

Attachment 11 - Council Response Summary - Integrated Planning Reporting - 2022-2023**REPONSES - 2022 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING SUBMISSIONS**

Sub #	Date received	Town	IP&R Document	Submission Summary	Summarised Council Officer Response
1	22/03/2022	Tumut	Fees & Charges	Suggests that council look at the hire fee for the use of Council Sporting Facilities to schools and sporting clubs be charged seasonal or per term and the fees and charges be clear wording on the capacity of users.	New School Levy has been included (\$3.00 per student enrolled at the school at the time of booking, for hire of Parks, Ovals and Halls) Fee for Hire of Sporting Facilities updated to reflect exclusive use
2	27/03/2022	Talbingo	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Does Council undertake any risk assessment as to ongoing operational costs when it applies for a Capital Expenditure Grant? How is this reflected in the forward budgets? Turning to the first dot point under the heading No Special Rate Variation - Service Reduction Scenario, viz "Service Area Removal -the service will no longer be provided by Council, with any core elements dispersed to other areas of the organisation". What does it mean? How does that appear on the budget?	Council applies a whole of life costing as part of project assessment and application for any capital grant. If a grant is secured and the project is adopted, construction costs are included in the capital works budget. Council's ongoing operational maintenance, renewal and depreciation budgets are adjusted in future years based on the new asset requirements. Without an SRV, Council will be required to quickly undertake a combination of asset rationalisation and reduction of services and service levels, including the removal of associated staff positions across a number of service areas. The overall impact of these changes to the operational budget has been translated into the Service Reduction budget.
3	08/04/2022	Adelong	Community Strategic Plan	Removal of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals	The reference to the Sustainable Development Goals with Snowy Valleys CSP is contained to a high level only and were not used to guide the local priorities. Instead, they reflect the linkage that exists between the local priorities the community had set and a global framework for sustainability.
4	08/04/2022	Adelong	Community Strategic Plan	Removal of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals	Response as per submission 3.
5	19/04/2022	Batlow	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Asked that Council consider "Lobbying Government to close the disused rail corridor from Tumut to Batlow by Act of Parliament for the purpose of recreational use; and Government to fund construction of the Batlow Tumut Rail Trail" under Advocacy initiatives.	Council is completing the Tracks and Trails Masterplan, that provide an integrated strategic approach to link towns and villages across the Region. The Master Plan is due to completion and review by Council in late 2022 and will guide decisions about the management of, and investment in, tracks and trails development across the Snowy Valleys. In recognition, the review of the Masterplan and consideration and planning for future projects will be included in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.
6	20/04/2022	Batlow	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Strongly encourage SVC to add the Batlow to Tumut Rail Trail into this plan. Batlow is a Town in Desperate need of this project to go ahead ASAP, and the benefits for Tumut and our Shire would be massive.	Response as per submission 5.
7	20/04/2022	Batlow	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Would like the Batlow/Tumut Rail Trail to be included in the Delivery Program/ Operational Plan.	Response as per submission 5.
8	17/04/2022	Tumut	Community Strategic Plan	Removal of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Opposed to the SRV option and questioned why the SRV isn't mentioned in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP).	Response as per submission 3. The SRV was not mentioned within the CSP specifically as it is primarily a document that articulates the vision for the community as a whole. However, within the theme of 'Our Civic Leadership' the strategic objective "Council has strong organisational practices to ensure a viable organisation that provides value for money" and performance measures associated with Council's financial sustainability are included.
9	23/04/2022	Tumut	Special Rate Variation	Strongly opposes the Special Rate Variation	IPART approved a new and permanent Special Rate Variation of 35.95% (inclusive of the rate peg) introduction over two years in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
10	27/04/2022	Tumut	Special Rate Variation	States that the 35.95% variation of rates is unacceptable	Response as per submission 9.
11	27/04/2022	Tumut	Fees & Charges	Use of Council Facilities - Schools cannot be charged as a Corporate/Large Event. Please look at exempting schools for the costs involved in hiring. Paying to use toilets and for line marking is understood as they are areas which involve staff completing cleaning and use of equipment.	Response as per submission 1

