

Public Comment Submissions List - Proposal for Levying Differential Rates for the 2022-23 Financial Year

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1	Object	<p>As a new resident, I am shocked about this notice, especially given the struggle all the residents will have in 2022/23 because of raising inflation and further expected RBA increase on interest rates.</p> <p>Moreover, it would be nice to understand how the City plans to allocate such increases. Will this additional money be used to give proper shelter, and psychological support to the people who are living on the tent camp at Freeway exit on Whitfords? Or to support residents nightwatch given the recent increase in brake-ins, burglaries and crime in the City of Joondalup?</p> <p>It seems to me there is complete lack of accountability and proper stakeholder engagement when it comes to impact on residents.</p> <p>We recently moved close to Camarino drive in Woodvale, being previously in Heathridge, and we have been astonished to see the lack of care and proper planning in relation to the disaster that has been caused by clearing the trees along the freeway. I am aware that this was of competence of WA Mainroads, but the lack of proper due diligence on your end is kind of clear.</p> <p>Not considering the recent chopping and lack of periodic care of "Oscar" the hundreds' year old marri in Woodvale.</p> <p>It seems to me that this City is making his best to lose his connection with the residents and acting without proper duty of care.</p> <p>I look forward to see how the council will further discussion this intention and how it will consider the feedback received</p>
2	Object	<p>I would like to be able to study the information that outlines where I am getting an increase in services for the increase in rates. Like any increase, in wages etc, you need to see an increase in production..</p> <p>Unless the council can outline and justify this rate hike, I will not be able to accept the increase.</p> <p>Looking forward to the documentation and justification.</p>

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3	Object	<p>As a City of Joondalup resident and ratepayer, I reviewed your plan to increase the city council rates. I believe after a couple of years of pandemic and the economy is struggling as everyone, it is better to increase your income by diversifying CoJ income instead of increasing the rates.</p> <p>Hope that you can do better than this.</p>
4	Object	<p>This is my notice of major objection to the proposed rate rise.</p> <p>The city needs to put the welfare of residents as the major concern. In the current economic conditions rate payers can not afford this.</p> <p>The city has reserve funds, they should be used! Expenses need to be cut not rates increased.</p>
5	Comment	<p>Can you please provide the following information :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm they offer exemptions for not for profit (NFP) care providers such as Brightwater. 2. How often do we need to submit our application. 3. At what time of the year are we best to submit our application? <p>Responded separately</p>
6	Object	<p>We are a family that has been struggling my husband has been unemployed and no payment via sick or govt unemployment benefits due to major operation in December 2021 and has just commenced work this week our rates last year were very high and I can't see how the increase can be justified this year.</p> <p>We also had shire work done at the front of our house new pathways and I did contact about the works and damages done by contractors were Appalling these are located outside 48/50 Dollis way kingsley</p> <p>The painting line marks have drips everywhere and one section looks like a mistake. And where they added the old grey contract into the new path the contractors cracked all the grey path it was perfect no cracks prior. I hoped they were not paid in full! Can you please send someone out to look at these works I can send pics if you require let me know I did deal with CR John Chester at the time prior to these works who was very helpful.</p>

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7	Support	<p>I wish to provide feedback on the proposed rates increase of 4.09% for 2022/23.</p> <p>Given the rate 'increase' last year, the impact of Covid over the past couple of years, and the current 5.1% increase in the cost of living, I'm fully supportive of the proposed increase.</p>
8	Object	<p>As a resident of Woodvale, coming under the City of Joondalup, my family & I wish to raise an objection over the proposed rates increase of 4.09%.</p> <p>Many people, my family & I included have not received a pay rise in years. The increase to the rates, coupled with increases to energy, fuel & groceries will put even more financial hardship on already struggling families.</p> <p>The amount of homelessness around the local area is heartbreaking. The tent pitched between the exit of the Mitchell Freeway Northbound and the Freeway makes me so sad every time I pass it. I hope their wellbeing is being checked upon.</p> <p>If big increases to the cost of living continue, I am sure we will see an increase to the amount of tents pitched across our local area.</p> <p>Please re-consider the high % increase proposed.</p>
9	Object	<p>I would like to notify my objection to the proposed 4.09% increase on council rates.</p>
10	Object	<p>Upon reviewing the notice of intention to impose an increase to the levy rates, I am disappointing to see that the proposed differential rates increase is above inflation and that the City of Joondalup have appeared to disregard the surge in cost of living, interest rates, fuel etc. that its residents are already incurring and instead chosen to propose an unjustifiable rate increase. I understand that the cost of doing business has increased but surely a lower rate increase is possible and feasible for the council.</p>
11	Support	<p>I think it is an equitable solution but I would see Commercial/Industrial should perhaps have a greater differential to residential.</p> <p>9.3% differential should perhaps be around 10.5% to give residents a larger buffer to deal with other cost of living pressures. This would effectively reduce the proposed Residential GRV rate to 845 minimum. Every little bit helps-especially seniors such as us.</p>

