

Draft 2023-24 Council Budget

**PUBLIC
CONSULTATION**

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Budget

Every year, Kingborough Council plans how we can best service the needs of our community, through developing the Council budget.

This means considering how our community is growing and changing, feedback we have received throughout the year, what Council must deliver by law, and the decisions made by our elected Councillors.

Before the budget is finalised by the elected Councillors each year, Council seeks the community's input into the budget.

Consultation

Public consultation about the *2023/24 Draft Council Budget* occurred between **31 March and 14 May 2023**, through inviting responses to a survey or written submissions.

During consultation:

- **92** people filled in the survey
- **15** people sent in a submission to kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au.

Council will review these results and submissions and formally decide on the draft budget at the Special Budget Council Meeting on 13 June 2023.



Draft Budget

The 2023/24 Draft Council Budget aims to maintain the community's expectations for a high level of service by ensuring staff have the resources to deliver a range of services and projects that benefit the many different parts of our community.

It is with this in mind, that Council has based the 23/24 Draft Council Budget on a **4.5% residential** general rate increase and a **7.0% commercial** and industrial rate increase.

Some Capital Projects

During 2023/24, some of the capital projects identified to connect residents to better services, upgrade infrastructure and advance community safety are:

Snug

- Toilet refurbishment – \$250,000
- Community hall upgrade – \$250,000
- Tennis court refurbishment – \$39,000
- Oval cricket net replacement – \$80,000

Woodbridge:

- Oval – \$200,000
- Llantwit Road resheeting – \$155,000

Draft 23/24 Budget Snapshot	
	Roads \$19 M
	Stormwater \$3.8 M
	Halls, Public Toilets & Buildings \$5.4M
	Sports, Parks, Tracks & Playgrounds \$8 M
	Waste Management \$5.1M
	Natural Areas & Biodiversity \$1.5M
	Community Services \$1.3M
	Public Health \$770,000
	Planning, Building Plumbing \$3.5M

Kaoota:

- Peverata Road rehabilitation – \$650,000

Pelverata:

- Halls Track Road resheeting – \$233,000

Bruny Island:

- Cloudy Bay Road resealing – \$257,000
- Kellaway Park Clubrooms electrical upgrade – \$10,200

Taroona:

- Bowls and Tennis Club car park design – \$30,000
- Bike lane upgrades – \$250,000

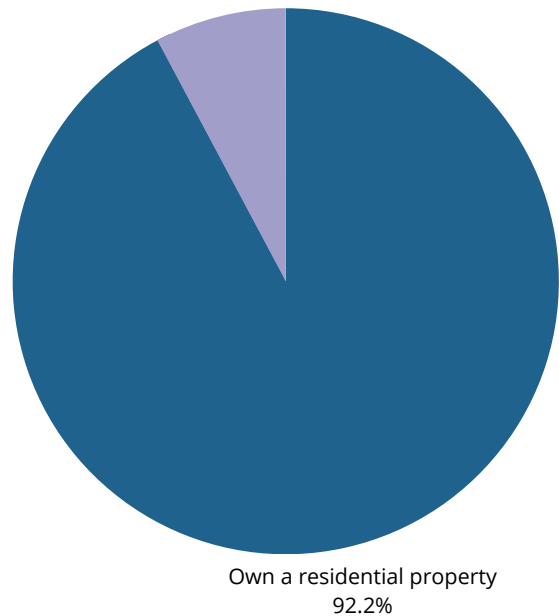
Public Consultation Results - Survey responses

Q1 What is your connection to Kingborough?

90 responses:

