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The Hon Nick Staikos MP
Minister for Local Government
2 Treasury Place
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister

On behalf of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission, we have pleasure in presenting the Annual Allocation Report of the Commission's operations for the year to 31 August 2025, in accordance with Section 17 of the *Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1976*.

This report provides a summary of the Commission's activities for the year and details the methodology used by the Commission in preparing recommendations to the Commonwealth Government for the allocation of financial assistance grants to Victorian councils for 2025-26.



Steven Kingshott
Chair



Michael Ulbrick
Member



Marg Allan PSM
Member

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1. The Commission

Role

The role of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is to make recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants (general purpose grants and local roads grants) provided by the Commonwealth Government to Victorian councils.

The Commonwealth Government's Financial Assistance Grant Program provides annual funding to councils to support the delivery of services to their communities. The grants are untied, allowing councils to spend the funds according to local priorities.

Legislation

The *Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1976* is the State legislation that governs the operation of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission. The Act establishes the Commission for the purpose of making recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants to councils, provides for the appointment and remuneration of Commission members and specifies the general operations of the Commission, including meetings of the Commission and the annual reporting requirements.

The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* is the Commonwealth legislation that sets out the basis for the allocation of financial assistance grants by each Local Government Grants Commission to its respective local governing bodies in each State and the Northern Territory.

This legislation also requires that a set of national principles be formulated in writing between the Commonwealth and each jurisdiction. The purpose of the principles is to guide the respective Local Government Grants Commissions in the allocation of funds to councils within their own jurisdiction.

The number of national principles currently stands at seven - six applying to the allocation of general purpose grants and one applying to the allocation of local roads grants. The national principles are detailed in Sections 4 (page 12) and 5 (page 25).

Membership

As required by the *Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1976* the Commission is to comprise a Chairperson and two other Members appointed by the Governor in Council. At least two of the members of the Commission are required to have had an association with local government. All current Commission members have extensive local government experience.

The present membership of the Commission is as follows:

		Initial Appointment	Current Term Expires
Chair	Steven Kingshott	28 March 2024	31 October 2027
Sessional Member	Michael Ulbrick	1 November 2013	31 October 2025
Sessional Member	Marg Allan PSM	1 November 2021	31 October 2025

Steven Kingshott (Chair from March 2024)

Mr Steven Kingshott joined the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission as Chair in March 2024.

Mr Kingshott has extensive experience in people management, strategic and business planning and risk management. Mr Kingshott was a former Councillor and Mayor at the former City of Williamstown and Hobsons Bay City Council. More recently, Mr Kingshott has worked in senior roles in one of the world's largest corporations working within Australia and in several overseas countries. Mr Kingshott was one of two monitors appointed to Glenelg Shire Council, which concluded in August 2024 and was appointed as monitor to Horsham Rural City Council, which concluded on 30 June 2025.

Michael Ulbrick (Member)

Mr Michael Ulbrick has been a Member of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission since 2013.

Mr Ulbrick has considerable State and local government, public policy and consultation experience. He has held several executive positions in local government, including as Chief Executive Officer of Surf Coast Shire Council (2002) and Darebin City Council (2005-2010). His Victorian Government experience includes periods as Executive Director of the Workcover Authority and Executive Officer of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission and, more recently, as consultant with Local Government Victoria in developing the Performance Management Framework (2012-14). Mr Ulbrick has established his own management consulting business and holds various Board and local government audit committee positions.

Marg Allan PSM (Member)

Ms Marg Allan has been a Member of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission since November 2021.

Ms Allan has had an extensive career in local government, commencing in 1980. Throughout her career she has specialised in governance and strategy, corporate services, people and policy development and program delivery. Marg has worked with a number of councils in executive roles including Greater Bendigo City Council 2007-2015, Loddon (interim CEO), and Mount Alexander and Gannawarra Shire Councils. Marg joined the Victorian Public Service from 2016-21 as Regional Director Loddon Mallee with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Marg is a member of Zoos Victoria Board and was the municipal monitor appointed to Moira Shire Council. She was also appointed as monitor to Strathbogie Shire Council, with a term concluding on 6 November 2025. Marg was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2022.

Commission Meetings 2024-25

The Commission and staff meet on a monthly basis, and other times as required, throughout the year.

During 2024-25 (Sept 2024 - Aug 2025), the Commission conducted 12 meetings.

Member	Number of Meetings Attended
Steven Kingshott	12
Michael Ulbrick	12
Marg Allan	11

National Forum

The National Forum of Local Government Grants Commissions is held every two years. The next forum will be held in September 2025 and will be hosted by the Northern Territory Grants Commission in Alice Springs.

Staff

The Commission's staff is drawn from Local Government Victoria, which forms part of the Department of Government Services.

Staff members during 2024-25 were as follows:

Colin Morrison	Executive Officer
Julia Keeble	Manager, Recurrent Programs
Nada Bagaric	Senior Program Officer

Funding

All funds allocated by the Commonwealth are distributed to councils, with all of the Commission's operating costs being met by the Victorian Government. These costs include staff salaries, accommodation, members' sessional fees, travel and consultancies.

Acknowledgements

The Commission acknowledges the continued and valuable contributions from Victorian councils particularly in response to information requests, including the annual data return, providing submissions and participating in Commission information sessions.

The Commission would also like to thank the following organisations for their assistance and guidance throughout the year:

- Local Government Victoria, Department of Government Services
- Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
- Commonwealth Grants Commission
- Municipal Association of Victoria
- Office of the Valuer-General
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Commonwealth Department of Human Services (Centrelink)
- Tourism Research Australia
- Our counterparts in other states and the Northern Territory

2. Summary of 2025-26

This section provides a summary of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission’s key activities for 2025-26.

Estimated Grant Allocations for 2025-26

The 2025 Federal Budget, which was handed down on 25 March 2025, contained an initial estimate of the total allocations to Victorian councils for 2025-26.

Consequently, on 19 May 2025, the Commission was able to provide all councils with an indicative estimate of their general purpose and local roads grants allocations for 2025-26, based on the Federal Budget estimates.

Early Payment

The Federal Budget also indicated that an “early payment” of financial assistance grants for 2025-26 would be paid.

On 20 June 2025, formal advice was provided by the Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories confirming an early payment. This was equivalent to 50% of the estimated financial assistance grant allocation for 2025-26 as detailed in the 2025 Federal Budget.

The total amount paid for Victorian councils was **\$416.595 million**, comprising general purpose grants of **\$307.205 million** and local roads grants of **\$109.389 million**.

These amounts were paid to councils on 25 June 2025.

Allocation

The 2025-26 estimated allocations for Victorian councils are:

General Purpose Grants	\$ 611,975,150
Local Roads Grants	<u>\$ 218,329,295</u>
2025-26 Financial Assistance Grants	\$ 830,304,445

The Commonwealth Government also announced that an amount of **\$2.709 million** would be subtracted from the 2025-26 cash payments to Victorian councils due to an overestimation of the 2024-25 grants. This is the result of an adjustment made by the Commonwealth Government at the end of each financial year to reflect updated population estimates and inflation forecasts.

In aggregate, the estimated allocation for 2025-26 represents an increase in funding of:

- **\$30.470 million (5.2%)** compared to the estimated general purpose grants allocation for 2024-25; or
- **\$33.072 million (5.7%)** compared to the final general purpose grants allocation for 2024-25.

Further details about the allocation of general purpose grants and local roads grants are contained in Sections 4 and 5, respectively.

Annual Data Questionnaire

The Commission's allocation methodology relies on data provided by councils in an annual data questionnaire. Much of this data is also shared with third parties, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Essential Services Commission, etc.

A lodgement date of the first Wednesday in November is set for the receipt of the annual questionnaire from councils.

Many councils provided their questionnaires well before the due date, assisting in expediting the data processing that is the first stage of the grant allocation process.

Consultation

All Victorian councils have the ability to provide written submissions to the Commission. The views presented in these submissions provide valuable input on aspects of both the general purpose and local roads grants allocation methodologies, including the construction and application of the cost adjusters and cost modifiers used to reflect the local characteristics of individual councils. This, in turn, allows the Commission to consider modification of the methodologies to ensure that they continue to be relevant to the needs of councils.

Regular statewide information sessions are conducted by the Commission to provide an overview of the methodology used in preparing its recommended allocations were conducted.

Statewide information sessions were held on 3 and 5 September 2024 and another two sessions were held on 7 and 17 March 2025. These were conducted online and were attended by approximately 280 individuals including 75 councillors.

On 7 May 2025, a session was also held at the narm ngarrgu Library and Family Services in the City of Melbourne. This session was attended by 16 individuals representing those councils that receive a minimum general purpose grant.

A further two statewide information sessions were held on 21 and 29 August 2025 to discuss the 2025-26 grant outcomes. These were conducted online and were attended by 227 individuals representing 58 councils.

The Commission also visits and meets with Victorian councils individually over a four-year cycle. The Commission strives to meet councils in person where possible. During the year to 31 August 2025, the Commission held individual council meetings with 17 councils.

For more details about the Commission's consultation program for 2024-25 refer to Section 3 of this Allocation Report.

Commonwealth Allocation Summary

The Commonwealth Government formally advises the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission in each July of the allocations to be provided for the forthcoming financial year. These allocations are adjusted by the Commonwealth in the following year if they are deemed to have been “underpaid” or “overpaid” once revised population growth and inflation data is taken into account.

General Purpose Grants *

2024-25 Allocation	\$ 581,505,209
2024-25 Overpayment	\$ 2,602,050
2024-25 Adjusted Allocation	\$ 578,903,159
2025-26 Allocation	\$ 611,975,150
\$ Change (compared to 2024-25 allocation)	\$ 30,469,941
\$ Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	\$ 33,071,991
% Change (compared to 2024-25 allocation)	5.2%
% Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	5.7%

Local Roads Grants

2024-25 Allocation	\$ 207,657,092
2024-25 Overpayment	\$ 106,474
2024-25 Adjusted Allocation	\$ 207,550,618
2025-26 Allocation	\$ 218,329,295
\$ Change (compared to 2024-25 allocation)	\$ 10,672,203
\$ Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	\$ 10,778,677
% Change (compared to 2024-25 allocation)	5.1%
% Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	5.2%

Total Financial Assistance Grants

2024-25 Allocation	\$ 789,162,301
2024-25 Overpayment	\$ 2,708,524
2024-25 Adjusted Allocation	\$ 786,453,777
2025-26 Allocation	\$ 830,304,445
\$ Change (compared to 2024-25 allocation)	\$ 41,142,144
\$ Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	\$ 43,850,668
% Change (compared to 2024-25 allocation)	5.2%
% Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	5.6%

2025-26 Cash Payments

2025-26 Allocation	\$ 830,304,445
2024-25 Overpayment	\$ 2,708,524
	\$ 827,595,921

* Includes natural disaster assistance grants

Methodology Changes

The Commission has a continuous program of reviewing and adjusting its allocation methodology in consultation with councils.

Prior to determining its recommendations for the 2025-26 allocations, the Commission reviewed a number of key aspects of the formula.

In addition to incorporating revised data sets, the Commission has made one change to the allocation methodology as follows:

- A change has been made to the unit of need used in assessing each council's relative expenditure needs in relation to Governance. Previously, the unit of need for each council has been its estimated population, adjusted to reflect the impact of non-permanent residents. A minimum population of 20,000 has been applied to this function for all councils, recognising the base or "flag fall" expenditure that all councils have in relation to governance, regardless of their population size. This expenditure includes the cost of council elections, the cost of senior staff, the cost of maintaining council offices and legal, financial and insurance fees.

For the 2025-26 allocations, the Commission has increased the base population for the Governance expenditure function to 25,000 and applied a cap of 300,000. This reflects the Commission's understanding that base expenditure costs in this function are increasing, justifying an increase in the base population. However, it is also apparent that there is not a strong correlation between actual expenditure and population size for very large councils. Therefore, the Commission has capped the population used in assessing relative needs for this function at 300,000.

Local Roads Allocation Formula and Data

The Commission is continuing to prepare to transition from the current formula used to allocate local road grants, which is based on traffic volumes carried on a local roads as reported by councils, to a formula based on road-purpose hierarchy data as captured on Vicmap. This will enable the Commission and other users, including emergency services, to access local roads data on a statewide basis from a "single source of truth".

To advance this work, the Commission has allocated 1% of the local roads grants pool for 2025-26 to support councils in collecting and reporting road purpose hierarchy data. This has been allocated on the basis of a flat amount of \$10,000 per council, with the balance distributed in proportion to the total length of local roads in each council.

3. Consultation

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission undertakes consultation with councils and other interested parties. A number of forums are provided annually by the Commission for communication of the methodology it uses to develop its recommendations, making opportunities available for councils to provide input into the grant allocation process, as well as for the Commission to listen and respond to councils' issues and concerns. The Commission strongly encourages as many elected councillors as possible to attend these meetings as a way of broadening their knowledge of the wider local government sector.

Council Meetings

The Commission holds a number of individual meetings with councils each year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide councils with a detailed overview of the Commission's role and methodology, and how the grant outcomes are determined. The meetings also enable the Commission to gain a greater understanding of the issues facing individual councils.

In 2025-26, the Commission continued its program of individual meetings with councils as part of its commitment to meet with every Victorian council on a four-year cycle.

Individual Council Meeting	Venue	Date
Strathbogie (S)	Euroa	5 February 2025
Benalla (RC)	Benalla	5 February 2025
Moirā (S)	Cobram	6 February 2025
Wangaratta (RC)	Wangaratta	6 February 2025
Alpine (S)	Bright	7 February 2025
Greater Dandenong (C)	Dandenong	13 February 2025
Frankston (C)	Frankston	13 February 2025
Cardinia (S)	Officer	14 February 2025
Casey (C)	Narre Warren	14 February 2025
Macedon Ranges (S)	Kyneton	13 March 2025
Mount Alexander (S)	Castlemaine	13 March 2025
Greater Bendigo (C)	Bendigo	14 March 2025
Central Goldfields (S)	Maryborough	14 March 2025
Mitchell (S)	Broadford	10 April 2025
Brimbank (C)	Sunshine	19 August 2025
Wyndham (C)	Werribee	19 August 2025
Hume (C)	Broadmeadows	21 August 2025

During the year to 31 August 2025, approximately 160 individuals attended the 17 meetings that were held with individual councils. Attendance comprised councillors (48%), administrators, chief executive officers and other council staff.

