

# **AGENDA**

# **Special Council Meeting Thursday, 9 June 2022**

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 9 June 2022

Time: 9am

**Location: Council Chambers** 

23 West Street

**Mount Isa** 

David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer

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#### 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

#### Acknowledgement of Country

Mount Isa City Council acknowledges the Kalkadoon and the Indjilandji people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

#### Recording of Council Meeting

Please note this Special Meeting of Mount Isa City Council may be live streamed and recorded in accordance with Council's 'Recording of Council Meetings Policy'.

As a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded.

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- 2 PRAYER
- 3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- 5 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### 6 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

# 6.1 CONSIDERATION OF RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMISSIONS REGARDING THE 2022-23 DRAFT BUDGET

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Author: Director Corporate and Community

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Directorate: Corporate and CommunityExecutive Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion &

**Community Development, Arts** 

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mount Isa City Council released the 2022-23 Draft Budget for viewing and public consultation on 6 May 2022. Residents were invited to provide comments and submissions by 31 May 2022.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council receives and notes public comments and submissions regarding the 2022-23 Draft Budget.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Mount Isa City Council released the 2022-23 Draft Budget for viewing and public consultation on 6 May 2022. Two public information sessions were held on May 12 and May 19, 2022.

Residents were invited to provide comment by 31 May 2022 and those that provided contact details are invited to speak to the submission at the Special Meeting.

#### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The 2022-23 Draft Budget was developed with the assistance of representatives of the Queensland Audit Office, the Queensland Treasury Corporation, and Queensland Treasury to establish appropriate financial controls and checks in the budget.

This budget builds on many of the themes that sit within the Corporate Plan and the Asset Management Plans. The draft budget seeks to balance the operational and capital needs of the organisation for the next 12 months and beyond.

#### LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.1	Continue to monitor and stay informed about matters that affect the community
	1.4	Continue to develop and extend Council's public consultation processes, including the reporting of outcomes and the development of charters which clarify expectations for the provision of information for Council staff and the community
Theme:	5.	Ethical & Inclusive Governance
Strategy:	5.1	Continually monitor and evaluate all Council operations and conduct independent surveys of client/customer satisfaction levels

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#### **CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)**

- Mount Isa Community
- Mayor and Councillors
- Chief Executive Officer and Executive Management Team
- Queensland Audit Office
- Queensland Treasury Corporation
- Queensland Treasury

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Councils are required to adopt a budget for each financial year, detailing the Council's budgeted income and expenditure.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

All council policies.

#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Councils are required to adopt a budget for each financial year, detailing the Council's budgeted income and expenditure.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

Proper consideration has been given to all human rights relevant as per Council's Human Rights Policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS**

**THAT** Council receives and notes public comments and submissions regarding the 2022-23 Draft Budget.

Or

**THAT** Council does not receive and note public comments and submissions regarding the 2022-23 Draft Budget.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Budget Feedback\_Redacted J 🖺

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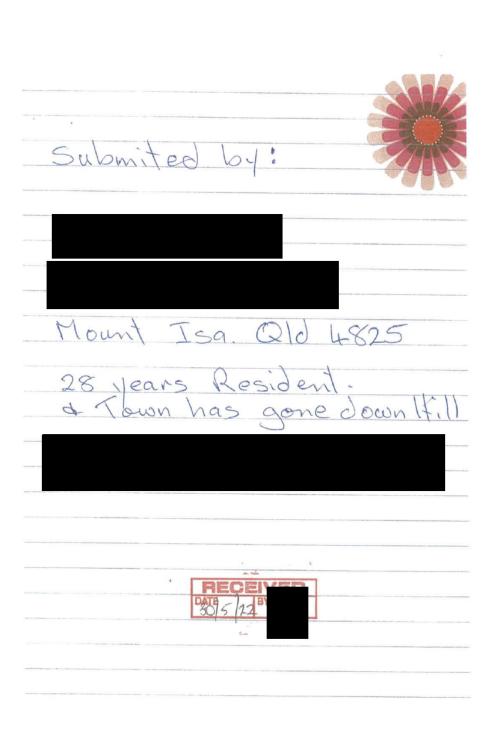
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**COUNCIL RESPONSE** 

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Mount Isa City Council
Budget Consultation F/2022-2023
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BUDGET FEEDBACK:			

I would like to see a frugal approach taken to council expenditure in the upcoming budget with a focus on maintenance.