- 92.2% - own a residential property
- 7.8% - rent (and live in) Kingborough

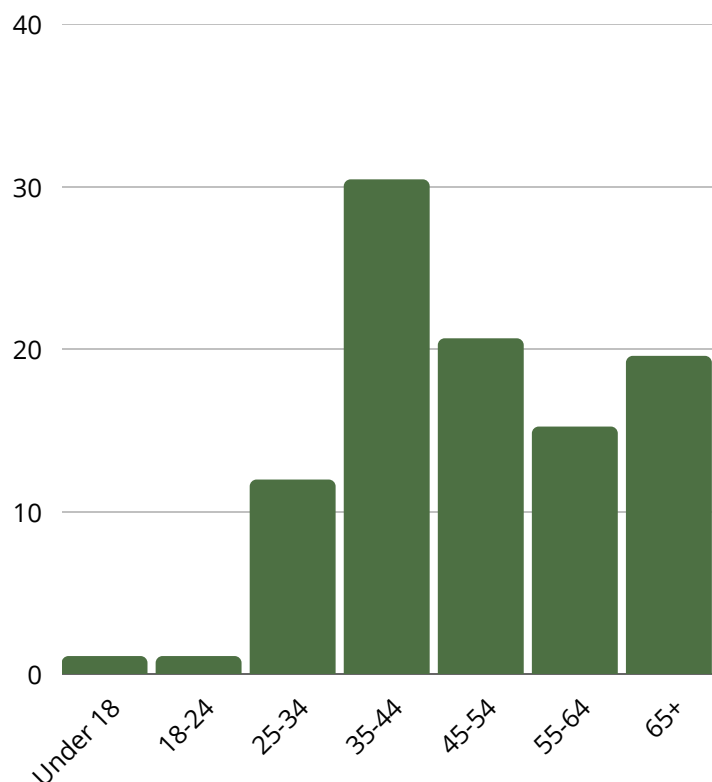
Rent (and live in) a residential property
7.8%



Q2 What is your age group?

92 responses:

- 1% - under 18
- 1% - between 18-24
- 12% - between 25-34
- 30.4% - between 35-44
- 20.6% - between 45-54
- 15.2% - between 55-64
- 19.6% - over 65



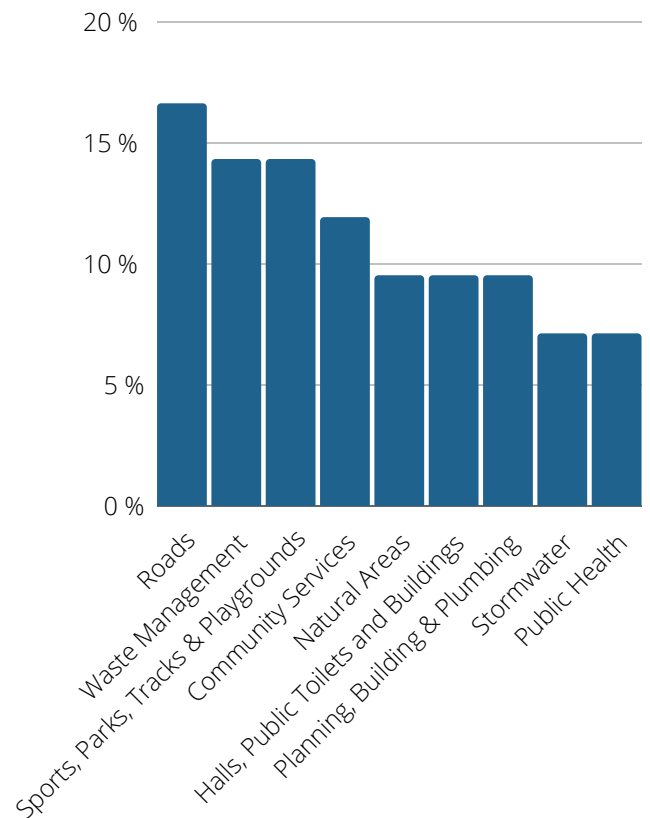
Survey responses

Q3 Which area is the most important to you? (please rank)

91 responses:

Budget areas grouped ranking:

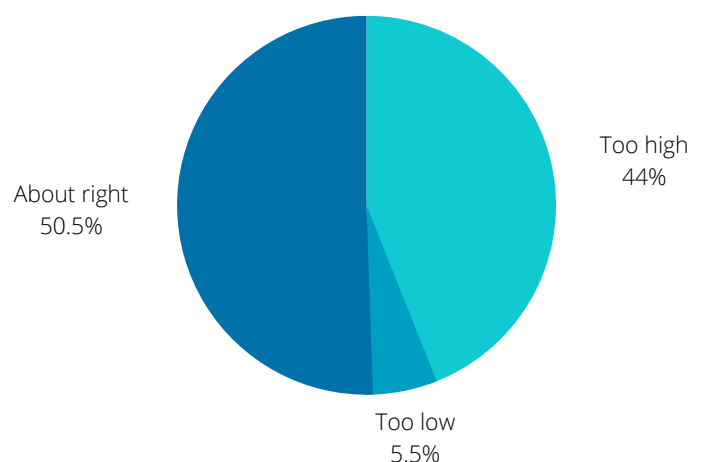
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- 5 • Stormwater \$3.8M
• Public Health \$770,000



Q4 Do you think a 4.5% residential general rate increase and a 7.0% commercial and industrial rate increase is?

