Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council

Draft Revenue Policy - Summary

2024–25

What is a Revenue Policy?

Council provides many services to the community, and funds these programs through rates, grants, contributions, fees, and charges. The Revenue Policy details how Council generates its income and why programs are funded in different ways.

The Revenue Policy accompanies the Operational Plan and our Long-Term Financial Plan each financial year.

We evaluate all of our services and programs to decide how a given program is funded, whether by rate-payers or service users. Our Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges are reviewed annually to ensure programs are funded fairly and are equitable.

QPRC Rating Structure

Council conducted a review of our rating structure in 2023-24. Twenty-four community members volunteered to be part of a Community Reference Panel who attended workshops and learnt about our current rate categories and explored seven different rating structure options.

The panel shared their ideas and that feedback has formed a key part of this Revenue Policy.

After a series of workshops and discussions the panel decided that Council should not alter the rate structure during the SRV, as any change would unevenly redistribute rates.

The panel agreed that no rates should go up by more than 18%. They felt that the current rate progression, along with subcategories for different areas based on service levels, was necessary due to the differences between urban and rural areas within the LGA.

The panel encouraged future reviews to focus on service pricing and reducing costs to ratepayers. The minutes of the panel meetings, and the full analysis conducted will be uploaded to **yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au**

Key revenue factors in 2024

- Council's rates income will increase by the Special Rate Variation rate of 18%, inclusive of the 4.5% rates peg.
- The additional pensioner rebate of $40 will be continued for all resident pensioners in the LGA.
- The annual charge of the Palerang Water Supply Scheme will increase by 15.6%.
- All other water and sewer charges increase by 4.5%.
- Waste Charges increase by 4%.
- Interest rate on outstanding rates is 10.5% as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

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Comparison of typical value properties

This table shows the typical bills for the various rating categories. This table presents an AVERAGE CHARGE and gives an indication of the total increase or decrease per rating category across general rates and water, sewer, waste, and stormwater charges.

Example property - Median Value Examples	Valuation 2022	General Rates	Water, sewer, waste, stormwater charges	Pensioner Rebate	July 2023 Rates Notice	Valuation 2022	General Rates	Water, sewer, waste, stormwater charges	Pensioner Rebate	July 2024 Rates Notice	1 Year $ Change	% Change
Residential Queanbeyan	467,000	1,601	1,713	-	**3,314**	467,000	1,889	1,803	-	**3,692**	378	11.41%
Residential Queanbeyan (pensioner)	467,000	1,601	1,713	(465)	**2,849**	467,000	1,889	1,803	(465)	**3,227**	378	13.28%
Residential Jerrabomberra	627,000	1,976	1,713	-	**3,689**	627,000	2,332	1,803	-	**4,135**	446	12.08%
Residential Jerrabomberra (pensioner)	627,000	1,976	1,713	(465)	**3,224**	627,000	2,332	1,803	(465)	**3,670**	446	13.83%
Residential Googong	533,000	1,843	2,016	-	**3,859**	533,000	2,175	2,088	-	**4,263**	404	10.47%
Residential Googong (pensioner)	533,000	1,843	2,016	(465)	**3,394**	533,000	2,175	2,088	(425)	**3,838**	444	13.09%
Residential Rural	1,060,000	1,741	869	-	**2,610**	1,060,000	2,054	906	-	**2,960**	350	13.41%
Residential Rural (pensioner)	1,060,000	1,741	869	(338)	**2,272**	1,060,000	2,054	906	(378)	**2,582**	310	13.65%
Residential Bungendore	550,000	1,229	2,400	-	**3,629**	550,000	1,450	2,571	-	**4,021**	392	10.80%
Residential Bungendore (pensioner)	550,000	1,229	2,400	(425)	**3,204**	550,000	1,450	2,571	(465)	**3,556**	352	10.98%
Residential Braidwood	270,000	836	2,509	-	**3,345**	270,000	986	2,684	-	**3,670**	325	9.72%
Residential Braidwood (pensioner)	270,000	836	2,509	(425)	**2,920**	270,000	986	2,684	(465)	**3,205**	285	9.77%
Residential Captains Flat	156,000	646	2,375	-	**3,021**	156,000	762	2,546	-	**3,308**	287	9.50%
Residential Captains Flat (pensioner)	156,000	646	2,375	(425)	**2,596**	156,000	762	2,546	(465)	**2,843**	247	9.52%
Residential Rural	611,000	1,197	269	-	**1,466**	611,000	1,412	278	-	**1,690**	224	15.29%
Residential Rural (pensioner)	611,000	1,197	269	(250)	**1,216**	611,000	1,412	278	(290)	**1,400**	184	15.15%
Business Queanbeyan CBD	694,000	7,908	1,644	-	**9,552**	694,000	9,332	1,725	-	**11,057**	1,505	15.76%
Business Queanbeyan General	784,000	8,927	1,689	-	**10,616**	784,000	10,534	1,776	-	**12,310**	1,694	15.96%
Business Queanbeyan Industrial	543,000	3,846	1,689	-	**5,535**	543,000	4,538	1,776	-	**6,314**	779	14.08%
Business Googong	1,096,000	12,017	1,942	-	**13,959**	1,096,000	14,181	2,011	-	**16,192**	2,233	15.99%
Business Jerrabomberra	1,360,000	15,079	5,092	-	**20,171**	1,360,000	17,793	5,309	-	**23,102**	2,931	14.53%
Business Bungendore	535,000	1,168	2,400	-	**3,568**	535,000	1,378	2,570	-	**3,948**	381	10.67%
Business Braidwood	284,000	857	2,367	-	**3,224**	284,000	1,011	2,536	-	**3,547**	323	10.02%
Farmland	1,300,000	2,531	269	-	**2,800**	1,300,000	2,987	278	-	**3,265**	465	16.60%
Farmland (pensioner)	1,300,000	2,531	269	(250)	**2,550**	1,300,000	2,987	278	(290)	**2,975**	425	16.66%
Farmland	2,030,000	3,176	225	-	**3,401**	2,030,000	3,748	234	-	**3,982**	581	17.08%
Farmland (pensioner)	2,030,000	3,176	225	(290)	**3,111**	2,030,000	3,748	234	(290)	**3,692**	581	18.67%