Statewide Information Sessions

The Commission also held statewide information sessions to provide an overview of the methodology in developing its recommendations for the allocations and the Commission's work program.

During the year to 31 August 2025, six statewide information sessions were held.

Information Sessions		Date
Session 1	Virtual	3 September 2024
Session 2	Virtual	5 September 2024
Session 3	Virtual	7 March 2025
Session 4	Virtual	17 March 2025
Session 5	Virtual	21 August 2025
Session 6	Virtual	29 August 2025

During 2024-25, approximately 560 individuals attended the virtual information sessions. Attendance comprised councillors (31%), administrators, chief executive officers and other council staff.

An additional information session was held on 7 May 2025 at the narm ngarrgu Library and Family Services in the City of Melbourne. This session was attended by 16 individuals representing those councils that receive a minimum general purpose grant.

Public Meetings

In accordance with section 11 (2) (c) of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance Act) 1995*, the Commission's meetings with councils and regional information sessions are conducted as public meetings.

Submissions

Councils were invited to provide the Commission with written submissions by the end of February 2024 in relation to the 2025-26 allocations.

Submissions were received from:

- Greater Geelong (C)
- Horsham (RC)
- Moira (S)
- Murrindindi (S)
- Strathbogie (S)

Other Information

Information about the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission, including key reports, information papers and submissions received, is published on the Commission's webpages:

<https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/funding-programs/victoria-grants-commission>

4. General Purpose Grants

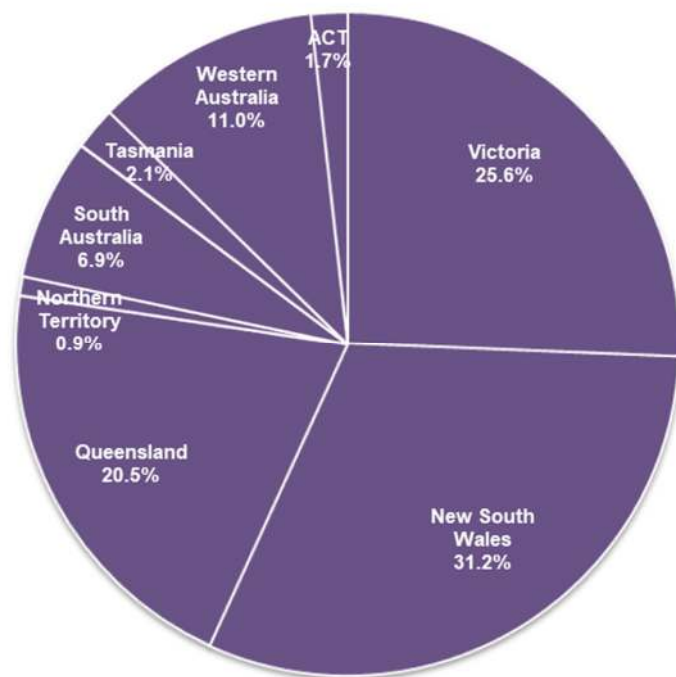
This section provides details the allocation of general purpose grants to Victorian councils for 2025-26. The recommendations of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission for the allocation of these funds were approved by the Federal Assistant Minister for Local Government in August 2025.

Background

General purpose grants are one of the two components of the financial assistance grants (along with local roads grants) provided by the Commonwealth Government to local government. The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* provides that the grants are untied; that is, the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is unable to direct councils as to how the grants are to be spent.

General purpose grants are allocated between Australian states and territories on a population basis. In 2025-26, Victoria will receive 25.6% of the total funds made available by the Commonwealth Government for this purpose, in line with its share of national population.

Figure 4.1: Share of General Purpose Grants



% figures have been rounded

National Principles

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is required to make recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants to councils in accordance with a set of nationally agreed principles. There are currently six principles that apply to the allocation of general purpose grants.

National Principles

The Commonwealth *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* requires that the allocation of general purpose grants to local government bodies (councils) conforms with the relevant national distribution principles:

(i) Horizontal Equalisation

General purpose grants are to be allocated to councils, as far as practicable, on a full horizontal equalisation basis. This aims to ensure that each council is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other councils in the State/Territory.

(ii) Effort Neutrality

In allocating general purpose grants, an effort or policy neutral approach is to be used in assessing the expenditure requirements and revenue raising capacity of each council. This means as far as practicable, the policies of individual councils in terms of expenditure and revenue efforts will not affect the grant determination.

(iii) Minimum Grant

The minimum general purpose grant for a council is to be not less than the amount to which it would be entitled if 30 per cent of the total amount of general purpose grants were allocated on a per capita basis.

(iv) Other Grant Support

In allocating general purpose grants, other relevant grant support provided to local governing bodies to meet any of the expenditure needs assessed is to be taken into account.

(v) Aboriginal Peoples & Torres Strait Islanders

Financial assistance is to be allocated to councils in a way which recognises the needs of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders within their boundaries.

(vi) Council Amalgamation

Where two or more local governing bodies are amalgamated into a single body, the general purpose grant provided to the new body for each of the four years following amalgamation should be the total of the amounts that would have been provided to the former bodies in each of those years if they had remained separate entities.

Final Allocations
2024-25

Estimated
Allocations
2025-26

Methodology

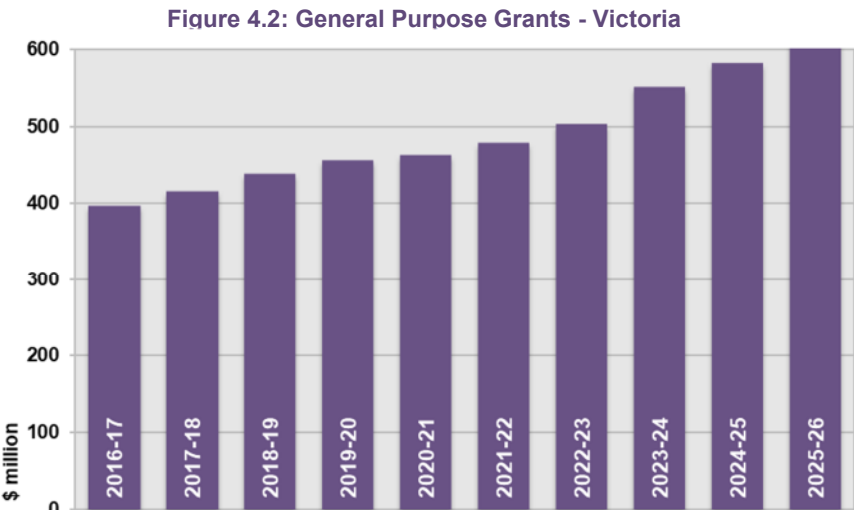
In July 2024, the Commonwealth Government provided the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission with an estimate of total general purpose grants for 2024-25 of \$581.505 million. This formed the basis of the Commission’s recommended general purpose grant allocations to each council for 2024-25, which were announced in August 2024 and are detailed in Appendix 2A of this Report.

The final (or actual) amount to be allocated for 2024-25 was determined by the Commonwealth Government in July 2025, based on revised population growth and inflation estimates. The final allocation of general purpose grants is \$578.903 million, a decrease of \$2.602 million compared with the earlier estimate.

Councils’ final allocations for 2024-25 are shown in **Appendix 2B**.

The national general purpose grants pool for 2025-26 is \$2.387 billion. Victoria’s share of this estimated allocation is \$611.975 million. This represents an increase of:

- \$30.470 million (5.2%) compared to the estimated general purpose grants allocation for 2024-25, or
- \$33.072 million (5.7%) compared to the final general purpose grants allocation for 2024-25.



Estimated allocation 2025-26, actual allocation all other years

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission’s methodology for allocating general purpose grants takes into account each council’s assessed relative expenditure needs and relative capacity to raise revenue.

For each council, a *raw grant* is obtained which is calculated by subtracting the council’s *standardised revenue* from its *standardised expenditure*.

The available general purpose grants pool is then allocated in proportion to each council’s raw grant, taking into account the requirement in the Commonwealth legislation and associated national distribution principles to provide a minimum grant to each council. As outlined below, increases and decreases in general purpose grant outcomes have also been limited in movement which, in turn, affects the relationship between raw grants and actual grants.

Standardised Expenditure

In preparing its estimates of general purpose grants, the Commission gave careful consideration to specific issues raised by councils through written submissions and the individual and regional meetings held with councils throughout the year.

Specific grants, up to a maximum of \$35,000 per declared event, are made to a small number of councils each year in the form of natural disaster assistance. These grants are drawn from the general purpose grants pool and so reduce the amount allocated on a formula basis.

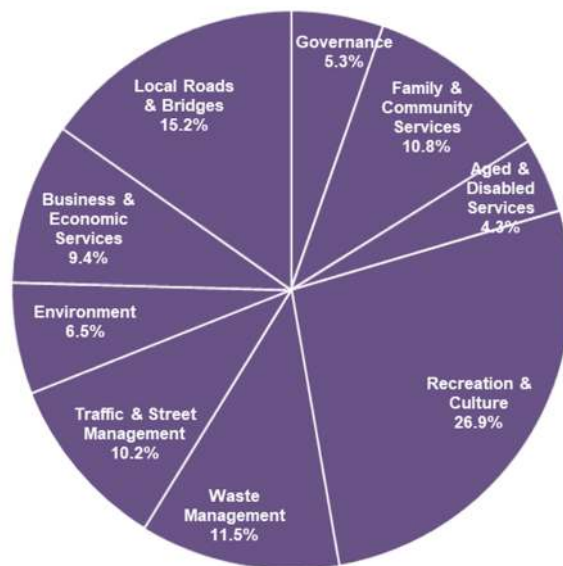
Details of natural disaster assistance grants allocated for 2025-26 are provided on page 23.

Under the Commission's general purpose grants methodology, *standardised expenditure* is calculated for each council on the basis of nine expenditure functions. Between them, these expenditure functions include all council recurrent expenditure.

The structure of the model ensures that the gross standardised expenditure for each function equals aggregate actual expenditure by councils, thus ensuring that the relative importance of each of the nine expenditure functions in the Commission's model matches the pattern of actual council expenditure.

The total recurrent expenditure across all Victorian councils in 2023-24 equalled \$11.623 billion. Under the Commission's methodology, the gross standardised expenditure in the allocation model for 2025-26 therefore also equals \$11.623 billion, with each of the nine expenditure functions assuming the same share of both actual expenditure and standardised expenditure.

Figure 4.3: Functional shares of recurrent expenditure 2024-25

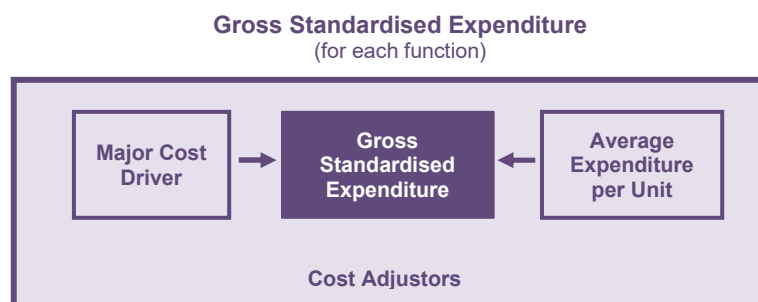


For each function, with the exception of Local Roads and Bridges, *gross standardised expenditure* is obtained by multiplying the relevant major cost driver by:

- the average Victorian council expenditure on that function, per unit of need; and
- a composite cost adjustor which takes account of factors that make service provision cost more or less for individual councils than the State average.

This can be demonstrated diagrammatically as follows:

Figure 4.4: Calculation of gross standardised expenditure



The calculation of standardised expenditure for the Local Roads and Bridges expenditure function is described at the end of this section.

The major cost drivers and average expenditures per unit for each expenditure function, with the exception of Local Roads and Bridges, are shown below:

Expenditure Function	Major Cost Driver	Average Expend Per Unit
Governance	Modified Population *	\$ 79.30
Family & Community Services	Population	\$ 166.05
Aged & Disabled Services	Pop >60 +Disability Pensioners +Carer's Allowance Recipients	\$ 245.02
Recreation & Culture	Modified Population *	\$ 407.74
Waste Management	No. of Dwellings	\$ 422.02
Traffic & Street Management	Modified Population *	\$ 154.54
Environment	Modified Population *	\$ 96.45
Business & Economic Services	Modified Population *	\$ 139.50

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds of the vacancy rate above the state average to take account of part-time residents.

For each expenditure function a major cost driver (or unit of need) is used, which is seen by the Commission to be the most significant determinant of a council's expenditure need on a particular function.

Several different major cost drivers are used:

Major Cost Driver	Expenditure Functions
Population	- Family & Community Services
Modified Population* (minimum population: 20,000)	- Governance
Modified Population * (minimum population: 17,500)	- Environment - Business & Economic Services
Modified Population * (no minimum)	- Recreation and Culture - Traffic & Street Management
Population Aged >60 + Recipients of Disability Support Pensions or Carer's Allowance	- Aged & Disabled Services
Number of Dwellings	- Waste Management

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds of the vacancy rate above the state average to take account of part-time residents.

For five expenditure functions, a modified population is used as the major cost driver to recognise the fixed costs associated with certain functional areas.