91 responses:

- Too high - 44%
- Too low - 5.5%
- About right - 50.5%



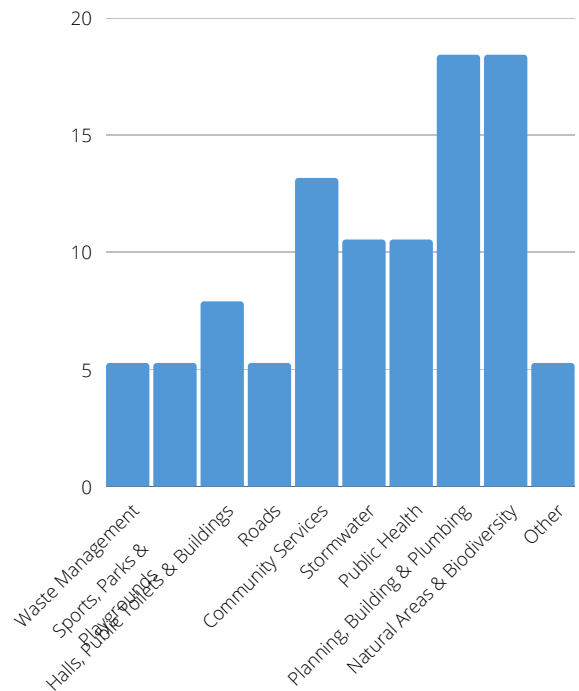
Survey responses

Q5 44% of respondents indicated the proposed rate increase is too high. They were asked which area they would reduce in funding to allow for a lower rate.

38 responses:

Number of respondents per area:

- 7 - Natural Areas & Biodiversity
- 7 - Planning, Building & Plumbing
- 5 - Community Services
- 4 - Stormwater
- 4 - Public Health
- 3 - Halls, Public Toilets & Buildings
- 2 - Sports, Parks & Playgrounds
- 2 - Roads
- 2 - Waste Management
- 2 - Other - Capital work programs & Council wages

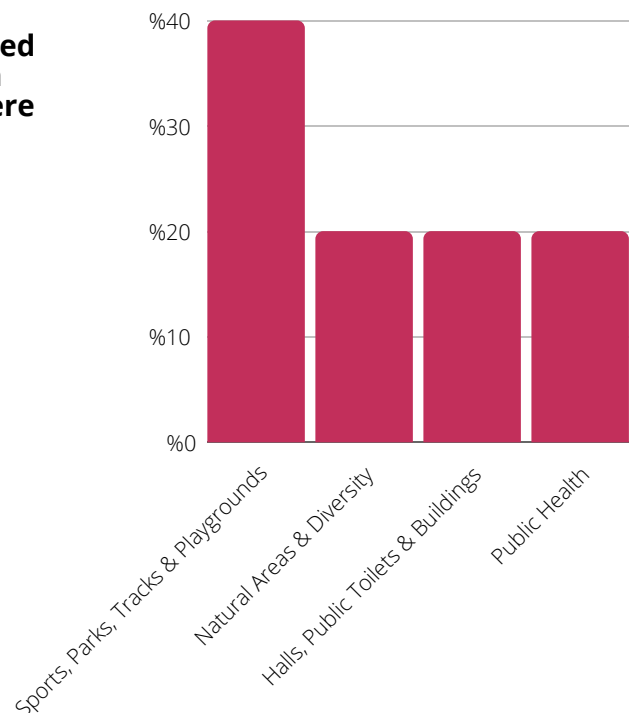


Q6 5.5% of respondents indicated the proposed rate increase is too low. They were asked which area they would increase funding to, if rates were increased.

