are being unfairly penalised by these rates. The other reason given for such a high interest rise is an increase in service price, particularly waste removal. This is particularly galling considering our area had bulk waste sitting in the streets for almost a full month before it was collected this week. Clearly the system is not working and needs to be rethought out. Capital investments in Carlisle have been very disappointing. The bike lane on Archer St is a disaster and will cost a huge amount of money going forward creating a facility that doesn't make a lot of logical sense. The bike path is meant to transition into a shared path in the town centre, where the works are meant to be complete, but its not fit for this purpose. The Carlisle town centre project itself is grey and ugly and did not provide a good return for residents. Huge amounts of money are funnelled into Lathlain developments to benefit football, and projects in Carlisle are not well thought out and provide minimal amenity. Given this history of mismanaging capital projects I do not want such a huge rate rise paying for these projects. We cannot afford it. The rates also increase a 4.5% salary increase. Again, galling considering I havent received a pay increase in years. We would be better off .moving to Belmont, with similar house prices, better services and far less rates, but we can't afford to move. Please stop wasting money on councillors' passion projects and deliver a decent service to your ratepayers. I would support a maximum of 3.5% rate increase.</p> | <p>revalued every three years to reflect changes in the market. This method determined by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to create a equitable and consistent way of calculating rates.</p> |
| <p>Lathlain Residential Rate Payer</p> | <p>With the cost of living crisis the rate increase seems excessive. I believe that we have has rate rises over the last 2</p> | <p>The Town is experiencing large price increases in many core contracts for materials, utilities, insurance, services and capital works.</p> |

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| | consecutive years. A lower increase, or a cost breakdown of why this is required. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste gate fees have increased by approximately 22%. - Verge collection costs have increased by 90% and 200% for green and bulk waste collection. - Employee costs have increased by 4.5%, as per enterprise bargaining payments and superannuation payments. - Contracts have increased by between 5-15%, if not more. For example, road resurfacing and roads works have seen a 10-15% increase, park and tree maintenance costs (fertilizer, irrigation fittings, tree pruning) has increase 30-40%. - Insurance costs have increase by 7-10%. |
| Lathlain Residential Rate Payer | Council should be looking for way to reduce cost of living pressures for the residents of VP. A focus should be put on how Council can provide the same or better service with less. If a rate rise is required it must be kept as low as possible | Submission noted. |
| East Victoria Park Residential Rate Payer | <p>An owner who is actively developing their land doesn't require encouragement to do so as they are already developing the land. In this instance, how do higher rates offer an incentive for them to develop the vacant land?</p> <p>Further, as the Town has granted permission for the land to be developed, it can be assumed that it considers the development is in the best interests of the community and that the development will improve the vibrancy of the Town and neighbourhood centres. Why then, levy these ratepayers at the higher Vacant Land – GRV rate when the Town already considers their actions to be in the best interests of the community and improving the vibrancy of the neighbourhood?</p> <p>For information, a similar situation exists with the Western Australia Department of Finance where Land Tax is levied on</p> | The local Government Act 1995 does not allow the Town to stop or pause rates. However, when a situation arises to delay the building process, there is a review system in place allowing the ratepayer to apply to have the lower residential rates applied earlier. The Town of Victoria Park does not want to unduly penalise the ratepayer who is stuck due to circumstances outside of their control that delay the construction process. |

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| | <p>vacant land. In this circumstance where construction of a new home is in progress in a prompt and reasonable time frame, there is an option for an owner to apply for an exemption of the Land Tax levied on the vacant land.</p> <p>Why can't this principle be applied to the Town of Victoria Park?</p> | |
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