The major cost drivers used in assessing relative expenditure needs for these functions take account of high rates of vacant dwellings at the time the census is taken. Councils with a vacancy rate above the State average are assumed to have a population higher than the census-based estimate as a result of their part-time resident population:

- For the Governance expenditure function, actual populations are adjusted upwards to reflect two-thirds of the “excess” vacant dwellings on census night and councils with a population of less than 25,000 are deemed to have a population of 25,000. The actual population for any individual council is capped at 300,000.
- For the Recreation & Culture and Traffic & Street Management functions actual populations are adjusted upwards to reflect two-thirds of the “excess” vacant dwellings on census night.
- For the Environment and Business & Economic Services functions actual populations are adjusted upwards to reflect two-thirds of the “excess” vacant dwellings on census night. Councils with a population of less than 17,500 are deemed to have a base population of 17,500.

Cost Adjustors

Cost adjustors are measures designed to reflect differences between councils and allow the Commission to take account of the particular characteristics of individual councils which impact on the cost of service provision on a comparable basis. A number of cost adjustors are used in various combinations against each expenditure function.

Each cost adjustor has been based around a State weighted average of 1.00 with a ratio of 1:2 between the minimum and maximum values, to ensure that the relative importance of each expenditure function in the model is maintained.

The 12 cost adjustors used in the calculation of the 2025-26 general purpose grants are:

Aged Pensioners	Population Growth
Economies of Scale	Population less than 6 Years
Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)	Regional Services
Indigenous Population	Remoteness
Language	Socio-Economic
Population Dispersion	Tourism

Further information on each cost adjustor is contained at the end of this section on page 24.

Because some factors represented by cost adjustors impact more on costs than others, different weightings have been used for the cost adjustors applied to each expenditure function.

The cost adjustors and weightings applied to each expenditure function in the calculation of the 2025-26 general purpose grants are shown in **Figure 4.5**:

Figure 4.5: Application of cost adjustors: 2025-26 allocations

Expenditure Function	Cost Adjustor											Major Cost Driver (Units)	Statewide Average Expenditure Per Unit
	1 Aged Pensioners	2 Economies of Scale	3 Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)	4 Indigenous Population	5 Language	6 Population Dispersion	7 Population Growth	8 Population under 6 Years	9 Regional Services	10 Remoteness	11 Socio-Economic	12 Tourism	
Governance		20%		10%	25%	25%				20%			\$79.30
Family & Community Services				10%	10%	20%	10%	30%			20%		\$166.05
Aged & Disabled Services	20%				20%	30%					30%		\$245.02
Recreation & Culture					10%	25%			40%			25%	\$407.74
Waste Management		30%				50%			10%			10%	\$422.02
Traffic & Street Management		15%				25%	15%		30%			15%	\$154.54
Environment		10%	30%			25%	10%			25%			\$96.45
Business & Economic Services		30%				10%			30%	20%		10%	\$139.50
Local Roads & Bridges	Cost Adjustors not applied - based on local road model network costs												
Change:	2025-26 Governance Modified Pop changed to min 25,000 & max 300,000												

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds of the vacancy rate to take account of part-time residents.

Treatment of Other Grants

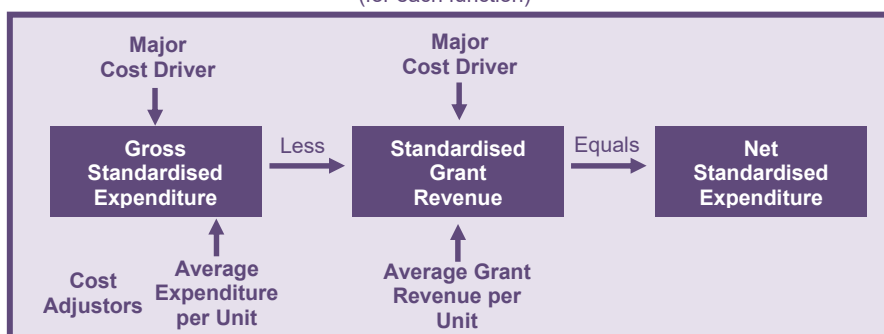
Net standardised expenditure has been obtained for each function by subtracting standardised grant support (calculated on an average per unit basis) from gross standardised expenditure. This ensures that other grant support is treated on an “inclusion” basis.

Average grant revenue on a per unit basis (based on actual grants received by local government in 2024-25) is shown below:

Function	Major Cost Driver	Average Grants Per Unit
Governance	Modified Population	\$ 1.88
Family & Community Services	Population	\$ 56.14
Aged & Disabled Services	Pop > 60 + Disability Pensioners + Carer's Allowance Recipients	\$ 112.86
Recreation & Culture	Modified Population	\$ 5.48
Waste Management	No. of Dwellings	\$ 0.87
Traffic & Street Management	Modified Population	\$ 3.71
Environment	Modified Population	\$ 0.85
Business & Economic Services	Modified Population	\$ 0.97

Diagrammatically, the calculation of net standardised expenditure for each expenditure function is as shown in **Figure 4.6**:

Figure 4.6: Calculation of net standardised expenditure
Net Standardised Expenditure
 (for each function)



Standardised expenditure for the Local Roads and Bridges expenditure function within the general purpose grants model is based on the grant outcomes for each council under the Commission’s local roads grants model. As outlined in Section 5, this incorporates a number of cost modifiers (similar to cost adjustors) to take account of differences between councils.

Net standardised expenditure for this function for each council is calculated by subtracting other grant support (based on actual identified local roads grants and a proportion of Roads to Recovery grants) from gross standardised expenditure.

The total standardised expenditure for each council is the sum of the standardised expenditure calculated for each of the nine expenditure functions.

Standardised Revenue

A council's *standardised revenue* is intended to reflect its capacity to raise revenue from its community.

Relative capacity to raise rate revenue, or *standardised rate revenue*, is calculated for each council by multiplying its valuation base (on a capital improved value basis) by the average rate across all Victorian councils. The payments in lieu of rates received by some councils for major facilities such as power generating plants and airports have been added to their standardised revenue to ensure that all councils are treated on an equitable basis.

Rate revenue raising capacity is calculated separately for each of the three major property classes (residential, commercial/industrial/other and farm), with data averaged over a three-year period.

The derivation of the average rates for each of the property classes is shown below:

Category	Total Average Valuations	Total Rate Revenue	Average Rate
Residential	\$2,363.302 b	\$ 5.575 b	\$ 0.00236
Commercial/ Industrial/Other	\$ 390.073 b	\$ 1.141 b	\$ 0.00292
Farm	\$ 162.320 b	\$ 0.358 b	\$ 0.00221

The Commission constrains increases in each council's assessed revenue capacity to improve stability in grant outcomes. The constraint for each council has been set at the statewide average increase in standardised revenue adjusted by the council's own rate of population growth to reflect growth in the property base.

A council's relative capacity to raise revenue from user fees and charges, or *standardised fees and charges revenue*, also forms part of the calculation of standardised revenue.

For each council, for each of the nine functional areas, the relevant driver (such as population) is multiplied by the adjusted State median revenue from user fees and charges (adjusted to remove the skewing effect of large outliers in the data). For some functions, this is then modified by a series of "revenue adjustors" to take account of differences between municipalities in their capacity to generate fees and charges, due to their characteristics.

The actual revenue from user fees and charges from the three years to June 2024 has been used as the basis for calculating standardised fees and charges revenue for the recommended allocations for 2025-26. These amounts are shown below, along with the revenue adjustors applied:

Data and Methodology Changes

Expenditure Function	Major Driver (Units)	Standard Fees & Charges Per Unit	Revenue Adjustors
Governance	Population	\$ 19.12	Nil
Family & Community Services	Population	\$ 7.55	Socio-Economic
Aged & Disabled Services	Pop. > 60 +Disability +Carer's Allowance	\$ 20.58	Household Income
Recreation & Culture	Population	\$ 20.17	Nil
Waste Management	No. Dwellings	\$ 36.16	Nil
Traffic & Street Management	Population	\$ 4.81	Valuations (% Commercial)
Environment	Population	\$ 1.63	Nil
Business & Economic Services	Population	\$ 36.95	Tourism + Value of Development
Local Roads & Bridges	Population	\$ 2.61	Nil

The assessed capacity to generate user fees and charges for each council is added to its standardised rate revenue to produce total standardised revenue.

Further information about the revenue adjustors used in assessing standardised fees and charges revenue is contained at the end of this section on page 25.

In preparing its recommendations for general purpose grants for 2025-26, the Commission gave consideration to issues raised by councils through written submissions and the individual and statewide meetings held with councils throughout the year.

All data used by the Commission in allocating general purpose grants has been updated where possible. Major inputs for the 2025-26 allocation include Australian Bureau of Statistics' population estimates, valuations data and the most recent information on council expenditure and revenue.

In addition to incorporating revised data sets, the Commission has made one change to the allocation methodology as follows:

- A change has been made to the unit of need used in assessing each council's relative expenditure needs in relation to Governance. Previously, the unit of need for each council has been its estimated population, adjusted to reflect the impact of non-permanent residents. A minimum population of 20,000 has been applied to this function for all councils, recognising the base or "flag fall" expenditure that all councils have in relation to governance, regardless of their population size. This expenditure includes the cost of council elections, the cost of senior staff, the cost of maintaining council offices and legal, financial and insurance fees.

For the 2025-26 allocations, the Commission has increased the base population for the Governance expenditure function to 25,000 and applied a cap of 300,000. This reflects the Commission's understanding that base expenditure costs in this function are increasing, justifying an increase in the base population. However, it is also apparent that there is not a strong correlation between actual expenditure and population size for very large councils. Therefore, the Commission has capped the population used in assessing relative needs for this function at 300,000.

Minimum Grants

The available general purpose grants pool for Victorian councils represents, on average, \$87.69 per head of population (using ABS population estimates as at 30 June 2024). The minimum grant national distribution principle requires that no council may receive a general purpose grant that is less than 30% of the per capita average (or \$26.31 for 2025-26).

Without the application of this principle, general purpose grants for 2025-26 for 17 councils – Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Darebin, Glen Eira, Hobsons Bay, Kingston, Manningham, Melbourne, Monash, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Moonee Valley, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse and Yarra - would have been below the equivalent of \$26.31 per capita. The minimum grant principle has resulted in the general purpose grants to these councils being increased to that level.

Maribyrnong City Council, which received the minimum general purpose grant in 2024-25, exceeded the minimum grant level for the 2025-26 allocations.

Limits on Grant Movements

The Commission applied the following limits to movements in the general purpose grant outcomes for 2025-26:

- no limits have been applied to councils assessed as being at the minimum grant level;
- grants increase for all rural councils by a minimum of 4.0%;
- grants increase for all other councils by a minimum of 2.0%; and
- grant increases limited to no more than 10.0%.

Estimated Allocations 2025-26

The general purpose grant allocations for each Victorian council for 2025-26 are shown in **Appendix 2A**.

A summary of the changes in general purpose grants from 2024-25 to 2025-26 is shown below:

Change in General Purpose Grant	No. of Councils
Limit set at no more than 10%	3
Increase from 5 to 10%	40
Increase from 2 to 5%	33
Limit set at minimum 2%	3
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Comparative Grant Outcomes 2025-26

The largest general purpose grant allocations for 2025-26 are for Casey City Council (\$25.822 million), Wyndham City Council (\$25.621 million), Melton City Council (\$24.659 million) and Greater Geelong City Council (\$24.540 million).

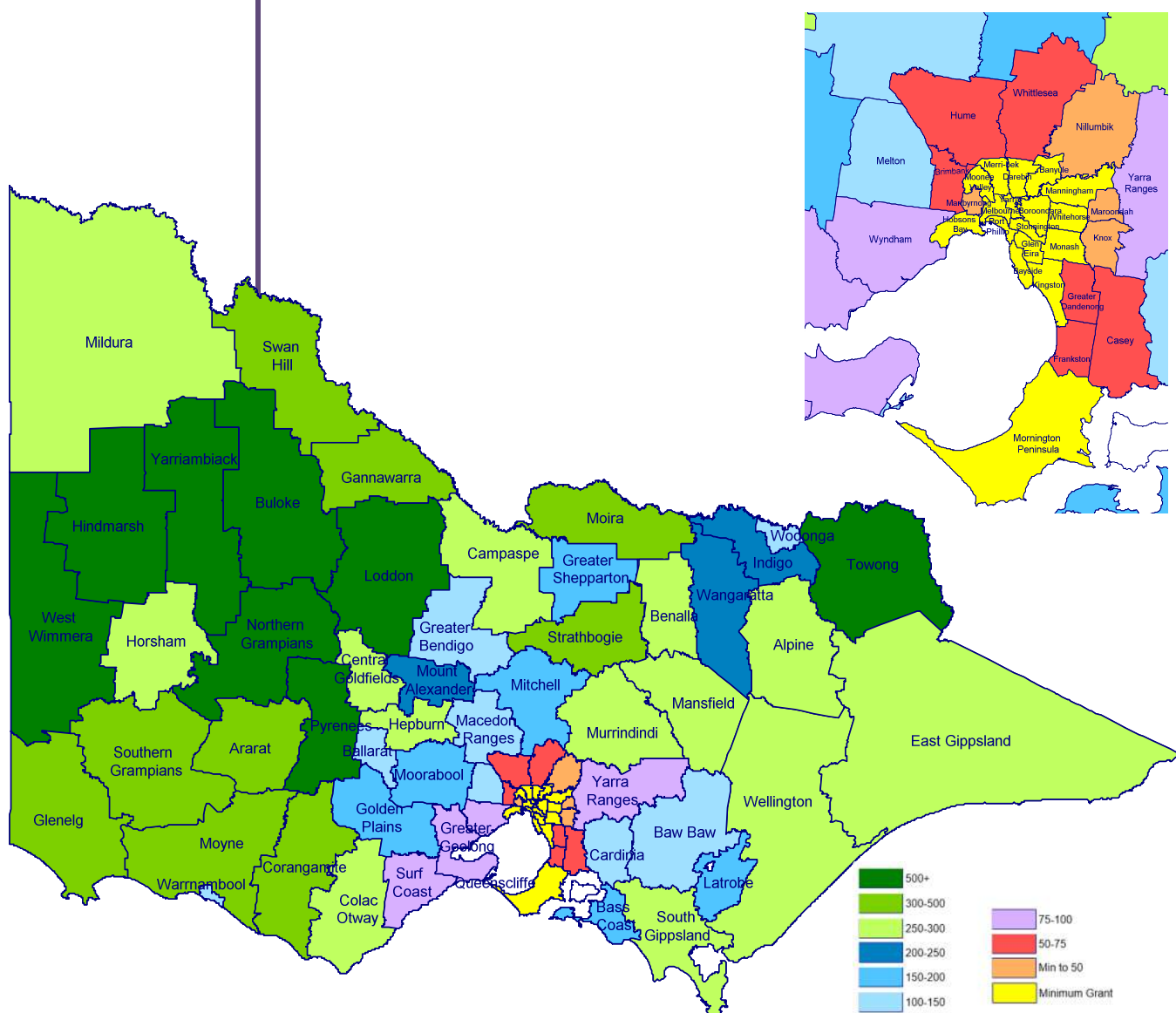
The smallest grant was allocated to the Borough of Queenscliff (\$0.508 million).