Projects, new facilities, and non-essential upgrades are worthy endeavors when the economic climate is conducive to such pursuits and when the council is operating a budget surplus but spending in these areas should be put on hold when cost pressures necessitate a rate increase to fund them. Mount Isa homeowners are looking down the barrel of interest rate increases and additional strains to our cost of living — I believe it would be reckless to council to undertake discretional spending at this time and exacerbate these challenges further.

Support for sporting groups should focused on asset sharing. It isn't sustainable for every sporting club to have dedicated facilities and they should be encouraged to move towards a co-operative model that reduces the strain on their volunteer base and would require less financial support from council for upgrades to amenities.

We need to stop pouring money into Buchanan Park. To date it's been a financial black hole for our community and no amount of ratepayer's money will change the fact that it's inherently unfit for purpose. Please stop throwing good money after bad at this white elephant.

#### NATURE OF FEEDBACK:

A desire to see council opt for a fiscally responsible budget.



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#### BUDGET FEEDBACK:

I must commend the Council staff on their excellent presentation at the Budget Consultation meeting. As a rate payer I was suitably impressed with their thorough knowledge of the budget and their ability to respond to a broad range of questions.

Nobody likes a rate increase but without one, it would be hard to imagine how council would operate or be able to capitalize on opportunities for things such as the tourist dollar that drives right through the city every tourist season. I am accepting that a rate rise is necessary no matter how hard it is to swallow. This is the current financial climate across the globe and to be expected. Not liked, but expected, and I see this is the same across many other Councils this year.

Mount Isa is largely an industrial community that is criticized for its unappealing presentation by tourists. It is very difficult to recruit people to work and live in Mount Isa with a high turnover of people in industries such as the mine and government employees. Mount Isa city does not capitalize well on the tourist dollar or on keeping families in the area for longer. I feel this is something that could be capitalized on better with better facilities to attract and retain people in the city, whether they are here for work or as a tourist.

Attracting tourists to stop for longer in Mount Isa on their way though and the ability to attract people to live and work in Mount Isa longer is dependent on what the city has to offer. Tourists will barely spend a dollar if there is not much to stop for.

Telstra Hill is one place that could be better utilized and marketed as an affordable fitness option for locals and tourists if it were much safer. I was pleased to see this in the budget and would like to see it remain. At the moment the road up Telstra hill is unsafe but still well utilized by many local people as an affordable fitness option. It is one of very few places that people can do hill training. I am aware of injuries that occur on this road, including one that was very serious, leaving the road quite a risk in its current state.

I have long argued that Telstra Hill needs a safer access road and could be better designed as a tourist attraction. This is one project that I would like to see go ahead as it could have long standing benefits to the lives of individuals being fitter, athletes, families, the community and tourists.

A footpath from town will provide a safer way for pedestrians to exercise on the way out to Telstra Hill.

Parks and walkways will further enhance the livability of our city and provide more affordable fitness options. These are features that many towns and cities are capitalizing on at the coast and something that many people talk about wanting in Mount Isa. You only have to look at the



utilization of the path out to the lake to see how well used this would be, likely more being in town. Parks and walkways are something I would like to see investment in to improve the health and fitness of people who live and visit Mount Isa.

Sport is also the fabric of the Mount Isa community. Investing in the Mount Isa Sporting Facilities Upgrade Project will support community sports participation, healthier lifestyles and the sense of community. Investment is this types of project is important for the livability of the community and the ongoing development of future sports stars, which Mount Isa is known for.

In a time of economic hardship across the state, country and world at the moment I feel there is a need to pull the belt in for less beneficial things. I am not in favour of statues unless they are part of a strong tourist attraction which would genuinely capitalize and attract the tourist dollar. Perhaps a miners statue could be replaced with a less costly attraction that still captures the intent of the miners memorial.

I note that Council will be continually applying for funding grants and if successful there may be some savings realized in some of the above mentioned projects which will be a further benefit to the budget. I was pleased to hear that submissions will continue to be submitted for grants for these projects. However, I support the above mentioned projects being budgeted for, planned and actioned in the current budget.

Thank you to the Councillors for putting a lot of thought and consideration into this budget for our city.