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13	Object	<p>I strongly oppose the rate rise you are proposing. The rates I pay are already excessive and I can't see the reason to raise them again.</p> <p>We all know pay packets are not increasing to match inflation and it is not sustainable to keep raising cost of living until pays catch up.</p> <p>I think it will just make more people stress, have mental health issues and cause them to default on payments which will in turn cost the council chasing these payments.</p> <p>I also don't agree with the way rates are calculated. I live in a nice house for my family and pay way more than the smaller houses across the road. We both receive the same service but I pay more for it. Why? Would you pay more for receiving the same service in any other industry? I doubt it.</p> <p>I feel the entire system needs an overhaul to align with the age we live in. Not the 1960's when it was implemented.</p>
14	Object	<p>You have to got to be taking the piss right for wanting to increase the rates?</p> <p>We are already experiencing severe increases in cost of living with fuel prices, produce, state government taxes on the increase as well and now you're talking about increasing the rates.</p>

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		<p>On what basis are you increasing these rates?! For your bottom line, pockets, increase your pays for the executive and councillors?</p> <p>The CoJ have got absolutely no reason to increase rates, let alone increase by such a large amount. Whilst the average person within the city won't be experiencing such large scale pay increases.</p> <p>Stop and take a minute to think how this pathetic and ludicrous rate increase is going to affect the residents of this area.</p>
15	Object	<p>I do not agree with the proposed increase. People are struggling to pay their bills how it is without additional rates which are already very large.</p> <p>I would prefer less spent on Ocean Reef Marina which I do not believe is necessary nor anywhere near my home.</p> <p>We are on the border of City of Joondalup and City of Stirling and not so much is spent our way. Percy Doyle and the Duncraig Rec centre being a prime example (compared to the money spent on Craigie Leisure Centre).</p>
16	Object	<p>I am very unhappy about the excessive rate increase for Joondalup .</p> <p>This is totally excessive and unacceptable.</p> <p>I feel that our money would be better spent on less expensive fleets of 4x4s and vans .</p> <p>Spending is excessive extravagant and not justified.</p>
17	Object	<p>I find the recent invitation to provide feedback on proposed upcoming setting of rates for 22/23 a bit of a joke. While the basics are provided, ie proposed rates & suggested reason, no real info has been provided. I'm thinking of % increase over previous year, a bit more of a reason other than "keeping parity with previous years". This to me smacks of playing lip service to the community. I'm sure this info is available if I choose to search your website, but at the end of the day, the city is asking for feedback so relevant info should be made available to provide informed comment.</p>

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		<p>I see this invitation as no more than something the CoJ is doing to demonstrate to the powers to be that it is an "inclusive" city when in fact it is not really interested in what residents believe.</p> <p>I am sure I am like most residents & believe we pay to much in rates now without further increases.</p>
18	Object	<p>I wish to state that I am not happy with a proposed increase of 4.09% on our rates for the 22/23 period.</p> <p>Adding to the increase of the fire levy will beyond myself and many others ability to pay.</p> <p>I would like you to add my opposition to this increase.</p>
19	Object	<p>I would like to say NO to this increase.</p> <p>We are in trying times with every goods and service increasing and wages are not.</p> <p>A increase of half the proposed may be acceptable.</p> <p>Or if the full increase goes through then that should be passed on to the COJ workforce. That the best way to stimulate the local economy.</p>
20	Object	<p>I oppose the proposed rate increase of 4.09% for 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>I oppose any rate increase for the suburbs you allowed subdivision for.</p> <p>You have increased the councils revenue with all the subdivisions and therefore extra ratepayers. This also means you have increased the traffic in my suburb.</p> <p>What have you done for my suburb, Craigie, with all the extra rates now payable?</p> <p>Peoples wages haven't gone up but you want to increase rates. Get with the times COJ!</p>
21	Object	<p>I DO NOT AGREE TO A RATES INCREASE SO PLEASE JUSTIFY IT.</p> <p>I can see no reason why you should increase the rates, please explain where you spend the money on at the moment and whether that was agreed as what was wanted by the residents.</p>