On a per capita basis, the largest general purpose grant has been allocated to West Wimmera Shire Council, where the grant allocation of \$4.711 million represents \$1,203.85 per head of population.

This compares to the outcome for the 17 councils receiving a minimum general purpose grant where the grant represents \$26.31 per head of population.

A comparison of general purpose grant outcomes on a per capita basis is illustrated in **Figure 4.7**:

Figure 4.7: 2025-26 General Purpose Grants (per capita)



Natural Disaster Assistance

As outlined on page 14 of this report, the Commission provides funds from the general purpose grants pool to councils which have incurred expenditure resulting from natural disasters. Grants of up to \$35,000 per council per eligible event are provided to assist with repairs and restoration work.

For 2025-26, a total of \$1,807,684 has been allocated to 33 councils in relation to 60 events as follows:

2025-26 Natural Disaster Assistance Grants			
Alpine (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	23,281
Ballarat (C)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Bass Coast (S)	South-East Vic Storms	\$	35,000
Baw Baw (S)	Floods & Storms / South-East Vic Storms	\$	118,920
Benalla (RC)	Floods & Storms (x2) and East Victorian Floods	\$	79,753
Buloke (S)	Floods & Storms and East Victorian Floods	\$	70,000
Campaspe (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	49,519
Cardinia (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	33,086
Corangamite (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	70,000
East Gippsland (S)	Floods & Storms / East Victorian Floods	\$	140,000
Golden Plains (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	27,968
Greater Shepparton (C)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Horsham (RC)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Indigo (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Latrobe (C)	Floods & Storms and South East Victorian Storms	\$	70,000
Loddon (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	11,548
Macedon Ranges (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Mansfield (S)	North Vic Storms and East Victorian Floods	\$	33,273
Mildura (RC)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Mount Alexander (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Nillumbik (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Northern Grampians (S)	Victorian Storms / Victorian Floods	\$	70,000
Pyrenees (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
South Gippsland (S)	Floods & Storms / South-East Vic Storms / Bushfires & Storms	\$	61,725
Southern Grampians (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	21,253
Strathbogie (S)		\$	35,000
Towong (S)	Victorian Floods	\$	70,000
Wangaratta (RC)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Wellington (S)	South-East Victorian Storms (x2) & East Victorian Floods & Floods & Storms (x2)	\$	144,646
West Wimmera (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	33,082
Wodonga (C)	Floods & Storms	\$	70,000
Yarra Ranges (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	154,630
Yarriambiack (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
33	60	\$	1,807,684

Allocation of General Purpose Grants

Cost Adjustors

A set of cost adjustors is used in the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's formula for allocating general purpose grants to Victorian councils. These are designed to reflect differences between councils and take account of factors that make service provision cost more or less for individual councils than the State average.

Individual cost adjustment index values are calculated for each of the cost adjustors for each council. These are shown in **Appendix 4D**.

The 12 cost adjustors used by the Commission for the 2025-26 allocations are listed below. Data sources for these cost adjustors are detailed in **Appendix 4L**.

<i>Aged Pensioners</i>	Recognises that councils with high numbers of aged pensioners, relative to the number of people aged over 60 years, are likely to have additional expenditure requirements.
<i>Economies of Scale</i>	Recognises the economies of scale inherent in providing some local government services to larger populations.
<i>Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)</i>	Recognises that councils face differing levels of risk from floods and bushfires leading to varying impacts on council expenditure.
<i>Indigenous Population</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of providing services to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
<i>Language</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of providing services to residents, particularly newly arrived migrants, with a low level of proficiency in English.
<i>Population Dispersion</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of having to provide infrastructure and services to more than one population centre.
<i>Population Growth</i>	Recognises that areas of higher population growth require relatively greater council effort in providing some services.
<i>Population <6 Years</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of providing services to children less than 6 years of age.
<i>Regional Services</i>	Recognises that some municipalities provide a range of services to a larger than average catchment area, increasing the demand on some council services.
<i>Remoteness</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure caused by remoteness from major service centres.
<i>Socio-Economic</i>	Recognises that residents of areas of relative socio-economic disadvantage are likely to make a greater call on certain council services.
<i>Tourism</i>	Recognises that councils in areas attracting significant numbers of tourists have additional expenditure requirements.

Allocation of General Purpose Grants

Revenue Adjustors

A set of revenue adjustors is used in the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's formula for allocating general purpose grants to Victorian councils. These are designed to reflect differences between councils and take account of factors that impact on a council's relative capacity to raise revenue from user fees and charges.

Individual revenue adjustment index values are calculated for each of the revenue adjustors for each council. These are shown in **Appendix 4H**.

The five revenue adjustors used by the Commission for the 2025-26 allocations are listed below. Data sources for these revenue adjustors are detailed in **Appendix 4L**.

<i>Household Income</i>	Recognises the impact that household income has on the level of fees and charges that a council can raise.
<i>Socio-Economic</i>	Recognises that residents of areas of relative socio-economic disadvantage are likely to have a lower capacity to pay fees and charges than residents of areas of relative socio-economic advantage.
<i>Tourism</i>	Recognises the impact that tourism has on the level of fees and charges that a council can raise, particularly in relation to tourist facilities.
<i>Value of Development</i>	Recognises that municipalities that have a high value of development, as represented by building approvals, have a greater capacity to raise fees and charges, particularly in relation to planning and building services.
<i>Valuations (Commercial)</i>	Recognises that municipalities that have a high proportion of commercial activity have a greater capacity to raise fees and charges, particularly in relation to parking fees and fines.

5. Local Roads Grants

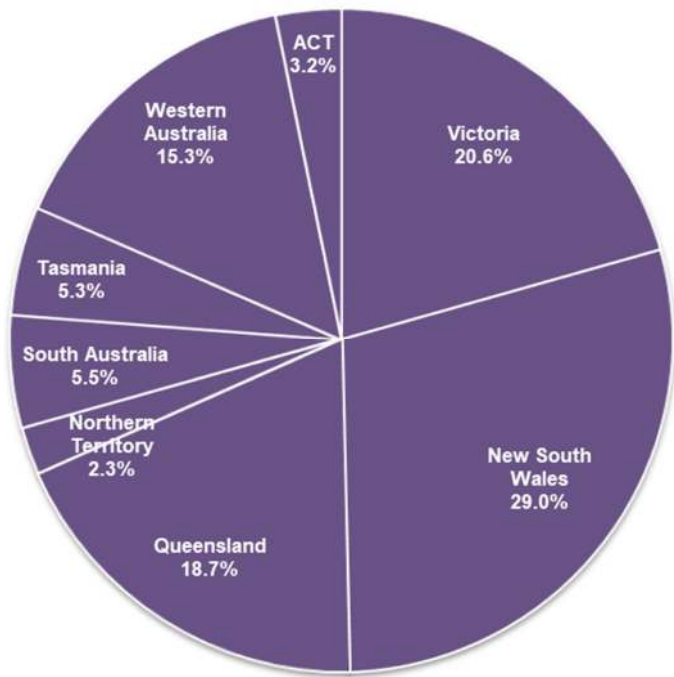
This section provides details the allocation of local roads grants to Victorian councils for 2025-26. The recommendations of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission for the allocation of these funds were approved by the Federal Assistant Minister for Local Government in August 2025.

Background

Local roads grants are the second of the two components of the financial assistance grants provided by the Commonwealth Government to local government. Although local roads grants are allocated on the basis of the relative needs of each council for roads expenditure, the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* provides that the grants are untied.

Victoria receives a fixed proportion of 20.6% of the total funds made available each year by the Commonwealth Government for this purpose.

Figure 5.1: Share of Local Roads Grants



% figures have been rounded

National Principles

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is required to make recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants to councils in accordance with a set of nationally agreed principles. These currently require that local roads grants be ‘allocated to councils as far as practicable on the basis of the relative needs of each council for roads expenditure and to preserve its road assets.’

Final Allocations
2024-25

Estimated
Allocations
2025-26

Methodology

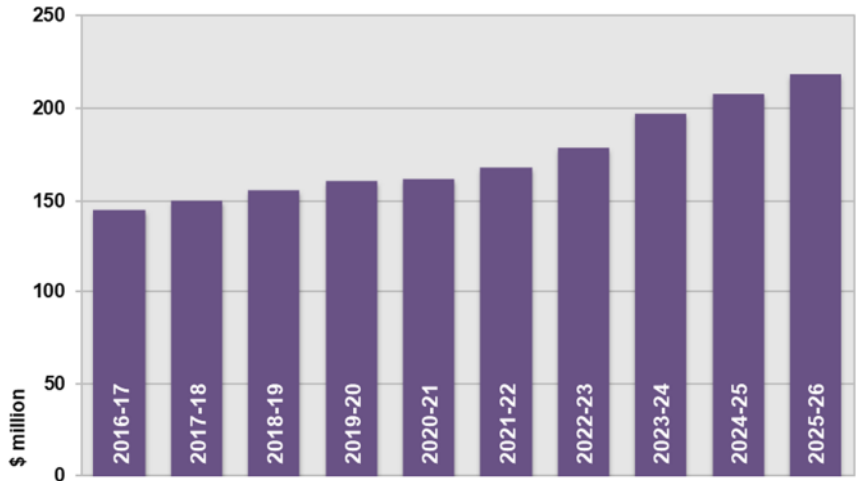
In July 2023 the Commonwealth Government provided the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission with an estimate of total local roads grants for 2024-25 of \$205.581 million. This formed the basis of the Commission’s recommended local roads allocation to each council for 2024-25, which were announced in August 2024 and are shown in Appendix 2A of the Commission’s 2024-25 Annual Report.

The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts advised the Commission in July 2025 of the final (or actual) amount to be allocated for 2024-25. The final allocation of total local roads grants is \$205.474 million, a decrease of \$0.106 million compared with the earlier estimate.

Councils’ final allocations for 2024-25 are shown in **Appendix 2B**.

The estimated national local roads grants pool for 2025-26 is \$1.059 billion. Victoria’s share of this estimated allocation is **\$218.329 million**. This represents an increase of \$10.657 million or 5.1% over the estimated allocation for 2024-25.

Figure 5.2: Local Roads Grants - Victoria



Estimated allocation 2025-26, actual allocation all other years.

The Commission’s formula for allocating local roads grants is based on each council’s road length (for all surface types) and traffic volumes, using average annual preservation costs for given traffic volume ranges.

The methodology also includes a series of cost modifiers for freight loading, climate, materials, sub-grade conditions and strategic routes and takes account of the deck area of bridges on local roads.

This formula is designed to reflect the relative needs of Victorian councils in relation to local roads grants in accordance with the national principle relating to the allocation of local roads grants.

In 2024, Commission signalled its intention to councils to transition from the current allocation formula, which is based on traffic volumes carried on a local roads as reported by councils, to a formula based on road-purpose hierarchy data as captured on Vicmap. This will enable the Commission and other users, including emergency services, to access local roads data on a statewide basis from a “single source of truth”.

Road Length & Traffic Volume Data

To advance this work, the Commission has allocated 1% of the local roads grants pool for 2025-26 to support councils in collecting and reporting road purpose hierarchy data. This has been allocated on the basis of a flat amount of \$10,000 per council, with the balance distributed in proportion to the total length of local roads in each council.

The balance of the funding pool for 2025-26 has been allocated in line with the Commission's current formula.

The recommended allocation of local roads grants for 2025-26 was based on road length and traffic volume data reported by all councils for the 12 months to June 2024.

Similar to previous years, councils were asked to categorise their local road networks according to nine broad traffic volume ranges – four for urban roads and five for rural roads.

Victorian councils reported a total of **134,230 kilometres** of local roads as at 30 June 2024, an increase of 510 kilometres, or 0.38% compared to the length reported 12 months earlier.

Where significant changes were made to the data previously provided, councils were asked to verify those data changes and, in some instances, provide additional supporting documentation.

Variations were as follows:

Change in Length of Local Roads	No. of Councils
Increase of more than 5.0%	1
Increase of 1.0% to 5.0%	11
Increase of up to 1.0%	32
No change	21
Decreases of up to -1.0%	9
Decreases of 1.0% to 5.0%	5
	79

Road lengths reported by each council for each traffic volume range as at June 2024 are detailed in **Appendix 5A**.

Asset Preservation Costs

Average annual preservation costs for each traffic volume range are used in the allocation model to reflect the cost of local road maintenance and renewal.

The asset preservation costs were altered for the 2018-19 allocations to better reflect councils' aggregate actual expenditure on road maintenance. However, this change had no impact on the distribution of local roads grants.

