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Dear ratepayer

Funding better local infrastructure: have your say on rate increase options

Ku-ring-gai Council is facing significant financial challenges to renew and upgrade essential local infrastructure in line with community expectations.

Over the past decade, the cost of providing Council services has increased by 40%, but the amount of money collected through rates has only grown by 28%. This gap is largely due to NSW Government rate pegging, which limits how much revenue councils can collect from rates each year.

In addition, Ku-ring-gai's total rates revenue per capita is below the Sydney average, despite Council having a large infrastructure portfolio to maintain.

This is reducing Council's capacity to maintain, renew and upgrade \$1.8 billion worth of local infrastructure, including buildings, stormwater and drainage, parks and recreational facilities, footpaths, roads and more. This infrastructure has been deteriorating for generations due to inadequate funding.

If this situation continues, the quality of infrastructure will continue to decline, with Council required to spend increasing amounts on temporary repairs. At the same time, independent research tells us that there is strong support for high-quality local infrastructure.

As a result, Council is seeking your feedback on four options:

- Base case – Deteriorating Infrastructure (an assumed 3% increase in rates in line with the NSW Government rate peg)
- Renew Infrastructure (22% increase in rates, including an assumed 3% rate peg)
- Renew and Enhance Infrastructure (29% increase in rates, including an assumed 3% rate peg)
- Renew, Enhance and Expand Infrastructure (33% increase in rates, including an assumed 3% rate peg).

Learn more and have your say



The enclosed brochure provides more information on these options, including how they may impact your rates and how you can have your say. We are seeking community feedback by **Sunday, 31 August 2025**.

You can get the facts and find out more at www.krg.nsw.gov.au/srv or by scanning the QR Code on this page

INFORMATION IN YOUR LANGUAGE

Ku-ring-gai Council is facing significant financial challenges that make it increasingly difficult to renew and upgrade essential local infrastructure and keep pace with community needs. Council is seeking feedback on increasing rates to fund improvements to local roads and footpaths, parks and playgrounds, sports and recreational facilities, stormwater drains and community buildings.

You can find out more by reading the attached brochure, or by going to www.krg.nsw.gov.au/srv. Non-English speakers with further questions can contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450, and request to be put through to Ku-ring-gai Council.

Traditional Chinese

Ku-ring-gai市政府現正面對重大的財務挑戰，以至在更新和升級當地必要的基礎設施和不斷滿足社區需求上感到越來越困難。市政府正在就提高市政稅徵求回饋意見，以便為改善當地道路和行人道、公園和遊樂場、體育和康樂設施、雨水渠和社區建築物提供經費。

您可以閱覽隨附的小冊子或登入www.krg.nsw.gov.au/srv以了解更多詳情。非英語人士如有進一步疑問，可致電131 450聯絡翻譯與口譯服務，要求與Ku-ring-gai市政府通話。

Simplified Chinese

Ku-ring-gai市议会目前面临严峻的财政挑战，导致更新和升级重要的本地基础设施以及满足社区需求变得日益困难。市议会正在征求公众意见，考虑通过提高市政费来筹集资金，用于改善本地道路和人行道、公园和游乐场、体育及休闲设施、雨水排水系统以及社区建筑。

您可以通过阅读随附的小册子或访问网站 www.krg.nsw.gov.au/srv 了解更多信息。如有进一步的问题，非英语使用者可拨打131 450 联系翻译与传译服务处，并请求接通Ku-ring-gai市议会。

Korean

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