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12	27/04/2022	Tumut	Community Strategic Plan Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Removal of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Exhaustive list of activities and performance measures in the Operational Plan	Response as per submission 3. Activities and performance measures have been reviewed and amended where required during public exhibition period, with the amendments detailed in the report to Council. The activities and performance measures articulate and reflect Council's current service levels and resourcing.
13	27/04/2022	Tumut	Special Rate Variation	No community wants an increase in rates	Response as per submission 9.
14	27/04/2022	Tumut	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Why are the pools in the shire are free entry?	Council resolved to allow free entry to the pools in 2017 – no change to document
15	28/04/2022	Tumut	Special Rate Variation	The proposed rate increase of 35.95% is unrealistic for our community. I support the selling of council underutilised assets & reduction in service provision as outlined in the impact of service reduction (No SRV) scenario	Response as per submission 9.
16	26/04/2022	Tumut	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Existing financial deficit adds urgency for changes to Local Government funding with bridging loans a possibility while the necessary changes are being made	Council must operate within the current legislative parameters of the State and Federal government for securing funding and generating income. Council has a strong history of putting forward motions at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, as the pre-eminent policy making event for the local government sector, to review and change the funding model for local government, and in particular smaller local government areas
17	28/04/2022	Tumbarumba	Fees & Charges	Cost for SVC Sporting Grounds/Parks, - Has All Saints (Catholic School) in Tumbarumba been offered an inclusive booking for the year as in their school fees they are only charging \$250. Seeking a much-reduced annual blanket fee to enable schools to regular use the facilities in Tumbarumba for their school events and to ensure that all students have equal access and opportunities.	Response as per submission 1.
18	28/04/2022	Adelong	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Designated Truck Parking in Tumut and Surrounding areas.	This issue has been referred to the Road Safety Officer for consideration to be tabled at the Local Traffic Committee.
19	29/04/2022	Brungle	Special Rate Variation	Opposed against a 35.95% Rate Increase.	Response as per submission 9.
20	29/04/2022	Adelong	Special Rate Variation	Opposed against a 35.95% Rate Increase.	Response as per submission 9.
21	26/04/2022	Tumbarumba	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Concerned that Tumbarumba Retirement village is listed in the Delivery Program as a non-core asset to be sold, deposited or re-purposed.	There is currently no decision by Council to review the operation of the Tumbarumba Retirement Village. At its April 2022 Council Ordinary Meeting, the exploration of options for the future delivery of Community Services was rejected and Councillors unanimously agreed to "Confirm its commitment to ensuring residents of the Snowy Valleys have access to a range of quality aged services and providers;" and "Commit to advocating to other levels of government to address any emerging issues in the provision of appropriate aged care programs and services for the residents of Snowy Valleys."
22	26/04/2022	Welaragang	Special Rate Variation	Council need to take into account the Rates farming land holders before approving a rate increase.	Response as per submission 9.
23	29/04/2022	Ournie	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	The budget is in red and council accepts projects such as the \$11m Airport and \$10m Multi-Purpose Centre. How is the \$10m Multi-Purpose Centre to be funded, hoping its not by asset sale?	Snowy Valleys Council received funding of \$10,685,000 from the NSW Government and Commonwealth Government's Local Economic Recovery Fund to build an Indoor Sports Stadium which has sufficient capacity to double as an Evacuation Centre in times of emergency such as the recent bushfires.
24	30/04/2022	Tumbarumba	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Does not support the SRV, IP&R Proposals as published in draft especially plans to cut or outsource services, like childcare and aged care, any staff reduction in the Tumbarumba area or the disposal of community owned assets. Council has failed to demonstrate the need for a SRV. No Capital Grants should be pursued unless and until they have been fully costed on the whole of life basis and pass a financial sustainability test and demonstrated its alignment with core community needs and 'endorsed' by the community. The document's 'performance measures' seemingly are activity based rather than based on outcomes?	Information covering Council's review of options for sustainability have been progressively released and made available for community review since July 2021. Council's current draft IP&R documents detail the expenditure and delivery of each service area under a Special Rate Variation budget. The contents of the documents meet the updated IP&R Guidelines released from the Office of Local Government in September 2021. Projects presented to Council for funding approval contain whole of life costings or projections. The Performance Measures contained within the Delivery Program and Operational Plan are activity based, Performance Measures within the Community Strategic Plan are outcome focused.