The asset preservation costs used in the 2025-26 allocations were as follows:

Local Road Type	Daily Traffic Volume Range	Annual Asset Preservation Cost \$/km
Urban	< 500	\$ 8,640
	500 - <1000	\$ 11,760
	1000 - <5000	\$ 15,840
	5000 +	\$ 25,680
Rural	Natural Surface	\$ 840
	< 100	\$ 6,000
	100 - <500	\$ 12,480
	500 - < 1,000	\$ 13,920
	1,000 +	\$ 15,840
Timber Bridge		\$ 240 / sq m
Concrete Bridge		\$ 144 / sq m

Cost Modifiers

The allocation model uses a series of five cost modifiers to reflect differences in circumstances between councils in relation to:

- the relative volume of freight carried on local roads in each council
- climate
- the availability of road-making materials
- sub-grade conditions
- strategic routes

Cost modifiers are applied to the average annual preservation costs for each traffic volume range for each council to reflect the level of need of the council relative to others. Relatively high cost modifiers add to the network cost calculated for each council and so increase its local roads grant outcome.

Additional information on the cost modifiers used in the local roads allocation model is provided at the end of this section on page 31.

No changes were made to the cost modifiers for the recommended 2025-26 allocations.

Grant Calculation

The Commission calculates a total network cost for each council's local roads. This represents the relative annual costs faced by the council in maintaining its local road and bridge networks, based on average annual preservation costs and taking account of local conditions, using cost modifiers.

The network cost is calculated using traffic volume data for each council, standard asset preservation costs for each traffic volume range and cost modifiers for freight carriage, climate, materials availability, sub-grade conditions and strategic route lengths. The deck area of bridges on local roads is included in the network cost at a rate of \$144 per square metre for concrete bridges and \$240 per square metre for timber bridges.

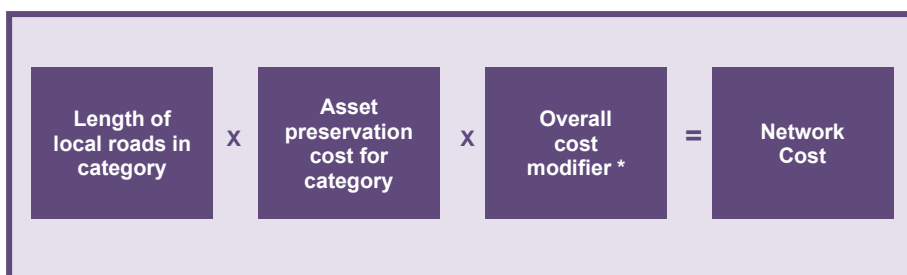
Limits on Grants Movements

Estimated Allocations 2025-26

Comparative Grant Outcomes 2025-26

Mathematically, the calculation of the network cost for a single traffic volume range for a council can be illustrated as follows:

Figure 5.3: Calculation of network cost



* Overall cost modifier is calculated by multiplying the cost modifier for freight, climate, materials, reactive sub-grades and strategic routes.

The actual local roads grants are then determined by applying the available funds in proportion to each council's calculated network cost.

The Commission applied the following limits to movements in the local roads grant outcomes for 2025-26:

- grants increase for all rural councils by a minimum of 4.0%;
- grants increase for all other councils by a minimum of 2.0%; and
- grant increases limited to no more than 10.0%.

The estimated local roads grant allocation for each Victorian council for 2025-26 is shown in **Appendix 2A**.

In general, where a significant change has occurred in a council's local roads grant for 2025-26, this is due to significant changes in local roads data supplied by the council to the Commission.

A summary of the changes in estimated local roads grants from 2024-25 to 2025-26 is shown below:

Change in Local Roads Grants	No. of Councils
Limit set at no more than 10%	4
Ranging from 5-10%	20
Ranging from 2-5%	54
Limit set at minimum 2%	1
	79

The largest local roads grants for 2025-26 have been allocated to Wellington Shire Council (\$6.487 million) and East Gippsland Shire Council (\$6.362 million).

The smallest grant has been allocated to the Borough of Queenscliffe (\$0.079 million).

Allocation of Local Roads Grants

Cost Modifiers

A series of five cost modifiers is used in the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's formula for allocating local roads grants to Victorian councils. These are designed to take account of differences between councils that may make local road maintenance more or less costly than the State average, which is reflected in average annual preservation costs.

Individual cost factors are calculated for each of the five cost modifiers for each council. Their application to the average annual preservation costs is shown in **Appendix 5C**.

The five cost modifiers used by the Commission in allocating local roads grants to councils for 2025-26 were:

Freight

The freight cost modifier recognises that local roads in some municipalities carry relatively high volumes of heavy vehicles compared to others, which impacts on the cost of asset preservation. A freight loading ratio has been calculated for each municipality, based on the level of employment in freight-intensive industries within that municipality. The cost modifier index infers that a higher level of employment in such industries will see relatively higher levels of freight carriage on their local roads network, leading to more rapid road surface deterioration and relatively higher road maintenance costs.

Climate

The climate cost modifier recognises that certain climatic conditions have an adverse impact on road durability and increase the costs to affected councils of asset preservation. The climate index identifies the length of urban and rural roads that fall within the five climatic zones utilised by Standards Australia to produce an average climate rating for both rural and urban roads within each municipality. These ratings are then spread across index ranges, the larger being for rural roads to reflect the relatively greater influence of climate on such surfaces.

Materials

The cost of maintaining local roads can be impacted by the local availability of suitable pavement materials. The materials availability index has identified the distance between the nearest quarry location containing high quality road making material and the council headquarters. All metropolitan councils have had their indexes set at the minimum value, reflecting the availability of materials from a variety of sources.

Sub-grades

The performance life of road pavements is affected by seasonal swelling and shrinkage of the sub-grade, which accelerates the deterioration of the pavement and adds to asset preservation costs. In Victoria, this is a particular issue in areas with expansive clay sub-grades, which occur predominantly in the western suburbs of Melbourne and western Victoria. The Commission has identified the total length of urban and rural roads in each of the eight sub-grade categories utilised by Standards Australia and has constructed an index reflecting the relative road maintenance costs associated with having lengths of road built on relatively reactive soils.

Strategic Routes

The strategic route cost modifier recognises that certain local roads must be maintained to a higher standard than would normally be the case because of certain characteristics or functions they perform. For all road categories, local roads that are tram or bus routes, including school bus routes, are considered to be strategic routes. In addition, rural local roads that carry less than 100 vehicles a day, but carry at least 10 trucks, or carry less than 100 but more than 50 vehicles per day and are in steep terrain or irrigated areas, are considered strategic routes requiring higher annual levels of expenditure. Details on strategic routes are provided to the Commission by individual councils as part of their annual information returns.

6. Trends in Outcomes

This section provides a summary of movements in financial assistance grants over time for Victorian councils. This information is provided to emphasise the importance of financial assistance grants to Victorian councils and to assist councils and other stakeholders in understanding how the allocation of these funds has altered over time.

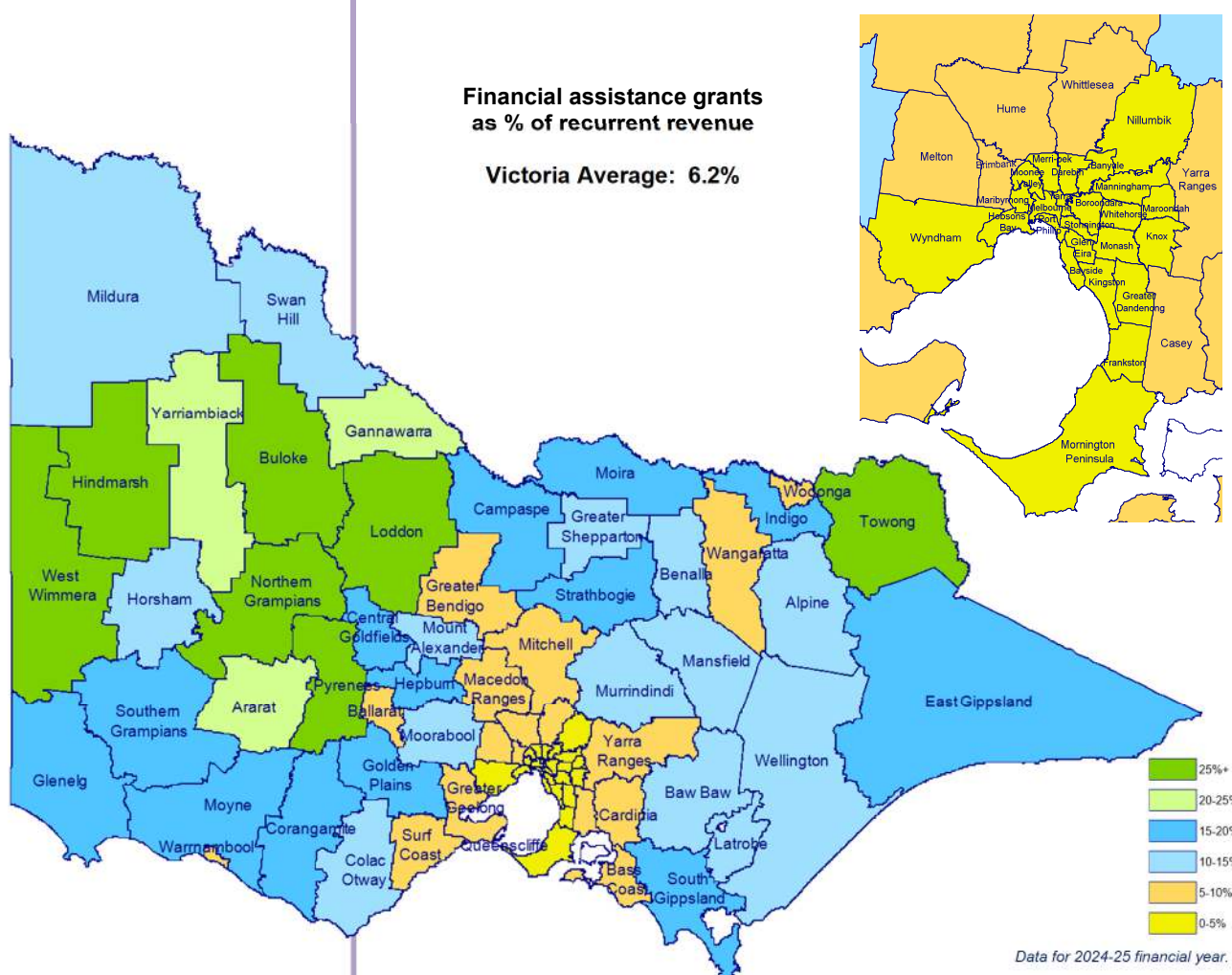
Several of the charts in this section place councils in different broad groupings (interface councils, small rural councils, etc). This categorisation is only for the purpose of summarising the results – it is not used in the grant allocation process and has no influence on grant outcomes.

Grants as a proportion of recurrent revenue

Figure 6.1 shows the relative importance of financial assistance grants to all Victorian councils, and highlights that these grants represent a higher proportion of the recurrent revenue of rural councils compared to metropolitan councils.

In the 2024-25 financial year, financial assistance grants represented, on average, 6.2% of the recurrent revenue of Victorian councils. For most metropolitan councils, these grants comprised less than 5% of their recurrent revenue. However, for seven rural councils (Buloke, Loddon, Pyrenees, Northern Grampians, Hindmarsh, Towong and West Wimmera), more than 25% of their revenue was derived from financial assistance grants.

Figure 6.1: Financial assistance grants as % of recurrent revenue



Total grants over time

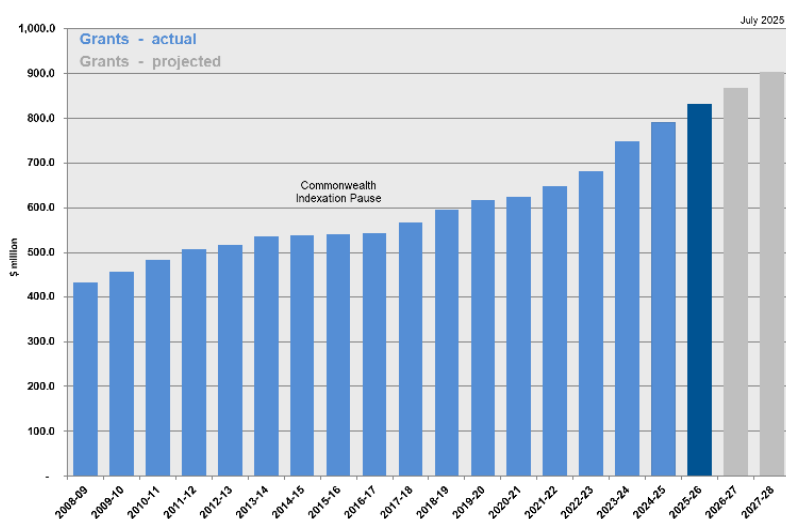
Figure 6.2 shows the change over time in the total pool of financial assistance grants allocated by the Commonwealth Government to Victorian councils.

The total funding pool increased steadily from \$394.9 million in 2005-06 to \$538.2 million in 2013-14, an average of 4.5% per annum. This reflected strong growth in Australia's population across that period, and an increase in Victoria's share of the national population. However, a three-year "pause" on indexation imposed by the Commonwealth Government meant that grant levels were then largely unchanged for three years through to 2016-17.

The resumption of indexation in 2017-18 meant that growth then resumed through to 2025-26 and has averaged 3.8% per annum over that time.

The 2025-26 Federal Budget estimated that the aggregate pool of funds for Victorian councils will increase by 5.2% in 2025-26, 4.4% in 2026-27 and 4.3% in 2026-27.

