

From: OIA
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Rates increases
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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request – Rates Increase Information – Ref 1707

Below is our response to your official information request dated 15/07/2025.

Request

A number of ratepayers believe their rates increase for this year(25/26) are above the capped threshold of 16% and are actually being billed at 22% increase, based on the information recently released.

Can I have clarity around this please?

Response

The "16% limit" noted on page 27 of the Annual Plan refers to the weighted average, not a maximum limit on any increase. After the Annual Plan adoption meeting, it was clarified, an * was added to the reference of 16% and the following wording was added to clarify it: "The term average also includes weighted average throughout the document." We also ensured that "average" was added to any references to the 14.2% increase.

Please refer to page 27 of the published Annual Plan:

https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/2185031/SDC_Annual-Plan-25-26_Main-Doc_July25_DIGI-v3.pdf

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision on your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us at oia@selwyn.govt.nz.

Kind regards,
LGOIMA Team
Selwyn District Council
