

# let's talk...



## RATES - Funding better local infrastructure

### What will each rate option mean for you?

Council is considering three options each with different implications for service levels, asset and infrastructure renewal and long-term financial sustainability.

**OPTION 1** Rate Peg increase only (set by NSW Government) Infrastructure would further deteriorate, and service reductions would be required.

| OPTION 2 Special rate variation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | OPTION 3 Special rate variation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>\$151 million to renew infrastructure including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roads and Transport</li><li>• Open Space and Recreation</li><li>• Stormwater</li><li>• Community Centres</li><li>• Public Amenities</li><li>• Buildings</li><li>• Seawalls</li></ul> | <p>\$186 million to renew infrastructure including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roads and Transport</li><li>• Open Space and Recreation</li><li>• Stormwater</li><li>• Community Centres</li><li>• Public Amenities</li><li>• Buildings</li><li>• Seawalls</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>No funding for new infrastructure</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>\$17 million for new infrastructure including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maximising the use of existing open space</b> e.g. drainage improvements in sports fields and parks</li><li>• <b>Reducing emissions</b> e.g. increasing renewable energy capacity on Council infrastructure</li><li>• <b>Traffic management</b> e.g. Blues Point Road traffic management works</li><li>• <b>Access and inclusion</b> e.g. upgrades to improve accessibility of parks and playgrounds</li><li>• <b>Stormwater management</b> e.g. expanded stormwater harvesting and water reuse systems.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                           |
| \$17 million for new corporate systems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Average \$390k/year for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Berrys Bay and Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden additional maintenance</li><li>• Affordable housing initiatives</li><li>• Infrastructure assessments</li></ul>                                                 | <p>Average \$1.7m/year for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Planning initiatives</b> e.g. Master planning Council owned property next to North Sydney and Crows Nest metro stations</li><li>• <b>Sustainability initiatives</b> e.g. exploring the feasibility for community batteries on Council owned land</li><li>• <b>Access, social inclusion and cohesion</b> e.g. projects to improve accessibility of Council programs, services, facilities and events</li><li>• <b>Transport initiatives</b> e.g. a holistic review of car parking across the LGA</li><li>• <b>Economic Development</b> e.g. initiatives to support small business and local spend</li><li>• <b>This will also include the projects listed in Option 2</b></li></ul> |
| <p><b>\$17 million for projects in Council's Development Contribution Plan*</b> such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bradfield Park foreshore upgrades</li><li>• New Community Centre facilities</li><li>• Library floorspace</li><li>• Cycleways</li></ul>          | <p><b>\$40 million for projects in Council's Development Contribution Plan*</b> such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bradfield Park foreshore upgrades</li><li>• New Community Centre facilities</li><li>• Library floorspace</li><li>• Cycleways</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

\*This does not provide sufficient funding for all projects listed above or in the plan. As the funds are not expected to be generated until the later years of the plan, priorities would be determined in consultation with the community at this time.

Part 5 'Detailed Purpose Statement' of the Draft Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) provides further details on what options 2 and 3 special rate variations would fund along with indicative timing.



## Have your say – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Consultation closes on Wednesday 3 December 2025. [yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/lets-talk-rates](https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/lets-talk-rates)