NATURE OF FEEDBACK:

**COUNCIL RESPONSE** 

ATTACHMENTS (IF ANY):





# BUDGET FEEDBACK:

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Regarding the purposed rate rise, I am not in favor and I be everything possible to reduce these costs for ratepayers. to go over their budgets and reduce spending on things the of just being able to keep up maintenance on what they hable to go to their boss and ask for a pay rise so that they Mount Isa City Council should not be any different. I don' ahead and only maintenance, repair and upkeep should be should be the focus at all times, there is no good spending in the future to maintain them.	All businesses and households are having nat could be deemed 'nice to have' in favor have existing. Most people would not be are able to renovate their kitchen, the 't believe any new projects should be going the focus on existing infrastructure. This
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# **BUDGET CONSULTATION FY2022-2023**

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**COUNCIL RESPONSE** 

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Most hard copy rate payer feedback forms viewed/received stated realistic everyday issues they want MiCC to fix, besides their public proclamations announcing their fierce objections to the 6% MICC proposed rate rise price hike increase as detailed below:

MICC to focus on fixing the real issues in Mount Isa and Camooweal, which needs to include suburb improvements, upgrades and beautification instead of always focussing on the CBD and pleasing minority groups living in Mount Isa. MICC & the Councillors are more concerned about tourism than the locals and long term rate payers, who are paying and funding all these projects with very little to no benefits for us and the entire community.

Fix our roads properly (everyone's sick and tired of driving over potheles and openings showing up even after the smallest rainfall, which has caused damage to our vehicles. Decent roadworks maintenance contractors need to be sourced and engaged (at reasonable quoted prices) to carry out this road works efficiently and effectively, so our road surfaces remain intact for many years.

Lighting problems in outer suburbs and parts of towns main roads (eg. Abel smith parade, Trainer st, East st, Pamela st, Urqhuart st) Night driving can be very scary and dangerous when you can't see people walking on and hear the side of these unlit main roads) Lighting stee: mesh covers/protectors could be utilised to protect rights getting constantly damaged.

Arterial heavy truck/road train bypass road needs to be designed, developed and built to stop heavy truck and road trains traffic driving through our main roads and within the CBD. This will improve road safety for locals driving and walking on our towns main and CBD roadways wellst also improving road conditions and reducing costly road repairs and maintenance through out the year.

Rate payers don't want their rates money wasted on unappealing bronze statues costing rate payers \$100,000+ per statue, placed around town (They believe this town has enough to satisfy the tourists)

Excessive rate payer money spent on the ridiculous amount of work always being carried out in the CBD, whilst neglecting all other suburbs of Mount Isa & Camooweal to appease all the Tourists and visiting so called important eignitaries to our town.

Many suburbs are seriously lacking recreational and entertainment furparks for children and families. Fun and Skate parks are always planned

and built on one side of town, denying and prejudicing the children and families living in other certain suburbs of Mount Isa. (Security lighting, Police/PLO drive by behaviour and conduct checks, recreational and entertainment equipment should be built from robust, strong, durable materials for longevity and cost saving effectiveness.

A sturdy dement skate bowl style set up needs to be built in Pioneer/ Sunset, which would assist to reduce the community's widespread youth boredom problems and any attempt at improving and reducing the towns engoing youth crime community issues.

Community consultation needs to be offered to rate payers and other community members on a more regular basis and held in a neutral and friendlier environment setting instead of MICC's stifled, controlled and official Council chambers.

MICC needs to hold more inclusive and transparent rate payer community meetings, to guide better planning and decision making, particularly when discussing and proposing sizeable financial project commitments, which detrimentally affect the entire community as a whole.

Councillors behaviour and conduct in Council meetings are despicable, self-centred, immature, aggressive, disrespectful and extremely unprofessional. Rate payers are extremely embarrassed these councillors who are supposed to be our communities representatives and future community drivers have been publicly manipulative and deliberately operating against and voting in opposition to the Mayor (Daniele Slade) to benefit an ex-Council work colleague as well serve their own inflated ago's and selfish community driven agendas.

