



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 by Tuesday 12 July 2016. If you have any questions please contact the Secretariat on 03 8682 2869.

Council Name:	Shire of Campaspe
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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	3.5%	\$450,000
2014/15 financial year	3.5%	\$475,000
2015/16 financial year	3.5%	\$485,000%
2016/17 financial year	2.25%	\$495,000
2017/18 financial year	2.25%	\$505,000

2. Local government general election costs 2012 and 2016

General council election	Cost	How delivered (i.e., 'postal' or 'attendance elections')
2012	\$161,960	Postal
2016	\$216,000	Postal

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

None known



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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	12	2	13	2	\$250,000 - \$259,999					\$380,000 - \$389,999				
\$130,000 - \$139,999	0	7	0	5	\$260,000 - \$269,999					\$390,000 - \$399,999				
\$140,000 - \$149,999	0	2	0	3	\$270,000 - \$279,999					\$400,000 - \$409,999				
\$150,000 - \$159,999	0	1	0	2	\$280,000 - \$289,999					\$410,000 - \$419,999				
\$160,000 - \$169,999			0	1	\$290,000 - \$299,999					\$420,000 - \$429,999				
\$170,000 - \$179,999					\$300,000 - \$309,999					\$430,000 - \$439,999				
\$180,000 - \$189,999	0	3	0	2	\$310,000 - \$319,999					\$440,000 - \$449,999				
\$190,000 - \$199,999					\$320,000 - \$329,999					\$450,000 - \$459,999				
\$200,000 - \$209,999					\$330,000 - \$339,999					\$460,000 - \$469,999				
\$210,000 - \$219,999					\$340,000 - \$349,999					\$470,000 - \$479,999				
\$220,000 - \$229,999					\$350,000 - \$359,999					\$480,000 - \$489,999				
\$230,000 - \$239,999					\$360,000 - \$369,999					\$490,000 - \$499,999				
\$240,000 - \$249,999	0	1	0	1	\$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	\$835,270.87	\$185,346.43
2013/14 financial year	\$786,896.92	\$189,272.18
2014/15 financial year	\$761,636.36	\$214,359.78
2015/16 financial year	\$863,381.33	\$203,892.00
2016/17 financial year (if not known please state this)	\$770,058.33 Budgeted amount	\$203,892.00 Budget amount

Note: Costs are gross (excluding fees and planning fees) with the management costs previously incorporated for [12/13](#) and 13/14. Remaining years have 1/3 of management costs for Statutory Services Manager included. 15/16 and 16/17 figures are derived from the budget.

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?	Not Applicable
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6. Roads and bridges

What is the size of the road network (in kms) that you are responsible for?	Total of 4,138km (1,147km sealed, 2,440km gravel, 551km earth)
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?	\$15,313,000 As at 1 July 2016

	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	\$1,000,000	\$5,880,000	\$12,714,000
2013/14 financial year	\$1,000,000	\$6,212,000	\$13,615,000
2014/15 financial year	\$1,000,000	\$6,240,000	\$12,918,000
2015/16 financial year	-	\$9,934,000	\$15,721,000
2016/17 financial year (if not known please state this)	-	\$6,754,000	\$14,968,000 (budget amount)

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

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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	5	5	\$29,459	3 buildings	\$18k building \$1k insurance
2013/14 financial year	5	5	\$29,459	3 buildings	\$12k building \$1k insurance
2014/15 financial year	5	5	\$29,459	3 buildings	\$1k insurance
2015/16 financial year	5	5	\$29,459	3 buildings	\$1k insurance
2016/17 financial year (if not known please state this)	5	5	\$29,459 (last year of approved funding)	3 buildings. Note: 1 building is supposed to transfer to CFA, timeline unknown.	\$1k insurance Note: New building project for Echuca was over \$100k

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.

Focus has been on productivity and efficiency gains through implementation of modern ICT system and improved processes. These collective measures enabled Council to stay within the rate cap, maintain spend on renewals and budget for a small operational surplus.

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.

Continued focus on productivity and efficiency. Review of Council halls and other infrastructure (Aquatics Review is out for public comment currently). Also looking at energy efficiencies, consolidation of office accommodation and continuing sale of identified land assets that are surplus to requirements.