5 responses:

Number of respondents per area:

- 2 - Sports, Parks & Playgrounds
- 1 - Public Health
- 1 - Halls, Public Toilets & Buildings
- 1 - Natural Areas & Biodiversity



Survey Responses

Q7 Finally, is there anything else you would like to add or say about the 2023/24 Draft Budget?

60 responses were received.

This section has been broken up into region themed responses followed by miscellaneous responses.

Margate

18 comments were received about Margate:

- 16 respondents raised concerns about
Pedestrian & Road User Safety
 - Dangerous to cross road
 - Taking life into own hands to cross
 - Dangerous near childcare centre
 - Dangerous intersection at Channel Hwy/Sandfly Road
 - Need crossing near new shopping centre
 - Increased traffic
 - Road can't handle level of traffic
 - Keep residents informed about any discussions with State Growth
- 3 respondents raised the need for more
Development
 - Bicycle network plan
 - Teens/youth - basketball, pump track, skate parks, parks needed
 - Native plantings needed

Respondent Comments

"Prioritise road improvements before allowing any more housing estates to be started. The one lane Channel Hwy cannot cope with the volume of cars generated by the development at Margate."



"Margate has needed Council's attention for many years. Council has acknowledged this. The community has raised the pedestrian safety concerns many times over the years."



"This intersection has become increasingly unsafe to use if you are trying to turn right from Sandfly Road onto the highway and it will only increase with the shopping centre opening."



"Margate is in desperate need of some traffic and pedestrian management. You take your life in your hands trying to cross the highway, by both car and foot."



"Margate has been overlooked yet again. The town centre is a mess and crossing the road gets more and more difficult. There doesn't seem to be any advocacy with state growth...."

Survey Responses

Bruny Island

7 comments received highlighting:

- Funding for roads
- Public toilets
- Playgrounds needed
- Waste management
- Tree maintenance

Blackmans Bay

3 comments received highlighting:

- Improvements - Sherburd Park Oval needed
- Safety at Blackmans Bay crossing roundabout to shops
- More shade needed at Beach parks

Kettering

1 comment received highlighting:

- Saddle Road safety and maintenance

Kingston

3 comments received highlighting:

- Footpaths linking Springfarm/Whitewater Creek to rest of Kingston are important
- Pedestrian and bike path improvements Channel Highway from Kingston uphill to Tarroona needed
- Improvements to Tyndall Road and paths down dog beach needed

Longley

1 comment received highlighting:

- Kerbside collection needed and more projects

Middleton & Sandfly

1 comment received highlighting:

- More investment in projects

Snug

2 comments received highlighting:

- Snug Toilets upgrade needed & outside cold shower
- Snug Hall - sound proofing, heating kitchen upgrade
- Weed removal Snug River Track
- Pathway from Snug central to school

Tarroona

2 comments received highlighting:

- Lack of funding for bicycles and cycling
- Funding wanted for bike lane upgrades

Tinderbox

1 comment received highlighting:

- need to upgrade Tinderbox Road



View from - Tinderbox Hills Track

Other Topics Raised

Barretta Waste

1 comment received highlighting need to:

- Increase green waste collections
- Breakdown of waste management costs
- Invest in chipper to help with green waste

Miscellaneous Topics

Comments were received highlighting:

- Need for concessions for retirees
- More childcare in Channel region
- Streamline planning and building
- Increase volunteerism in Council
- More parking in Kingborough
- Swimming Pool
- More activities for teenagers
- Fees and charges for DA - introduce user pays
- More for cyclists
- Help with housing
- No more spending on playgrounds



Barretta Waste & Recycling Centre - ReUse Shop

Respondent Comments

"There is a desperate need for childcare services in the Channel area, in particular to work in conjunction with West Winds Community Centre and Woodbridge school...."



"The Taroona bike lane upgrades: A protected and separated wide bicycle lane for uphill sections of the Channel Highway is critical to local 'bikenomic' stimulation for the local businesses in Taroona...."



"Snug Hall needs sound proofing desperately, heating and kitchen upgrade..."



"Would like to see kerbside collection be introduced to Longley..."



"The Greater Snug Pathway is a safety priority to enable our children to commute in a healthy way to and from the snug central area including to school..."



"We need a public pool in Kingborough. The one proposed is too fancy and expensive..."