From:
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#### Regards,

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----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Monday, 23 May 2022 9:01 AM To: City@mountisa.qld.gov.au Subject: Budget Feedback

#### Good morning,

We are not in support of the 2022/2023 proposed budget. Over the annual rates and water charges there is a 15% increase. People already pay a lot to live in Mount Isa, there is a 'Mount Isa tax' on all goods and services yet you increase rates beyond what wages will ever increase. How do you expect people to stay in this town? There is a very high percentage of people that don't work in the mines or higher level management to afford it. Even some of those in the mines will struggle because living out here, a mine wage doesn't go far when you have a family to support and Mount Isa prices.

54m to redo the Miles St/Rodeo Drive intersection?? There are a lot more roads that can do with \$4m worth of work than that intersection which has nothing wrong with it. For instance, you spent a fortune with other funding to redo Marian/Grace Street intersections but didn't bother to reseal or re-lay the actual road, just patched places where new met old. That road has trucks driving on it all day and all night along with general traffic and it is one of the worst roads. When Bunnings was built there was all these changes to the road and now that section of West Street has a lot more traffic on it and yet the same thing happened, just patch the gap between new and old. I don't know which road is worse, Grace St between Simpson and West or down West street.

Maybe Council needs to focus on roads that actually need reseal or re-laying, roads that get a lot of traffic on them and are in terrible shape.

Your proposed rate increase will bring in approximately \$3m, your employee benefits are increasing by approximately \$2m.

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That is not right. We don't agree with you raising rates to put it back into your own back pockets.

\$400,000 on a miners memorial?? We already have one that has more sentimental meaning than anything else you will do - the statute at the Isa Street bridge made from the old bridge. The story it tells is a great monument and pays great homage to the miners that built this town. Why not add signs and plaques to that one to tell its story for a whole lot less money. Then that money can be put into things that are more needed or lower the rate rise to not fill your pockets.

Overall we think the Council does a good job in our community, you are trying to create spaces for families and visitors and we appreciate that. We have seen a lot of good things happening in the town over the 12 years we have lived here and raised our children. However, spending money in places it isn't needed when there are more needs out there is not a good business choice. Raising rates on an already stretched rate payer to beef up your wages is not acceptable and will not gain you support from the community.

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#### FW: Budget Feedback



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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 10:09 PM To: City@mountisa.qld.gov.au Subject: Budget Feedback

Name:

Contact: email is sufficient

Date: 31/05/2022

#### BUDGET FEEDBACK:

I do not believe a 6% increase is warranted. I watched the YouTube video about the budget and it seems that not a lot of financial thought and expertise was put into the final costing. I would like each item to be more thoroughly investigated before adding to the budget.

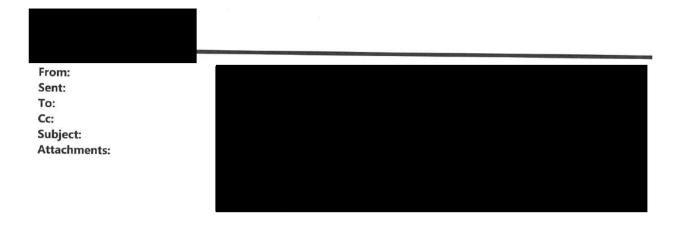
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Cost of living rose by 5% in May, a 6% rate increase will add to the burden many families are experiencing.

#### NATURE OF FEEDBACK:

I do not agree with the 6% rate increase and I would like more input into the higher costing items added.

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 7:18 PM To: City@mountisa.qld.gov.au

Subject: ATTN: Finance RE: Council Draft Budget 2022-23

ATTN: Finance Department

Other elderly and non-I.T. savvy rate payers, have advised they will submit their hard copy feedback forms to the MICC office this week. The <a href="Change.org">Change.org</a> Petition objecting to the 6% rate rise, 3% water rate increase and vented extremely strong contempt and disagreement relating to any rates increase, has been directly e-mailed to all sitting MICC Councillors and your complaints department, as the petitioners signatures have been received by <a href="Change.org">Change.org</a>. 441 petition signatures have been received so far as I type this e-mail to you (7:07 pm) fiercely objecting against any MICC Council rates increase.

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#### FW: Rates increase

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 10:37 PM To: City@mountisa.qld.gov.au Subject: Rates increase

Hi Mount Isa City council,

Funny that your draft feedback form is off line??

FEEDBACK..... we have a few rental properties and out of all of them Mount Isa city council are significantly the MOST expensive and you want to add another 6% !!!!! Dont be greedy!!!

Sent from my iPhone