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22	Object	<p>I would like to lodge my dissatisfaction with the news that our forthcoming rates are going to hiked up by 4.09 %. I have lodged my dissatisfaction with the deputy mayor on various projects that have been “undertaken’ in my suburb ,Sorrento.</p> <p>I have been a ratepayer in the shire of Joondalup since February 2004. Over this time i have seen a slow deterioration of roads, kerbs, parks and services. {If you would like me to expand further on this subject you are welcome to call me and I will walk you through it}</p> <p>The suburb of Sorrento is a fairly well established suburb with relatively few new builds. I do not know the exact demographics of ages and home ownership but i would determine that it is predominately owner occupied and there is probably a 50/50 ratio between older 2 person homes and family homes with more than 2 persons. The older semi retired/retired residents would probably be self funded meaning that they have had to rely on savings interest/ stock market dividends which have not been great. The younger couples still working have not had wage growth and inflation has been costed at 5%.</p> <p>The ‘cost of living’ was a major outcry during this last federal election and was probably not heeded by the Liberals and they paid the price. I have been watching with great interest the capital projects that have been going on in a small portion of this suburb and am seeing projects being over supplied, done in lazy slipshod manner. Projects are being started and dragging on for months, e.g. roadworks in Seacrest Drive, which is an incredibly busy road and has a notorious intersection with Marmion. I don’t think you will find one person in this neighbourhood who doesn’t know of or was personally involved in a bumper bashing at this intersection.</p> <p>Mr Ian Goodenough put out a letter asking people of this ward of Moore for ideas on what they wanted in their neighbourhoods and with absolute alarm I saw the item ‘skate board park’. When I contacted Mr Raftis office he assured me that this project which he was assuming would cost between \$250 000 and \$500 000 would not go ahead . I have a strong suspicion that this project will be going ahead. If i look at the large area of land in Warwick Ave just up from the library and the apathetic use of that bike track how can you justify this? We have an absolute nasty youth combing our streets nightly and over weekends, this park would be a magnet for them. We have no police station that could attend to anything that happens over the weekend or at night timeously since Warwick and Hilarys police stations are closed then.</p>

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		<p>I find it difficult to engage with my local councillors or any of the stakeholders in relation to parks/roads etc. I have to make several calls, I have met with one individual in charge of the parks , he was RUDE, dismissive and downright nasty. Unfortunately I call this 'old world misogyny'. Mr Raftis has not bothered to return my call and Ms Hamilton Prime did after 2 calls were made to her. I doubt I am going to get any feedback from that call at all. Organisations wonder why people become aggressive in their dealings but don't seem to realise that the 'man in the street' is not being heeded and is just being expected to keep 'coughing up'.</p> <p>As a country we have an incredible debt due to the pandemic and as such 'the man in the street' will have to be leant on in all sorts of ways to settle that debt.</p> <p>I suggest you scale back salary increases, expensive capital projects [i.e skate park] and get our infrastructure and neighbourhood looking like a first world one.</p> <p>I am open to hearing how you feel you can justify this increase.</p>
23	Object	<p>I DO NOT AGREE TO A RATES INCREASE</p> <p>I can see no reason why you should increase the rates, please explain where you spend our ratepayer money on and if this is agreed by the ratepayers.</p> <p>Also explain what you want to spend the extra income on .</p>
24	Object	<p>We strongly oppose the rates increase.</p> <p>Residents are struggling as it is. With Covid impacting many families, interest rates on the rise and the cost of living skyrocketing families cannot take another hit like this.</p> <p>We see no increase in services provided. No local security and the continued use of chemicals that are killing local wildlife and wet areas- enough is enough.</p>
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26	Object	<p>I'm emailing you to express my disappointment in our local council who, after all that has changed in the recent years of events, we thought had their communities best interests in mind.</p> <p>Clearly this is not the case with the recent announcement of council rates increasing by nearly 10%.</p> <p>In light of all living expenses increasing quite rapidly, also including mortgage interest rates, I strongly believe this is not the time to be burdening working families of this community even further.</p> <p>I believe I can speak for the majority if the community when I say cost of living is really starting to take a toll on our wallets and savings and, sadly, our hopes for the future.</p> <p>With prices rising so rapidly, even the thought of starting a family seems out of reach, and to increase council rates now makes this dream seem so much further away</p> <p>I implore you to please reconsider this path and lower the proposed rate increase, in a show of support for your community.</p>
27	Object	<p>I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in rates for the coming years.</p> <p>The cost of living continues to rise making it difficult to maintain basic living standards. Another increase would make it extremely difficult to survive as a family.</p> <p>Please reconsider this increase.</p>
28	Object	<p>People are already doing things tough enough with fuel, power & cost of living being high.</p> <p>I DO NOT AGREE TO A RATES INCREASE SO PLEASE JUSTIFY IT.</p> <p>I can see no reason why you should increase the rates, please explain where you spend the money on at the moment and whether that was agreed as what was wanted by the residents.</p>

