

PYRENEES
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Fair Go Rates System Community Engagement Forum

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Agenda

- Pyrenees Shire Council
 - 2016/17 Application Process & Challenges
 - 2016/17 ESC Feedback
 - 2017/18 Application Process & Challenges
 - 2017/18 ESC Feedback
 - Questions

Pyrenees Shire Council

- 7,301 residents
- 3,500 square kilometers
- 2,030 km's of roads
 - 738 km's sealed roads
 - 1,292 km's unsealed roads
- 75 FTE Council employees
- 5,931 assessable properties
- \$7.9 million rate revenue



Best Wine Producing region in the State

2016/17 Application Process

- Governance
- Fair Go Rates Submission & Engagement Plan
- Engagement
- Review
- Outcome

2016/17 Application Challenges

- Timing
- Community participation
- Mixed community views
- Increased workload
- Confusing processes and concepts

2016/17 ESC Feedback

- Strategic infrastructure need assessment required
- Inconsistencies between strategic documents
- Consultation did not address trade offs
- No evidence that the community was informed that services may be cut if the application was rejected
- Greater emphasis on need rather than revenue loss

2017/18 Application Process

- Planning for 2017/18 submission
- Engagement
- Strategic consistency
- Application
- Review
- Outcome

2017/18 Application Challenges

- Timing
 - Length of time for higher rate cap
 - General Election
 - Engagement
 - Cost of review

2017/18 ESC Feedback

- Application considered ratepayers views
- Positive effort was made to address prior year feedback
- A more strategic & comprehensive approach required for:
 - Asset management
 - Service reviews
 - Community engagement
- Future applications



Questions