Figure 6.2: Total financial assistance grants to Victorian councils

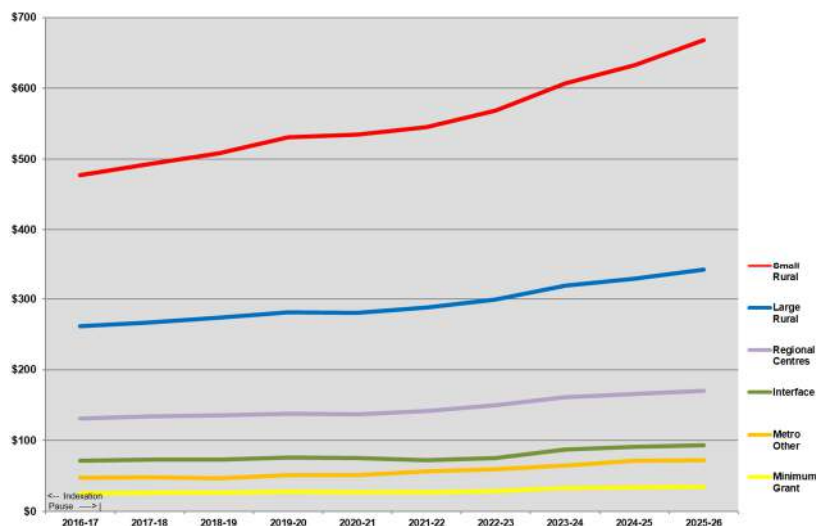


Total grants per capita by council group

Figure 6.3 shows the movement in total financial assistance grants on a per capita basis to each council group since 2014-15.

This shows that average grants per capita have increased strongly for both the small rural and large rural groups of councils and, to a lesser extent, regional cities. In contrast, average grants per capita have remained relatively constant across that period for the interface and metropolitan-other groups.

Figure 6.3: Total financial assistance grants per capita by council group

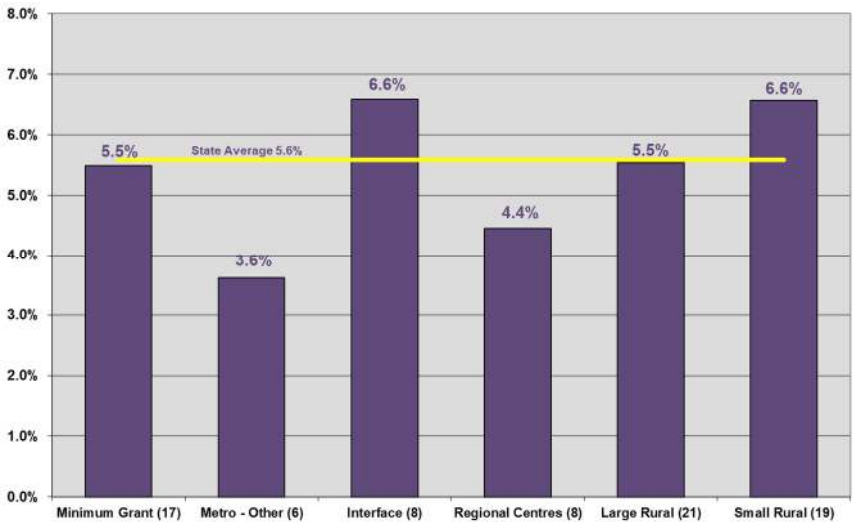


Average increases in grants by council group

Figure 6.4 shows the overall average rate of increase in financial assistance grants for each of the council groups in 2025-26.

Compared to a state average increase of 5.6%, aggregate financial assistance grants to the inner metropolitan group of councils (those receiving the minimum general purpose grant) will increase by 5.5%, whereas grants for the metropolitan-other group will increase by 3.6% and those to the interface councils group will increase by 6.6%. This reflects above-average population growth in those areas. Grants to the regional cities group will increase by 4.4% on average, while grants to the large and small rural councils' groups will both increase by 5.5% and 6.6% on average respectively.

Figure 6.4: Average increases in financial assistance grants by council group: 2025-26

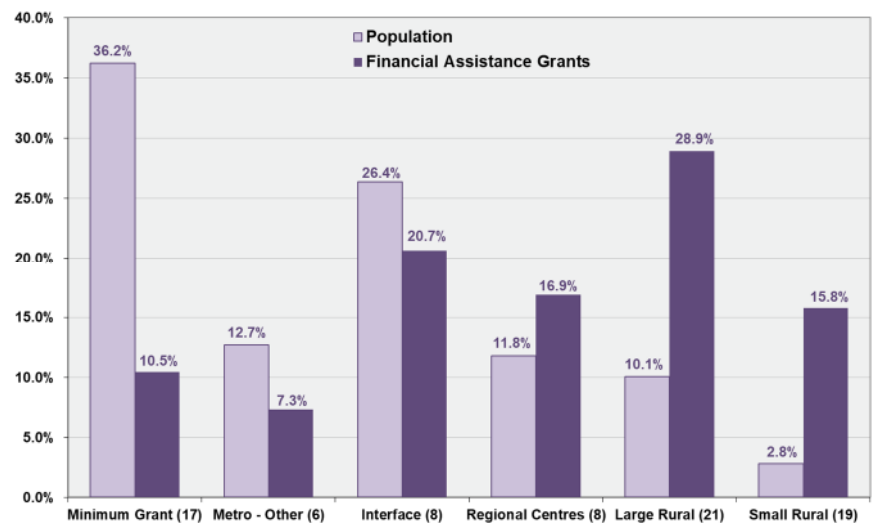


Share of grants pool by council group

Figure 6.5 shows the share of the Victorian financial assistance grants pool allocated to each council group in 2025-26 compared to that group's share of Victorian population.

This shows that, while rural councils comprise 12.9% of Victoria's population, they will receive 44.7% of the total financial assistance grants pool in 2025-26.

Figure 6.5: Share of financial assistance grants pool by council group: 2025-26



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Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

Appendix 1

2024-25 Final Grant Allocations

	General Purpose Grants			Local Roads Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Alpine S	3,423,344	3,408,026	-15,318	1,369,493	1,368,784	-709
Ararat RC	4,762,648	4,741,337	-21,311	3,051,330	3,049,750	-1,580
Ballarat C	14,962,454	14,895,502	-66,952	3,280,885	3,279,186	-1,699
Banyule C	3,317,393	3,302,549	-14,844	1,219,607	1,218,975	-632
Bass Coast S	6,878,468	6,847,689	-30,779	1,885,154	1,884,178	-976
Baw Baw S	8,911,660	8,871,783	-39,877	3,729,434	3,727,502	-1,932
Bayside C	2,669,027	2,657,084	-11,943	660,371	660,029	-342
Benalla RC	3,546,096	3,530,228	-15,868	1,893,151	1,892,171	-980
Boroondara C	4,467,584	4,447,593	-19,991	1,188,602	1,187,986	-616
Brimbank C	14,138,817	14,075,550	-63,267	2,258,302	2,257,132	-1,170
Buloke S	5,020,959	4,998,492	-22,467	3,217,230	3,215,564	-1,666
Campaspe S	9,957,181	9,912,626	-44,555	5,181,336	5,178,652	-2,684
Cardinia S	12,570,442	12,514,193	-56,249	3,437,463	3,435,683	-1,780
Casey C	25,316,169	25,202,887	-113,282	3,597,393	3,595,530	-1,863
Central Goldfields S	3,682,164	3,665,687	-16,477	1,632,443	1,631,598	-845
Colac Otway S	5,389,205	5,365,090	-24,115	3,391,284	3,389,528	-1,756
Corangamite S	5,506,746	5,482,105	-24,641	4,476,328	4,474,010	-2,318
Darebin C	3,984,983	3,967,151	-17,832	1,149,509	1,148,914	-595
East Gippsland S	14,255,189	14,191,402	-63,787	6,049,809	6,046,676	-3,133
Frankston C	9,070,814	9,030,225	-40,589	1,399,107	1,398,382	-725
Gannawarra S	4,563,473	4,543,053	-20,420	2,593,825	2,592,482	-1,343
Glen Eira C	4,014,521	3,996,557	-17,964	818,023	817,599	-424
Glenelg S	6,467,850	6,438,908	-28,942	4,434,897	4,432,600	-2,297
Golden Plains S	4,933,233	4,911,158	-22,075	2,754,480	2,753,053	-1,427
Greater Bendigo C	17,738,184	17,658,811	-79,373	4,547,610	4,545,255	-2,355
Greater Dandenong C	11,876,827	11,823,682	-53,145	2,023,237	2,022,189	-1,048
Greater Geelong C	23,676,291	23,570,351	-105,940	4,721,751	4,719,305	-2,446
Greater Shepparton C	12,943,841	12,885,921	-57,920	4,054,750	4,052,650	-2,100
Hepburn S	4,376,413	4,356,830	-19,583	1,997,073	1,996,039	-1,034
Hindmarsh S	3,504,533	3,488,851	-15,682	1,868,686	1,867,718	-968
Hobsons Bay C	2,399,390	2,388,653	-10,737	952,241	951,748	-493
Horsham RC	5,142,601	5,119,590	-23,011	2,880,720	2,879,228	-1,492
Hume C	18,946,549	18,861,769	-84,780	3,614,817	3,612,945	-1,872
Indigo S	4,099,891	4,081,545	-18,346	2,172,825	2,171,700	-1,125
Kingston C	4,190,806	4,172,053	-18,753	1,352,991	1,352,290	-701
Knox C	7,683,592	7,649,210	-34,382	1,470,267	1,469,506	-761
Latrobe C	12,846,902	12,789,416	-57,486	3,312,635	3,310,919	-1,716
Loddon S	6,514,302	6,485,153	-29,149	4,671,815	4,669,395	-2,420

	Financial Assistance Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Alpine S	4,792,837	4,776,810	-16,027
Ararat RC	7,813,978	7,791,087	-22,891
Ballarat C	18,243,339	18,174,688	-68,651
Banyule C	4,537,000	4,521,524	-15,476
Bass Coast S	8,763,622	8,731,867	-31,755
Baw Baw S	12,641,094	12,599,285	-41,809
Bayside C	3,329,398	3,317,113	-12,285
Benalla RC	5,439,247	5,422,399	-16,848
Boroondara C	5,656,186	5,635,579	-20,607
Brimbank C	16,397,119	16,332,682	-64,437
Buloke S	8,238,189	8,214,056	-24,133
Campaspe S	15,138,517	15,091,278	-47,239
Cardinia S	16,007,905	15,949,876	-58,029
Casey C	28,913,562	28,798,417	-115,145
Central Goldfields S	5,314,607	5,297,285	-17,322
Colac Otway S	8,780,489	8,754,618	-25,871
Corangamite S	9,983,074	9,956,115	-26,959
Darebin C	5,134,492	5,116,065	-18,427
East Gippsland S	20,304,998	20,238,078	-66,920
Frankston C	10,469,921	10,428,607	-41,314
Gannawarra S	7,157,298	7,135,535	-21,763
Glen Eira C	4,832,544	4,814,156	-18,388
Glenelg S	10,902,747	10,871,508	-31,239
Golden Plains S	7,687,713	7,664,211	-23,502
Greater Bendigo C	22,285,794	22,204,066	-81,728
Greater Dandenong C	13,900,064	13,845,871	-54,193
Greater Geelong C	28,398,042	28,289,656	-108,386
Greater Shepparton C	16,998,591	16,938,571	-60,020
Hepburn S	6,373,486	6,352,869	-20,617
Hindmarsh S	5,373,219	5,356,569	-16,650
Hobsons Bay C	3,351,631	3,340,401	-11,230
Horsham RC	8,023,321	7,998,818	-24,503
Hume C	22,561,366	22,474,714	-86,652
Indigo S	6,272,716	6,253,245	-19,471
Kingston C	5,543,797	5,524,343	-19,454
Knox C	9,153,859	9,118,716	-35,143
Latrobe C	16,159,537	16,100,335	-59,202
Loddon S	11,186,117	11,154,548	-31,569