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30	Object	<p>I DO NOT AGREE TO A RATES INCREASE.</p> <p>Given the significant increase in cost of living, families are already struggling to make ends meet. Increasing the rates will be an unnecessary added burden.</p>
31	Object	<p>Our family is extremely disappointed and saddened that the City knowing the extreme increase in inflation and cost of living would consider such an increase for its residents in council rates, especially knowing the 5% increase that is coming from the federal government already onto rate prices.</p> <p>Tell me how anyone let alone pensioners are to manage a 10% increase in rates when pensions and incomes aren't going up? If the City's cost are going up how about they write to federal government that income needs to go up before they can responsibly increase their rates, and that that is needed if the argument is so strong that they can't afford to continue on the current budget.</p> <p>Why doesn't the City put projects on hold or reduce its expenditure instead of passing on these unfair increases to resident??? How can the City do this to residents in this current climate????</p>
32	Object	<p>The Members of Edgewater Community Residents Association Inc strongly oppose the increase of 4.09% on the differential rates that the Council seeks to impose on the ratepayers.</p> <p>There are many reasons why our Members oppose the increase and they include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many in our community are on a fixed income and cannot afford such an increase.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Many in our community are young families who have just started their journey to homeownership and are facing, thanks to recent interest rate rises, enormous strains on their family's resources. 3. Inflation is impacting household budgets with the price of just about everything from bread and milk to fuel rapidly rising. 4. Wages are not rising in line with inflation, meaning that household budgets cannot take the strain of a further increase in rates. The Wage Price Index for WA as recently reported by the WA Treasury Corporation shows an annual growth rate of 2.4%, well under the intended increase in rates. 5. The WA State budget saw increases in many other charges facing families, from electricity and water to car registration charges and the emergency services levy. 6. The cumulative impacts of these increased costs are putting families and ratepayers under financial strain, even before having their rates bill increased. <p>So, as you can see ratepayers, families especially, are having a really hard time financially. Although unemployment is low, wages are yet to improve.</p> <p>On the other side of this argument is that the City itself is not showing, at least to the public, any sense of seeking better outcomes, increasing its efficiencies and tightening its own spending. While we understand that the Council sets the budget in terms of projects and business that it wishes the City to undertake, there seems to be no effort to reduce unnecessary spending or find alternative suppliers to help reduce costs. Perhaps this is taking place, but with "confidentiality" hiding the budget process how can the ratepayers be sure?</p> <p>The City also holds a large sum of money in its cash reserves, yet continues to increase its income through rates rises on an annual basis. The Town of Cambridge, as an alternative, has for many years been able to limit its rates increases to zero, finding alternative sources of income. Yes, this takes the Council to determine that there will be no rates rise, but the City administration is where the efficiencies and spending takes place.</p> <p>We take this opportunity to strongly oppose the increase that is under consideration and encourage the Council to put more effort into finding savings and efficiencies within the budget. Some projects might be nice but they aren't necessary now. Money held for some projects, such as the Jinan Gardens which is not strongly supported by the community in general, could be better allocated to essential services and thereby reducing the need to increase rates payable. The Council choosing to dispose of large lots of land for token payments, and lease community assets for peppercorn rents that are later sublet at market rates, also increases the burden on ratepayers and are unacceptable.</p>

