



RATE RESOLUTION FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

1. General Rate

- a. Pursuant to sections 90 and 91 of the Act, the Council makes the following general rate on all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 87) within the municipal area of West Coast for the period commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 and which consists of a rate of 10.30 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land
- b. Pursuant to section 107 of the Act, and by reason of the following factors, Council declares, by absolute majority, that component of the General Rate is varied as follows:
 - i. for land used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, industrial purposes and primary production the rate is varied by a multiple of 2, increasing it to 20.6 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of the land.
 - ii. for land used or predominantly used for quarrying or mining purposes in any locality within the West Coast local government area is varied by the multiple of 11, increasing it to 113.3 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of land.
 - iii. for lands used or predominantly used for primary production of aquaculture and also where the locality of the land is at Smiths Cove, Strahan the rate varied by a multiple of 12, increasing it to 123.6 cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land.

2. Service rates – Fire Services

- a. Pursuant to section 93A of the Act the Council makes the following service rates in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area for the period commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 as follows:

District	Cents in the dollar of Assessed Annual Value
Zeehan, Queenstown, Rosebery & Strahan Volunteer Brigade Rating Districts	0.285
General Land	0.26

- b. The State Fire commission sets a minimum amount payable in respect of this service rate of \$50.00.

3. Service Rates & Service Charges – Waste Management (Transfer Stations, Garbage Collection & Recycling Collection)

- a. Pursuant to section 94 makes a service charge of \$140.00 for all land predominantly used for residential and commercial purposes for which a mobile garbage collection service (140L/240L) is offered. Additional services can be requested at the same rate.
- b. Pursuant to section 94, a service charge of \$475.00 for all land for the provision of Waste Transfer Stations. This amount is varied to \$250 for all vacant land.
- c. Pursuant to section 94, a service charge of \$55.00 for all lands used or predominantly used for residential and commercial purposes where a mobile recycle bin service (240L) is made available. Additional services can be requested at the same rate.

4. Separate Land

- a. Except where it is expressly provided to the contrary, for the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges shall apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

5. Adjusted Values

- a. For the purposes of each of these resolutions any reference to the assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to sections 89 and 89A of the Act.

6. Payment

- a. Pursuant to section 124 of the Act the Council:
 - i. determines that if the rates and charges are payable by one payment, then the due date is 29 August 2025;
 - ii. If the rates and charges are not paid in one payment, then Council decides that all rates and charges are payable by all rate payers by 4 instalments of approximately equal amounts and determines that the dates by which the instalments are to be paid shall be as follows:
 1. the first instalment on or before 29 August 2025;
 2. the second instalment on or before 31 October 2025;
 3. the third instalment on or before 30 January 2026; and
 4. the fourth instalment on or before 27 March 2026.
- b. If a ratepayer fails to pay any instalment within 21 days of the due date, Council may determine that the entire balance of the rates payable becomes due.

7. Maximum Percentage Increase

- a. Pursuant to Section 88A(1)(b) of the Act, Council declares that the maximum percentage increase varies within the municipal area for all rateable land predominantly used for Residential Purposes and is occupied as a principal dwelling by persons who are eligible pensioners within the meaning of the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991*, the maximum percentage increase is varied to 25%.

8. Default Penalty & Interest

- a. Pursuant to section 128 of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the date it falls due then there is payable a daily interest charge equal to the prescribed percentage set out at section 128(2) of the Act in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which it is unpaid.

Addendum: Council Meeting 22 July 2025

Motion: The Council adjust the rates payment dates as follows.

- Payment in Full 30 September 2025
- First Installment date 30 September 2025

Moved: Cr Pitt

Seconded: Cr Graham

Outcome: Carried

Rationale

Council originally adopted a date for the payment in full and the first installment of rates of 29 August 2025.

These dates were predicated on the ability to distribute rates notices in a timely manner. Council has been informed that due to issues with Council's software company, who are required to carry out some maintenance of the rates database that the issuing of rate notices has been delayed.

I am mindful that some ratepayers may struggle to pay these accounts by the original due dates because of tight timeframes. Bearing this in mind I propose that Council change the date for payment in full and the first installment to 30 September 2025.

This will also provide more people with the opportunity to access our incentive scheme of West Coast Winners.