

**From:** Mitchell Currell  
**To:** [Local Government Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Hawkesbury City Council, SVR  
**Date:** Monday, March 12, 2018 12:55:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [Overheads.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon,

I write to request that the Hawkesbury City Council's request for an SVR be denied.

The Mayor has stated that the SVR will be used to introduce more services into the community. This is not the time for the Council to be taking on a greater role and taking greater resources from the community.

Firstly, Wages have been stagnant for many years, and people do not have the disposable income to hand over to local government.

Secondly, the council has already significantly lifted charges not covered by rate pegging. For example, the "overheads" charge associated with organising the sullage service has tripled. Normally this charge is publicly available, but when it rose by such a large amount it was hidden. When I requested the information and queried why there was such a large rise, I was told it was because the council was trying to cover the costs associated with their administration across the board, and it was not due to any changes in the cost of administering sullage specifically. I believe this is not a good reason and contravenes the purpose of having some charges excluded by rate pegging. Charges are excluded because the money needed for certain services fluctuates dramatically. This tripling of the overheads charge was due to the expense of running the council as a whole, and a specific program. I contacted a councillor about this several times, but he has not looked into it and it has been about a year.

My family are already struggling with these rises. We cannot stand another one. I cannot rely on council to use a greater percentage of my money more effectively than I can.

Many thanks,

Mitchell Currell

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## Service Summary

<b>Service:</b>	133 Sewerage Management Facilities
<b>Responsible Manager / Director:</b>	Manager Environment & Regulatory Services
<b>Operational Plan Activities:</b>	8.2, 15.7, 22.2, 22.3, 45.1, 45.2, 46.3, 51.3, 52.10, 52.11, 52.12, 52.13, 52.16, 54.2

Description	Actual 2013/2014	Original Budget 2014/2015	Amended Budget 2014/2015	Budget Estimates 2015/2016
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
Inspection Fees	(206,978)	(197,200)	(197,273)	(187,700)
Septic Tank Permits	(134,563)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(180,000)
Sewer Magement Facility Income	(12,582)	(11,650)	(12,300)	(13,000)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>(354,123)</b>	<b>(318,850)</b>	<b>(319,573)</b>	<b>(380,700)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Employee Costs	241,802	248,658	248,746	263,477
Consumables	77	200	200	-
Overheads	56,244	57,963	57,963	94,261
Printing & Stationery Costs	13	200	112	-
Stores Items	362	400	400	300
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>298,498</b>	<b>307,421</b>	<b>307,421</b>	<b>358,038</b>
<b>NET OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>(55,625)</b>	<b>(11,429)</b>	<b>(12,152)</b>	<b>(22,662)</b>
<b>PROGRAM (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT</b>	<b>(55,625)</b>	<b>(11,429)</b>	<b>(12,152)</b>	<b>(22,662)</b>

<b>Service:</b>	134 Sullage Disposal
<b>Responsible Manager / Director:</b>	Manager Waste Management
<b>Operational Plan Activities:</b>	8.2, 15.1, 15.7, 45.1, 45.2, 46.3, 51.3, 52.10, 52.11, 52.12, 52.13, 54.2

Description	Actual 2013/2014	Original Budget 2014/2015	Amended Budget 2014/2015	Budget Estimates 2015/2016
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
Extra Charges	(18,837)	(15,517)	(15,517)	(17,376)
Inside Sullage Coll Annual Residenti	(53,185)	-	-	-
Inside Sullage Coll Comm Fees & Service	(31,680)	-	-	-
Inside Sullage Coll Extra Service-Residenti	(265)	-	-	-
Inside Sullage Coll Inc Pensioner Rebate	3,885	-	-	-
Internal Sullage fee (pump out)	(2,081)	-	-	-
Sullage Collection Annual Residential	(1,124,995)	(1,265,675)	(1,245,246)	(1,394,426)
Sullage Collection Comm Fees & Service	(127,827)	(108,781)	(108,781)	(121,813)
Sullage Collection Extra Service-Residenti	(6,091)	(9,145)	(1,252)	(1,402)
Sullage Collection Inc Pensioner Rebate	64,159	69,140	69,140	77,423
Sullage Emergency Services	-	(5,676)	(7,000)	(7,839)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>(1,296,916)</b>	<b>(1,335,654)</b>	<b>(1,308,656)</b>	<b>(1,465,433)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Contractors	1,124,444	1,134,043	1,134,043	1,163,528
Disposal of Sullage	110,225	84,639	84,639	98,333
Overheads	101,244	104,334	104,334	107,464
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,335,913</b>	<b>1,323,016</b>	<b>1,323,016</b>	<b>1,369,325</b>
<b>NET OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>38,997</b>	<b>(12,638)</b>	<b>14,360</b>	<b>(96,108)</b>
<b>PROGRAM (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Mitchell Currell

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 August 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2016/2017 Operational Plan for Sullage Service

Good afternoon Mitchell,

Thank you for your enquiry this afternoon regarding the availability of a further breakdown of the Sullage Service budget within the 2016/2017 Operational Plan. Please find this information further below.

As discussed, Council runs the Sullage Service on a break-even basis, setting fees to recover the cost of providing the service. The estimated total from this service is forecasted to be a loss of \$33,638 for 2016/2017. At the time the budget was developed, the service was projected to generate a surplus of \$41,231 for 2015/2016. Therefore, fees were set to ensure that only a minimal surplus (\$7,593) was earned over the two years. This small surplus provides a 'buffer' to Council, should any of the assumed income and expenditure change throughout the year.

I hope the breakdown below provides you with the information you require.

<b>Service: 134 - Sullage Disposal</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Estimates 2016/17</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	
Extra Charges	(17,272)
Internal Sullage fee (pump out)	(3,823)
Sullage Collection Annual Residential	(1,498,815)
Sullage Collection Comm Fees & Service	(239,476)
Sullage Collection Extra Service-Residential	(4,916)
Sullage Collection Inc Pensioner Rebate	91,183
Sullage Emergency Services	(6,805)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>(1,679,924)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Employee Costs	-
Contractors	1,293,966
Disposal of Sullage	104,233
Overheads	315,363
Plant On Costs	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,713,562</b>
<b>NET OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>33,638</b>
<b>NET RESERVE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(33,638)</b>
<b>PROGRAM (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT</b>	<b>-</b>

Please contact me either via return email or on [REDACTED], if you have any further queries regarding this matter.

Regards

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