

AGENDA

Special Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 November 2025

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

Time: 5:00 pm
Date: Tuesday 18 November 2025
Location: Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace



Paul Simpson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
14 November 2025

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 RATING REVIEW PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Author: Samantha Spears, Executive Administrator Corporate and Regulatory Services
Authoriser: Paul Simpson, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Rating Review Public Consultation' as presented on Tuesday 18 November 2025 be noted.
2. That Council receives and hears verbal submissions from members of the public who have registered their intent to speak to the 2025 Review of the Basis of Rating.
3. That Council thanks participants for their verbal submissions as presented at the Special Council Meeting on 18 November 2025.

PURPOSE

To facilitate the hearing of verbal submissions from members of the public who have registered their intent to speak in response to the City of Mount Gambier, 2025 Review of the Basis of Rating public consultation.

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

The City of Mount Gambier has undertaken a comprehensive review of its rating structure in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1999. It is good practice to regularly review the structure and basis rating. The review addresses equity, transparency, and the sustainability of the current rating model.

The review process included:

- Financial modelling of various rating scenarios;
- Community consultation via the "Have Your Say" platform and email;
- Consideration of land use, property values, and strategic objectives.

Key proposed changes and considerations include:

- The proportion of rate revenue derived from the fixed charge;
- The application of differential rates across land use categories;



- The classification of short-stay rental accommodation.

The consultation period commenced on 24 October 2025 and will conclude on 18 November 2025.

Discussion

The verbal submission process allows Council Members to:

- Hear directly from community members regarding their concerns, support, or suggestions;
- Clarify matters raised in written submissions;
- Ensure that all perspectives are considered before making any decisions on the rating structure.

Verbal submissions are limited to those who have requested to speak. The table below provides a summary of registered speakers as at close of registration of date. Each speaker is allocated 5 minutes duration with time allowed between speakers for questions from Elected Members (if required).

Attached to this report is a copy of the guidelines for hearing of verbal submissions at Council Meetings. This documentation has been sent to all registered speakers.

Where confirmation has not been received, the registered speakers name will still be acknowledged. An updated version of this table will be available immediately prior to the Special Council Meeting.

2025 Review the Basis of Rating – Request for verbal submission				
	Name	Individual/Organisation	Organisation Name	Confirmation
1	Jenny Bickley	Individual	N/A	Yes
2	Craig Desmond Andrae	Individual	N/A	Yes
3	Philip Bishop	Individual	N/A	Yes
4	Ark Griffin	Individual	N/A	Yes
5	Carol Downing	Individual	N/A	Yes
6	Judith Mulqueeny	Individual	N/A	-


CONCLUSION

Allow members of the public who have registered to present verbally at a Special Council Meeting on 18 November 2025, as part of the public consultation process for the 2025 Review of the Basis of Rating.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Guidelines Verbal Submissions [4.1.1 - 1 page]



 City of Mount Gambier	Guidelines for Hearing of Verbal Submissions at Council Meetings
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1. Purpose of Hearing Presentations

- 1.1 To provide individuals or groups (presenters) the opportunity to speak in support of their written submission regarding Rating Review public consultation.
- 1.2 To allow Council Members to ask questions for clarification or further information.
- 1.3 Where applicable, to provide the relevant party an opportunity to respond to matters raised.

2. Conduct of the Meeting

- 2.1 All comments and discussion must be directed through the Mayor.
- 2.2 Council Meetings are not forums for presenters and other parties to engage with one another.
- 2.3 Each individual/group who has registered a submission will be allocated up to **five minutes** to present to Council.
- 2.4 Council Members may ask questions to clarify points or seek further information.

3. Behavioural Expectations

- 3.1 Council Meetings are formal proceedings governed by legislation, with Council Members, staff and members of the gallery bound by relevant Codes of Conduct.
- 3.2 Inappropriate behaviour—including interruptions, threats, intimidation, or any disruption to the meeting—will not be tolerated.
- 3.3 Any person engaging in inappropriate behaviour will be asked to leave the meeting.

5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

6 MEETING CLOSE

