

draft Management Plan

This year's draft Management Plan has been guided by three key principles; providing opportunities for early and meaningful community input, maintaining a focus on addressing the infrastructure challenge and ensuring the current Council provides a solid platform for the next Council to be elected in September.

Extensive community input:

In October, a community workshop was held to discuss community consultation surrounding the Management Plan. This workshop led to four pre-draft consultation workshops so the community could identify the key issues facing the city *before* a draft was put together. Officers were then asked to respond to some 200 issues to see if they were already being acted on or could be in the draft Management Plan. The second phase of consultation is now underway with the exhibition of the draft Management Plan.

You can have your say by:

- attending a community consultation session,
- reading the information on the web and providing feedback,
- taking part in a community discussion of the issues on Bang the Table,
- emailing your submission to managementplan@ncc.nsw.gov.au,
- sending your written submission to

General Manager
Draft Management Plan
Newcastle City Council
PO Box 489
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Maintaining focus:

This year's draft Management Plan maintains an emphasis on infrastructure maintenance and renewal, balanced with service delivery and trimming internal spending. Tackling the city's ageing infrastructure has been a priority for Council over the past twelve months, with significant resources going into roads, drains, footpaths and natural assets.

Last Management Plan for this Council:

This draft Management Plan recognises that this is the last for the current Council. There has been a focus on ensuring this plan provides a solid platform for the next Council by focusing resources on infrastructure and addressing the gaps in infrastructure maintenance and renewal.

The draft Management Plan is on exhibition until 27 May 2008.

Thank You for taking the time to have your say!

Rates

Land Value (\$)	2007/08 Rates Payable	2008/09 Rates payable			
		Option 1 (27.4% BC)** VARIATION (\$)		Option 2 (\$568.50min) VARIATION (\$)	
		RATES		RATES	
50,000	362.55	389.67	27.12	568.50	205.95
60,000	392.73	419.87	27.13	568.50	175.77
70,000	422.92	450.07	27.15	568.50	145.58
80,000	453.10	480.28	27.17	568.50	115.40
100,000	513.47	540.68	27.21	568.50	55.03
150,000	664.39	691.70	27.31	588.47	-75.92
200,000	815.31	842.72	27.41	784.63	-30.68
209,478*	843.92	871.34	27.42	821.82	-22.10
250,000	966.23	993.73	27.50	980.79	14.56
300,000	1,117.15	1,144.75	27.60	1,176.95	59.80
350,000	1,268.07	1,295.77	27.70	1,373.11	105.04
400,000	1,418.99	1,446.78	27.79	1,569.26	150.27
450,000	1,569.91	1,597.80	27.89	1,765.42	195.51
500,000	1,720.83	1,748.82	27.99	1,961.58	240.75
750,000	2,475.43	2,503.90	28.47	2,942.37	466.94
1,000,000	3,230.03	3,258.98	28.95	3,923.16	693.13

*\$209,478 is the average residential land value
 **preferred option as per Council resolution of 22 April 2008

The draft 2008/09 budget is based on the 3.2% increase provided for under the State Government rate cap.

Two options are being considered. One option is increasing the existing base charge while option two is for a return to the land value basis with a minimum.

Option	Effect
Option 1. (27.4% base charge)	Increases contributions by Strata Units. A uniform increase applies to all ratepayers (ie \$27) Narrow range of increase 0.9% to 7.48%
Option 2. (\$568.50 minimum)	Significant increases for strata units. Large range of impact from 56.81% increase to 11.43% decrease. Redistributes rating burden – rates decrease for land values between \$150,000 and average land value. Rates increase significantly for upper and lower ends of the valuation ranges.

Waste charge: the domestic waste management service charge for 2008/09 is proposed to increase from \$226.03 to \$234.33 including the \$40.35 per tonne State Government waste levy.

Do you have any comments to make in relation to the rating options proposed?