Appendix 1

2024-25 Final Grant Allocations

	General Purpose Grants			Local Roads Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	7,128,725	7,096,826	-31,899	2,861,307	2,859,825	-1,482
Manningham C	3,315,141	3,300,307	-14,834	1,086,284	1,085,721	-563
Mansfield S	2,835,304	2,822,617	-12,687	1,209,825	1,209,198	-627
Maribyrnong C	2,348,811	2,338,301	-10,510	767,113	766,716	-397
Maroondah C	4,732,393	4,711,217	-21,176	1,011,393	1,010,869	-524
Melbourne C	4,540,765	4,520,447	-20,318	928,764	928,283	-481
Melton C	22,416,970	22,316,661	-100,309	3,448,381	3,446,595	-1,786
Merri-bek C	4,638,724	4,610,707	-28,017	1,201,058	1,199,739	-1,319
Mildura RC	14,113,790	14,093,033	-20,757	5,376,457	5,375,835	-622
Mitchell S	8,607,851	8,544,696	-63,155	2,657,327	2,654,542	-2,785
Moir S	9,039,230	9,000,713	-38,517	4,999,298	4,997,922	-1,376
Monash C	5,210,479	5,170,031	-40,448	1,577,613	1,575,024	-2,589
Moonee Valley C	3,237,634	3,214,319	-23,315	896,883	896,066	-817
Moorabool S	6,261,188	6,246,701	-14,487	2,547,167	2,546,702	-465
Mornington Peninsula S	4,357,672	4,338,173	-19,499	3,217,802	3,216,135	-1,667
Mount Alexander S	4,289,210	4,270,017	-19,193	2,299,199	2,298,008	-1,191
Moyne S	5,548,608	5,523,780	-24,828	5,309,915	5,307,165	-2,750
Murrindindi S	3,892,444	3,875,027	-17,417	2,124,518	2,123,418	-1,100
Nillumbik S	2,198,549	2,188,711	-9,838	1,492,205	1,491,432	-773
Northern Grampians S	5,990,323	5,963,518	-26,805	3,728,249	3,726,318	-1,931
Port Phillip C	2,803,231	2,790,687	-12,544	546,161	545,878	-283
Pyrenees S	4,203,231	4,184,423	-18,808	2,720,951	2,719,542	-1,409
Queenscliffe B	475,506	473,378	-2,128	75,692	75,653	-39
South Gippsland S	7,761,755	7,727,024	-34,731	4,792,173	4,789,691	-2,482
Southern Grampians S	5,531,501	5,506,749	-24,752	3,947,459	3,945,415	-2,044
Stonnington C	2,849,817	2,837,065	-12,752	579,183	578,883	-300
Strathbogie S	4,127,746	4,109,276	-18,470	2,835,609	2,834,140	-1,469
Surf Coast S	3,533,987	3,518,174	-15,813	2,116,040	2,114,944	-1,096
Swan Hill RC	6,048,372	6,021,307	-27,065	2,960,031	2,958,498	-1,533
Towong S	3,821,997	3,804,895	-17,102	2,300,837	2,299,645	-1,192
Wangaratta RC	6,217,832	6,190,009	-27,823	3,079,038	3,077,443	-1,595
Warrnambool C	4,573,842	4,553,376	-20,466	852,177	851,736	-441
Wellington S	11,652,136	11,599,996	-52,140	6,206,844	6,203,629	-3,215
West Wimmera S	4,392,570	4,372,915	-19,655	2,991,880	2,990,330	-1,550
Whitehorse C	4,572,582	4,552,121	-20,461	1,379,581	1,378,866	-715
Whittlesea C	16,392,870	16,319,517	-73,353	3,035,830	3,034,258	-1,572
Wodonga C	6,212,683	6,184,883	-27,800	1,094,036	1,093,469	-567
Wyndham C	23,528,337	23,423,055	-105,282	3,595,264	3,593,402	-1,862
Yarra C	2,494,354	2,483,193	-11,161	516,189	515,922	-267
Yarra Ranges S	13,583,877	13,523,093	-60,784	4,236,611	4,234,417	-2,194
Yarriambiack S	4,272,630	4,253,511	-19,119	2,667,303	2,665,922	-1,381
	581,505,209	578,903,159	-2,602,050	205,580,521	205,474,047	-106,474

	Financial Assistance Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	9,990,032	9,956,651	-33,381
Manningham C	4,401,425	4,386,028	-15,397
Mansfield S	4,045,129	4,031,815	-13,314
Maribyrnong C	3,115,924	3,105,017	-10,907
Maroondah C	5,743,786	5,722,086	-21,700
Melbourne C	5,469,529	5,448,730	-20,799
Melton C	25,865,351	25,763,256	-102,095
Merri-bek C	5,839,782	5,810,446	-29,336
Mildura RC	19,490,247	19,468,868	-21,379
Mitchell S	11,265,178	11,199,238	-65,940
Moirra S	14,038,528	13,998,635	-39,893
Monash C	6,788,092	6,745,055	-43,037
Moonee Valley C	4,134,517	4,110,385	-24,132
Moorabool S	8,808,355	8,793,403	-14,952
Mornington Peninsula S	7,575,474	7,554,308	-21,166
Mount Alexander S	6,588,409	6,568,025	-20,384
Moyne S	10,858,523	10,830,945	-27,578
Murrindindi S	6,016,962	5,998,445	-18,517
Nillumbik S	3,690,754	3,680,143	-10,611
Northern Grampians S	9,718,572	9,689,836	-28,736
Port Phillip C	3,349,392	3,336,565	-12,827
Pyrenees S	6,924,182	6,903,965	-20,217
Queenscliffe B	551,198	549,031	-2,167
South Gippsland S	12,553,928	12,516,715	-37,213
Southern Grampians S	9,478,960	9,452,164	-26,796
Stonnington C	3,429,000	3,415,948	-13,052
Strathbogie S	6,963,355	6,943,416	-19,939
Surf Coast S	5,650,027	5,633,118	-16,909
Swan Hill RC	9,008,403	8,979,805	-28,598
Towong S	6,122,834	6,104,540	-18,294
Wangaratta RC	9,296,870	9,267,452	-29,418
Warrnambool C	5,426,019	5,405,112	-20,907
Wellington S	17,858,980	17,803,625	-55,355
West Wimmera S	7,384,450	7,363,245	-21,205
Whitehorse C	5,952,163	5,930,987	-21,176
Whittlesea C	19,428,700	19,353,775	-74,925
Wodonga C	7,306,719	7,278,352	-28,367
Wyndham C	27,123,601	27,016,457	-107,144
Yarra C	3,010,543	2,999,115	-11,428
Yarra Ranges S	17,820,488	17,757,510	-62,978
Yarriambiack S	6,939,933	6,919,433	-20,500
	787,085,730	784,377,206	-2,708,524

Appendix 2

2025-26 Allocations

A. Estimated Allocations

	Financial Assistance Grants 2025-26				
	General Purpose Grants		Local Roads Grants		Total (\$)
	Equalisation (\$)	Natural Disaster (\$)	(\$)	Data Project (\$)	
Alpine S	3,601,735	23,281	1,424,273	16,757	5,066,046
Ararat RC	5,080,292		3,227,351	35,618	8,343,261
Ballarat C	15,573,960	35,000	3,507,691	25,952	19,142,603
Banyule C	3,470,806		1,252,226	15,657	4,738,689
Bass Coast S	7,153,607	35,000	1,975,002	20,153	9,183,762
Baw Baw S	9,264,819	118,920	3,916,895	31,364	13,331,998
Bayside C	2,791,724		688,762	13,695	3,494,181
Benalla RC	3,775,881	79,753	1,986,516	23,847	5,865,997
Boroondara C	4,682,987		1,226,409	15,885	5,925,281
Brimbank C	14,438,166		2,355,392	19,394	16,812,952
Buloke S	5,337,889	70,000	3,345,919	65,169	8,818,977
Campaspe S	10,355,468	49,519	5,396,665	51,686	15,853,338
Cardinia S	13,130,374	33,086	3,611,786	26,909	16,802,155
Casey C	25,822,492		3,822,586	30,499	29,675,577
Central Goldfields S	3,848,325		1,702,626	23,452	5,574,403
Colac Otway S	5,654,058		3,540,384	26,919	9,221,361
Corangamite S	5,909,726	70,000	4,683,288	34,465	10,697,479
Darebin C	4,208,264		1,198,929	15,335	5,422,528
East Gippsland S	14,788,997	140,000	6,362,053	41,576	21,332,626
Frankston C	9,329,993		1,529,261	17,463	10,876,717
Gannawarra S	4,794,684		2,697,578	33,500	7,525,762
Glen Eira C	4,237,045		841,709	14,495	5,093,249
Glenelg S	6,863,282		4,623,736	37,320	11,524,338
Golden Plains S	5,233,805	27,968	2,918,684	28,138	8,208,595
Greater Bendigo C	18,357,271		4,858,494	42,894	23,258,659
Greater Dandenong C	12,302,634		2,091,814	17,217	14,411,665
Greater Geelong C	24,539,506		4,976,422	35,559	29,551,487
Greater Shepparton C	13,391,332	35,000	4,228,280	36,562	17,691,174
Hepburn S	4,544,660		2,076,956	24,882	6,646,498
Hindmarsh S	3,718,328		1,949,025	41,399	5,708,752
Hobsons Bay C	2,515,888		993,180	14,474	3,523,542
Horsham RC	5,441,563	35,000	3,016,547	40,999	8,534,109
Hume C	20,082,946		3,962,055	25,784	24,070,785
Indigo S	4,353,864	35,000	2,259,738	25,814	6,674,416
Kingston C	4,380,790		1,382,685	16,269	5,779,744
Knox C	7,837,264		1,541,697	17,523	9,396,484
Latrobe C	13,097,943	70,000	3,454,510	26,265	16,648,718
Loddon S	6,920,589	11,548	4,867,657	59,139	11,858,933

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Appendix 2

A. Estimated Allocations

	Financial Assistance Grants 2025-26				
	General Purpose Grants		Local Roads Grants		Total (\$)
	Equalisation (\$)	Natural Disaster (\$)	(\$)	Data Project (\$)	
Macedon Ranges S	7,341,074	35,000	2,997,352	27,407	10,400,833
Manningham C	3,466,333		1,108,010	16,321	4,590,664
Mansfield S	3,015,304	33,273	1,264,729	18,805	4,332,111
Maribyrnong C	2,583,692		799,251	13,188	3,396,131
Maroondah C	4,827,041		1,056,342	14,951	5,898,334
Melbourne C	4,982,185		971,794	12,533	5,966,512
Melton C	24,658,667		3,793,219	25,852	28,477,738
Merri-bek C	4,907,287		1,252,920	15,432	6,175,639
Mildura RC	14,559,741	35,000	5,611,604	64,360	20,270,705
Mitchell S	9,183,816		2,823,627	26,466	12,033,909
Moirs S	9,441,257		5,233,525	48,001	14,722,783
Monash C	5,505,367		1,645,439	17,640	7,168,446
Moonee Valley C	3,412,955		944,559	14,277	4,371,791
Moorabool S	6,496,160		2,670,004	26,010	9,192,174
Mornington Peninsula S	4,510,461		3,356,144	27,791	7,894,396
Mount Alexander S	4,524,436	35,000	2,391,167	24,812	6,975,415
Moyne S	5,991,702		5,557,723	38,493	11,587,918
Murrindindi S	4,158,501		2,270,719	22,923	6,452,143
Nillumbik S	2,276,757	35,000	1,556,573	18,054	3,886,384
Northern Grampians S	6,341,419	70,000	3,882,881	45,022	10,339,322
Port Phillip C	2,964,066		569,642	12,232	3,545,940
Pyrenees S	4,490,230	35,000	2,829,789	30,988	7,386,007
Queenscliffe B	507,563		78,946	10,446	596,955
South Gippsland S	8,091,584	61,725	4,997,804	31,972	13,183,085
Southern Grampians S	5,904,574	21,253	4,117,171	40,994	10,083,992
Stonnington C	3,000,081		610,336	12,659	3,623,076
Strathbogie S	4,464,894	35,000	3,004,460	32,988	7,537,342
Surf Coast S	3,684,353		2,214,518	21,729	5,920,600
Swan Hill RC	6,385,309		3,139,577	46,122	9,571,008
Towong S	4,087,116	70,000	2,399,755	22,279	6,579,150
Wangaratta RC	6,466,545	35,000	3,216,934	29,327	9,747,806
Warrnambool C	4,714,256		937,395	13,934	5,665,585
Wellington S	12,117,910	144,646	6,487,416	41,534	18,791,506
West Wimmera S	4,710,655	33,082	3,111,555	38,555	7,893,847
Whitehorse C	4,826,469		1,453,354	16,654	6,296,477
Whittlesea C	17,309,206		3,339,413	25,331	20,673,950
Wodonga C	6,418,083	70,000	1,203,440	15,667	7,707,190
Wyndham C	25,621,159		3,880,069	29,213	29,530,441
Yarra C	2,649,347		539,913	12,242	3,201,502
Yarra Ranges S	14,037,061	154,630	4,422,112	28,348	18,642,151
Yarriambiack S	4,699,893	35,000	2,910,040	61,713	7,706,646
	610,167,466	1,807,684	216,146,002	2,183,293	830,304,445

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2025-26 Allocations

B. Payments

	Financial Assistance Grants 2025-26		Adjustment 2024-25			Total Estimated Payment *
	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	Total (\$)	2025-26 (\$)
Alpine S	3,625,016	1,441,030	-15,318	-709	-16,027	5,050,019
Ararat RC	5,080,292	3,262,969	-21,311	-1,580	-22,891	8,320,370
Ballarat C	15,608,960	3,533,643	-66,952	-1,699	-68,651	19,073,952
Banyule C	3,470,806	1,267,883	-14,844	-632	-15,476	4,723,213
Bass Coast S	7,188,607	1,995,155	-30,779	-976	-31,755	9,152,007
Baw Baw S	9,383,739	3,948,259	-39,877	-1,932	-41,809	13,290,189
Bayside C	2,791,724	702,457	-11,943	-342	-12,285	3,481,896
Benalla RC	3,855,634	2,010,363	-15,868	-980	-16,848	5,849,149
Boroondara C	4,682,987	1,242,294	-19,991	-616	-20,607	5,904,674
Brimbank C	14,438,166	2,374,786	-63,267	-1,170	-64,437	16,748,515
Buloke S	5,407,889	3,411,088	-22,467	-1,666	-24,133	8,794,844
Campaspe S	10,404,987	5,448,351	-44,555	-2,684	-47,239	15,806,099
Cardinia S	13,163,460	3,638,695	-56,249	-1,780	-58,029	16,744,126
Casey C	25,822,492	3,853,085	-113,282	-1,863	-115,145	29,560,432
Central Goldfields S	3,848,325	1,726,078	-16,477	-845	-17,322	5,557,081
Colac Otway S	5,654,058	3,567,303	-24,115	-1,756	-25,871	9,195,490
Corangamite S	5,979,726	4,717,753	-24,641	-2,318	-26,959	10,670,520
Darebin C	4,208,264	1,214,264	-17,832	-595	-18,427	5,404,101
East Gippsland S	14,928,997	6,403,629	-63,787	-3,133	-66,920	21,265,706
Frankston C	9,329,993	1,546,724	-40,589	-725	-41,314	10,835,403
Gannawarra S	4,794,684	2,731,078	-20,420	-1,343	-21,763	7,503,999
Glen Eira C	4,237,045	856,204	-17,964	-424	-18,388	5,074,861
Glenelg S	6,863,282	4,661,056	-28,942	-2,297	-31,239	11,493,099
Golden Plains S	5,261,773	2,946,822	-22,075	-1,427	-23,502	8,185,093
Greater Bendigo C	18,357,271	4,901,388	-79,373	-2,355	-81,728	23,176,931
Greater Dandenong C	12,302,634	2,109,031	-53,145	-1,048	-54,193	14,357,472
Greater Geelong C	24,539,506	5,011,981	-105,940	-2,446	-108,386	29,443,101
Greater Shepparton C	13,426,332	4,264,842	-57,920	-2,100	-60,020	17,631,154
Hepburn S	4,544,660	2,101,838	-19,583	-1,034	-20,617	6,625,881
Hindmarsh S	3,718,328	1,990,424	-15,682	-968	-16,650	5,692,102
Hobsons Bay C	2,515,888	1,007,654	-10,737	-493	-11,230	3,512,312
Horsham RC	5,476,563	3,057,546	-23,011	-1,492	-24,503	8,509,606
Hume C	20,082,946	3,987,839	-84,780	-1,872	-86,652	23,984,133
Indigo S	4,388,864	2,285,552	-18,346	-1,125	-19,471	6,654,945
Kingston C	4,380,790	1,398,954	-18,753	-701	-19,454	5,760,290
Knox C	7,837,264	1,559,220	-34,382	-761	-35,143	9,361,341
Latrobe C	13,167,943	3,480,775	-57,486	-1,716	-59,202	16,589,516
Loddon S	6,932,137	4,926,796	-29,149	-2,420	-31,569	11,827,364