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					Community submissions are always provided to Councillors in full as part of the decision-making process.
25	30/04/2022	Tumut	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Is there is no independent tourism body for the SVC LGA? While Council does currently provide services in this area, submission believes that an alternative arrangement such as a Memorandum of Understanding could be considered for SVC to work in partnership local business networks to achieve tourism initiative outcomes for the region in an efficient and cost-effective manner.	The current service levels and activities for the provision of tourism related initiatives are contained within the Economic Development and Tourism and Visitor Service Areas of the Delivery Program. Council can choose to include a project to review/investigate transferring the delivery of tourism initiatives from Council to another party and progress discussions with community groups.
26	30/04/2022	Batlow	Special Rate Variation	Opposes to the 35.95% Rate Increase. Can Council consider lobbying for ForestryNSW to pay rates? As their B-Doubles use our roads also.	SRV - Response as per submission 9. Council considered the potential inclusion of Lobbying for Forestry to pay rates on land within SVC LGA within Advocacy Priorities.
27	30/04/2022	Lacmalac	Special Rate Variation	Disagrees with the proposed rate increase.	Response as per submission 9.
28	01/05/2022	Adelong	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Believes Council's main job should be in roads, rubbish & supply of basic services. Most leadership in this area could be carried out by the public if Council removed some of its rules & regulations that inhibit growth.	Within the Delivery Program each Service Area of Council now contains a budget detailing operating income and operating expenditure, including itemised employee costs, plant costs, depreciation, and other expenses. Council is committed to achieving a minimum of \$600,000 in productivity savings in 2022-23 and 2023-24 through changes in operations and service delivery. Council's sustainability plan is in place to ensure increases in efficiency, including any reduction in services, employee costs and rationalisation of assets. There are many services that Council deliver that are not legislatively required (such as roads and rubbish), though there is now a large governance and regulatory requirements placed upon councils such as town planning).
29	01/05/2022	Tooma	Special Rate Variation Delivery Program / Operational Plan/ Operation Budget	Difficult to compare the financial information council provided in its Integrated Planning & Reporting documents with the information provided with the IPART documents. Was it due to the Long-Term Financial Plan Council adopted for the IPART Documents did not include Waste in the general funds? Why would Council include Children's Services, Multi Service Outlet and Community Transport in its Service Removal column to achieve a balanced budget when these services bread even? Reduction of services and rationalisation of assets should only occur after detailed efficiency review of Council's operations and then only after detailed community consultation.	It was a requirement by IPART to separate waste income and expenditure from the General Fund Forecast for inclusion in the SRV Application. Both the consolidated LTFP forecast adopted by Council at the time and exhibition alongside the application and as part of the IP&R documents are comparable. Council is committed to achieving a minimum of \$600,000 in productivity savings in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 through changes in operations, service delivery. Increases in efficiency, including any reduction in services and rationalisation of assets will be reviewed as part of ongoing service reviews and further savings must be achieved to satisfy conditions of SRV and achieve financial sustainability. Any action to alter the current services and community assets require the decision of Council following extensive consultation with the community.
30	26/04/2022	Tumbarumba	Special Rate Variation	Concerns of the sale of Rotary Park, Tumbarumba Retirement Village, Roth's Corner Medical Centre, Tumbarumba Showground if not SRV.	The ongoing management of several community facilities and services was identified as a potential option for review during the community consultation for a Special Rate Variation in July 2021. Any action to alter the operation and management of an existing community service would require the decision of Council following extensive consultation with the community and ongoing provision/viability of the service to the community. Inclusion of detailed comments in relation to specific facilities for future review.
31	20/04/2022	Tumut	Community Strategic Plan	Removal of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals	Response as per submission 3.
32	19/05/2022	Tumbarumba	Fees & Charges	Could like Council to consider a blanket fee for school to use all Council's facilities? To assist Council, make a decision about management of the imposition of fees, attachment provided outlining Tumbarumba Public School proposed one year usage of Council facilities.	As per submission 1.
33	16/05/2022	Tumut	Special Rate Variation	Concern about the impact of the Special Rate Variation	As per submission 9.

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34	02/06/2022	For Batlow	Delivery Program/ Operational Plan	Requested from Dr Joe McGirr MP that council include further rehabilitation of Reedy Creek Area at Batlow as an item in the Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents	'Investigate further improvements to rehabilitate Reedy Creek Park, Batlow' activity has been added to Delivery Program/ Operational Plan under Parks and Open Spaces.