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		No one likes to pay more for their rates and many ratepayers have been conditioned over the years to expect that they will go up annually despite most people rarely using more than the parks, roads and rubbish services provided. However, this is a year when, more than ever, the ratepayers of the City of Joondalup are suffering the impacts of higher government charges, interest rates and the price of household essentials, and we request that the Council reviews the budget and reduces the rates increase significantly.
33	Object	<p>I am writing to object to the considered rates rise of 409%, which will be on top of the rise of 5% already announced.</p> <p>Over the last two years or so everyone has had to look closely at our spending habits and to pull our belts in to a certain degree I think it is time the COJ did the same and looked at what is needed in the community as apposed to what is WANTED by the Mayor and Councillors.</p> <p>The extra burden on the community, which is already finding the cost of living becoming exorbitant, is going to make so much harder, especially for pensioners and low income earners. With respect, may I please ask that the rates rise of 4.09% does not go ahead</p>
34	Object	<p>I cannot believe with the increases in interest rates, food and petrol, you would even consider raising our council rates!</p> <p>Families are struggling, this 4.1% is in addition to the Premier raising ESL 5%!</p> <p>Please reconsider as people are really struggling in the community and facing hardships</p>
35	Comment	<p>What does “cents in \$” mean ? If it relates to the value of the property, and the property is worth, say \$600,000, then 6 cents in the dollar means an annual rates charge of \$36,000 ... !?!?</p> <p>Responded separately</p>
36	Comment	<p>A. Could you please direct me to the raw data used to calculate the proposed rate increases for 2022-3.</p> <p>Responded separately</p>

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		<p>B. Thank you for your response to my email requesting information on the location of the raw data used in the proposed rate increases, we are at a loss to understand how you expect rate payers to reach an informed decision without this information.</p> <p>However, the data provided does show an increase of 4.089% end ebbed in the Residential Improved rate, well-hidden but once again what is the justification for this substantial rate hike?</p> <p>In future a justification addendum to your notices of any levy increase proposal would make for more open and accountable local government.</p> <p>We trust this may encourage further and more open debate over the rate increase proposals.</p> <p>Responded separately</p>
37	Object	<p>When evaluating the 4% increase in City rates for the year 2022/23 consideration should be made in particular to those residential properties now subject to infill such as the area in Sorrento bounded by Clontarf Street and Marine Terrace that have a rear - access lane or minor road.</p> <p>Reasoning behind this objection is the deterioration of living in this changing environment with all the problems that arise daily and of the lack of attention by the City to residents overall.</p> <p>LANE ACCESS REDEVELOPMENT DIFFICULTIES</p> <p>Demolition where existing house is removed. Dust and general disruption to daily activity.</p> <p>Building. Delivery of building material for new premises.</p> <p>Vehicle Access. Difficulties in accessing rear garage facilities where garages are located at the rear of the block</p> <p>Parking Indiscriminate parking by builders and Tradespeople due to understandable frustration .</p> <p>No City Policy. Despite raising this matter with the City through Councillors in the past and prior to the last Local Government Election, where Deputy Mayor m/s Hamilton-Prime, used this matter to address as part of her platform, nothing to my knowledge has eventuated.</p>

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		<p>Locally, it is obvious that street trees in High Street are being removed for obscure reasons or by intent by developers and replacements are not being made.</p> <p>The City abandoned street household waste collections some years past and the substituted skip bin is likely to become another problem unless some planning is put in place. The additional rates now accruing due to the redevelopment should offset the need for a 4% rise.</p> <p>The reduced access to the local Community Centre at Duncraig that was established by local residents many years back has placed limits on some activities that now are declining.</p> <p>In closing, it is necessary to address some of these issues regardless of rate increase considerations because the development is increasing.</p>
38	Object	<p>I am horrified to see that Joondalup council is increasing the rates during this time of struggle and increased costs to 4.089\$. Plus the 5% increase to Emergency service levy by Labor government. With so many of us now out of work due to mandates etc or closed businesses this is unreasonable and I am sure better and fairer increases could be arranged. The council is best to cut costs elsewhere rather than slug ratepayers with more expense on top of utilities/food and fuel etc.</p> <p>This seems to be a deliberate attempt by government and councils to drive people to desperation and to lose their homes etc. Of course nothing to do with New World Order or Great Reset is it to own nothing and apparently be happy about it. I am sure you will be familiar with all of this as this council has signed onto Smart City project that again is part of the program.</p> <p>As many people I have spoken to have expressed this concern I do hope Joondalup council reconsiders the increases. During the mandates many of us could not even utilize council facilities hence a return on rates is more appropriate. And changes to valuations need to be made that are reasonable. We are getting sick and tired of being slugged from every direction and it is councils responsibility to ensure rates are kept to a minimum. And if expenditure elsewhere is required than so be it. There is so much wastage one can see each day and cutbacks can be achieved.</p>
39	Object	<p>I would like to indicate my objection, as a rates payer of the Joondalup city council, to the rates increase proposal.</p>

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40	Object	<p>Please accept this as a submission in relation to the proposed differential rates. The objects of and reasons for proposed differential rates for the 2022-23 financial year advise that Residential Improved: the cents in the \$ of 6.2668 has been set to ensure that the proportion of total rate revenue derived from residential property remains consistent with previous years</p> <p>What reasons are there for the need to be consistent with previous years? Being consistent would mean not raising the Cents in \$ and keeping it the same as last year. Indeed, reducing it would keep it in line with previous years due to the increase in the number of residential dwellings having to pay rates.</p> <p>As the two recent interest rate increases by the Reserve Bank have added a more onerous layer to bill-paying for home owners, increasing the Cents in \$ to the Residential Improved category of property will worsen this strain. For me personally it may mean an extra \$40 to be paid if the rateable valuation remains the same, and if the refuse charge and ESL charge remains the same (I am unsure if this has been advised anywhere). This is on top of the extra I would pay on my home loan due to the interest rate increases and I believe there are also upcoming increases to energy service charges on my bills - I pay more in service than I do in use. My outlay is more (due to macro-economic factors outside of my control) but my earnings remain the same - unfortunately this equation does not compute.</p> <p>With the building occurring in the City, increasing the number of houses and therefore rates that are payable per residential dwelling, it seems inappropriate that an increase would be forthcoming.</p>
41	Object	<p>I would like to object to the proposed council rates increase of 4.09%.</p> <p>The cost of living has increased steeply on food and fuel and other utilities, however, state government utility charges have only gone up by 2.5%.</p> <p>Despite cost of living has increased, wages are staying low.</p> <p>With the covid situation, many businesses have closed down and workers stood down without paid. These are not recorded in the system and low unemployment rate is not a true reflection of the current climate.</p> <p>Maybe the City could re-examine how to reduce spendings on other areas to keep the costs low for the ratepayers. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
42	Object	<p>I am writing regarding the rates rise that is up for consultation.</p>

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		<p>I request that at this time you put a hold on rates. We are finding the cost of living is far in excess of our salary. I lost my job in 2020 and my husband's salary was reduced by 20% because of Covid.</p> <p>I'm sure you're aware that the cost of groceries and petrol are causing an enormous strain on households, and I ask that you do not add to this burden by increasing rates.</p>
43	Object	Please Consider leaving the rates at the same price and not increasing them by 4% 5%!
44	Object	<p>I wish to raise my objection to the City's intention to impose differential rates on rateable property in the 2022/2023 financial year.</p> <p>At this time there is extreme hardship through rising interest repayment costs, petrol prices, food costs and general cost of living expenses.</p> <p>Any changes to the differential rates levy will add a further burden, and one that we and many people cannot afford.</p> <p>I trust that you'll look favorably on my objection.</p>
45	Comment	<p>What do the Acronyms GRV and UV stand for?</p> <p>Responded separately</p>
46	Comment	<p>Does this mean that there will be a increase in our rent payments ?</p> <p>The figures you supply mean nothing if there is nothing to compare them to.</p> <p>Responded separately</p>
47	Comment	<p>Today I became aware by social media (Twitter) that the City of Joondalup proposes to introduce "differential rates" in its 2022-23 budget. The document claims that "submissions" are invited until 10 June 2022 and refers the reader to the City of Joondalup website for more details. I have gone to the CoJ website and searched for "differential rates" but with no success. I have scanned the Home page on the website to find a link for these details without success.</p>

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		<p>Since I can't find the information, I am forced to either call you or send this email to obtain the URI (link) to access these details and to make a submission. Please advise.</p> <p>Responded separately</p>
48	Comment	<p>Please advise the proposed Emergency Levy rate and the Refuse annual charge for 2022/23.</p> <p>Responded separately</p>
49	Comment	<p>I note from the city's website that you are using a "cents in the dollar" method to advise the rate increase for 2022/23 whereas last year you used a percentage method. Can you please advise what the percentage increases are for the various categories, residential and commercial, for the period 2022/23? I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Responded separately</p>