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B. Payments

	Financial Assistance Grants 2025-26		Adjustment 2024-25			Total Estimated Payment*
	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	Total (\$)	2025-26 (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	7,376,074	3,024,759	-31,899	-1,482	-33,381	10,367,452
Manningham C	3,466,333	1,124,331	-14,834	-563	-15,397	4,575,267
Mansfield S	3,048,577	1,283,534	-12,687	-627	-13,314	4,318,797
Maribyrnong C	2,583,692	812,439	-10,510	-397	-10,907	3,385,224
Maroondah C	4,827,041	1,071,293	-21,176	-524	-21,700	5,876,634
Melbourne C	4,982,185	984,327	-20,318	-481	-20,799	5,945,713
Melton C	24,658,667	3,819,071	-100,309	-1,786	-102,095	28,375,643
Merri-bek C	4,907,287	1,268,352	-28,017	-1,319	-29,336	6,146,303
Mildura RC	14,594,741	5,675,964	-20,757	-622	-21,379	20,249,326
Mitchell S	9,183,816	2,850,093	-63,155	-2,785	-65,940	11,967,969
Moir S	9,441,257	5,281,526	-38,517	-1,376	-39,893	14,682,890
Monash C	5,505,367	1,663,079	-40,448	-2,589	-43,037	7,125,409
Moonee Valley C	3,412,955	958,836	-23,315	-817	-24,132	4,347,659
Moorabool S	6,496,160	2,696,014	-14,487	-465	-14,952	9,177,222
Mornington Peninsula S	4,510,461	3,383,935	-19,499	-1,667	-21,166	7,873,230
Mount Alexander S	4,559,436	2,415,979	-19,193	-1,191	-20,384	6,955,031
Moyne S	5,991,702	5,596,216	-24,828	-2,750	-27,578	11,560,340
Murrindindi S	4,158,501	2,293,642	-17,417	-1,100	-18,517	6,433,626
Nillumbik S	2,311,757	1,574,627	-9,838	-773	-10,611	3,875,773
Northern Grampians S	6,411,419	3,927,903	-26,805	-1,931	-28,736	10,310,586
Port Phillip C	2,964,066	581,874	-12,544	-283	-12,827	3,533,113
Pyrenees S	4,525,230	2,860,777	-18,808	-1,409	-20,217	7,365,790
Queenscliffe B	507,563	89,392	-2,128	-39	-2,167	594,788
South Gippsland S	8,153,309	5,029,776	-34,731	-2,482	-37,213	13,145,872
Southern Grampians S	5,925,827	4,158,165	-24,752	-2,044	-26,796	10,057,196
Stonnington C	3,000,081	622,995	-12,752	-300	-13,052	3,610,024
Strathbogie S	4,499,894	3,037,448	-18,470	-1,469	-19,939	7,517,403
Surf Coast S	3,684,353	2,236,247	-15,813	-1,096	-16,909	5,903,691
Swan Hill RC	6,385,309	3,185,699	-27,065	-1,533	-28,598	9,542,410
Towong S	4,157,116	2,422,034	-17,102	-1,192	-18,294	6,560,856
Wangaratta RC	6,501,545	3,246,261	-27,823	-1,595	-29,418	9,718,388
Warrnambool C	4,714,256	951,329	-20,466	-441	-20,907	5,644,678
Wellington S	12,262,556	6,528,950	-52,140	-3,215	-55,355	18,736,151
West Wimmera S	4,743,737	3,150,110	-19,655	-1,550	-21,205	7,872,642
Whitehorse C	4,826,469	1,470,008	-20,461	-715	-21,176	6,275,301
Whittlesea C	17,309,206	3,364,744	-73,353	-1,572	-74,925	20,599,025
Wodonga C	6,488,083	1,219,107	-27,800	-567	-28,367	7,678,823
Wyndham C	25,621,159	3,909,282	-105,282	-1,862	-107,144	29,423,297
Yarra C	2,649,347	552,155	-11,161	-267	-11,428	3,190,074
Yarra Ranges S	14,191,691	4,450,460	-60,784	-2,194	-62,978	18,579,173
Yarriambiack S	4,734,893	2,971,753	-19,119	-1,381	-20,500	7,686,146
	611,975,150	218,329,295	-2,602,050	-106,474	-2,708,524	827,595,921

Appendix 3 2025-26 Comparative Grant Outcomes

		Estimated Resident Population (June 2024)	General Purpose Grants 2025-26		Local Road Lengths (June 2024) (kms)	Local Roads Grants 2025-26	
			includes Natural Disaster (\$)	per capita # (\$/head)		includes Data Project (\$)	per kilometre (\$/km)
Alpine S	#	13,598	3,625,016	264.87	651	1,441,030	2,187.8
Ararat RC		11,686	5,080,292	434.73	2,468	3,262,969	1,307.7
Ballarat C	#	121,050	15,608,960	128.66	1,537	3,533,643	2,282.5
Banyule C		131,931	3,470,806	26.31	545	1,267,883	2,297.7
Bass Coast S	#	43,557	7,188,607	164.24	978	1,995,155	2,019.2
Baw Baw S	#	62,040	9,383,739	149.34	2,058	3,948,259	1,903.1
Bayside C		106,118	2,791,724	26.31	356	702,457	1,934.7
Benalla RC	#	14,635	3,855,634	258.00	1,334	2,010,363	1,489.1
Boroondara C		178,008	4,682,987	26.31	567	1,242,294	2,163.0
Brimbank C		198,152	14,438,166	72.86	905	2,374,786	2,602.6
Buloke S	#	5,956	5,407,889	896.22	5,315	3,411,088	629.5
Campaspe S	#	38,153	10,404,987	271.42	4,016	5,448,351	1,343.8
Cardinia S	#	130,383	13,163,460	100.71	1,629	3,638,695	2,217.2
Casey C		405,415	25,822,492	63.69	1,975	3,853,085	1,935.6
Central Goldfields S		13,704	3,848,325	280.82	1,296	1,726,078	1,313.8
Colac Otway S		22,300	5,654,058	253.55	1,630	3,567,303	2,172.0
Corangamite S	#	15,846	5,979,726	372.95	2,357	4,717,753	1,987.0
Darebin C		159,963	4,208,264	26.31	514	1,214,264	2,332.5
East Gippsland S	#	49,422	14,928,997	299.24	3,042	6,403,629	2,091.4
Frankston C		144,615	9,329,993	64.52	719	1,546,724	2,126.9
Gannawarra S		10,404	4,794,684	460.85	2,264	2,731,078	1,191.5
Glen Eira C		161,057	4,237,045	26.31	433	856,204	1,943.9
Glenelg S		20,007	6,863,282	343.04	2,632	4,661,056	1,756.7
Golden Plains S	#	26,337	5,261,773	198.72	1,747	2,946,822	1,670.3
Greater Bendigo C		125,805	18,357,271	145.92	3,169	4,901,388	1,533.1
Greater Dandenong C		167,298	12,302,634	73.54	695	2,109,031	3,008.5
Greater Geelong C		289,565	24,539,506	84.75	2,462	5,011,981	2,021.3
Greater Shepparton C	#	69,874	13,426,332	191.65	2,559	4,264,842	1,652.3
Hepburn S		16,824	4,544,660	270.13	1,434	2,101,838	1,448.6
Hindmarsh S		5,464	3,718,328	680.51	3,025	1,990,424	644.3
Hobsons Bay C		95,633	2,515,888	26.31	431	1,007,654	2,304.4
Horsham RC	#	20,376	5,476,563	267.06	2,986	3,057,546	1,010.1
Hume C		271,709	20,082,946	73.91	1,521	3,987,839	2,605.6
Indigo S	#	17,788	4,388,864	244.76	1,524	2,285,552	1,483.2
Kingston C		166,521	4,380,790	26.31	604	1,398,954	2,289.2
Knox C		163,302	7,837,264	47.99	725	1,559,220	2,127.1
Latrobe	#	78,845	13,167,943	166.12	1,567	3,480,775	2,204.5
Loddon S	#	7,755	6,932,137	892.40	4,734	4,926,796	1,028.2

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		Estimated Resident Population (June 2024)	General Purpose Grants 2025-26		Local Road Lengths (June 2024) (kms)	Local Roads Grants 2025-26	
			includes Natural Disaster (\$)	per capita # (\$/head)		includes Data Project (\$)	per kilometre (\$/km)
Macedon Ranges S	#	53,738	7,376,074	136.61	1,677	3,024,759	1,787.3
Manningham C		131,761	3,466,333	26.31	609	1,124,331	1,819.4
Mansfield S	#	11,146	3,048,577	270.53	848	1,283,534	1,490.9
Maribyrnong C		94,251	2,583,692	27.41	307	812,439	2,602.5
Maroondah C		119,354	4,827,041	40.44	477	1,071,293	2,214.6
Melbourne C		189,381	4,982,185	26.31	244	984,327	3,982.8
Melton C		219,697	24,658,667	112.24	1,527	3,819,071	2,483.8
Merri-bek C		186,534	4,907,287	26.31	523	1,268,352	2,394.3
Mildura RC	#	57,626	14,594,741	252.66	5,237	5,675,964	1,071.5
Mitchell S		56,384	9,183,816	162.88	1,586	2,850,093	1,780.0
Moir S		30,836	9,441,257	306.18	3,661	5,281,526	1,429.5
Monash C		209,268	5,505,367	26.31	736	1,663,079	2,235.7
Moonee Valley C		129,732	3,412,955	26.31	412	958,836	2,292.6
Moorabool S		39,814	6,496,160	163.16	1,542	2,696,014	1,731.1
Mornington Peninsula S		171,450	4,510,461	26.31	1,714	3,383,935	1,958.1
Mount Alexander S	#	20,799	4,559,436	217.53	1,427	2,415,979	1,675.6
Moyne S		17,717	5,991,702	338.19	2,745	5,596,216	2,024.7
Murrindindi S		15,603	4,158,501	266.52	1,245	2,293,642	1,823.9
Nillumbik S	#	63,693	2,311,757	35.75	776	1,574,627	2,006.1
Northern Grampians S	#	11,808	6,411,419	537.04	3,374	3,927,903	1,150.8
Port Phillip C		112,669	2,964,066	26.31	215	581,874	2,649.5
Pyrenees S	#	7,958	4,525,230	564.24	2,022	2,860,777	1,399.5
Queenscliffe B		3,302	507,563	153.71	43	89,392	1,836.0
South Gippsland S	#	31,022	8,153,309	260.83	2,117	5,029,776	2,361.0
Southern Grampians S	#	16,525	5,925,827	357.31	2,986	4,158,165	1,378.8
Stonnington C		114,038	3,000,081	26.31	256	622,995	2,382.4
Strathbogie S	#	11,739	4,499,894	380.35	2,215	3,037,448	1,356.6
Surf Coast S		39,928	3,684,353	92.27	1,130	2,236,247	1,959.8
Swan Hill RC		21,094	6,385,309	302.71	3,480	3,185,699	902.2
Towong S	#	6,237	4,157,116	655.30	1,183	2,422,034	2,028.5
Wangaratta RC	#	30,169	6,501,545	214.34	1,862	3,246,261	1,727.7
Warrnambool C		36,150	4,714,256	130.41	379	951,329	2,473.3
Wellington S	#	46,533	12,262,556	260.42	3,038	6,528,950	2,135.4
West Wimmera S	#	3,913	4,743,737	1203.85	2,751	3,150,110	1,131.1
Whitehorse C		183,462	4,826,469	26.31	641	1,470,008	2,267.3
Whittlesea C		253,204	17,309,206	68.36	1,477	3,364,744	2,260.9
Wodonga C	#	44,824	6,488,083	143.18	546	1,219,107	2,204.2
Wyndham C		337,009	25,621,159	76.03	1,851	3,909,282	2,096.2
Yarra C		100,706	2,649,347	26.31	216	552,155	2,499.6
Yarra Ranges S	#	160,137	14,191,691	87.66	1,768	4,450,460	2,501.8
Yarriambiack S	#	6,346	4,734,893	740.61	4,982	2,971,753	584.1
		6,978,653	611,975,150	87.69	134,230	218,329,295	1,610.3

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Appendix 4

2025-26 General Purpose Grants

A. Major Cost Drivers (Units)

	Estimated Resident Population (June 2024)	Modified Population			Population > 60 Years + Disabled Pensioners + Carers	No. of Dwellings
		# (min 25,000 – 300,000)	* (min 17,500)	* (no min)		
Alpine S	13,598	25,000	17,500	14,785	5,331	7,619
Ararat RC	11,686	25,000	17,500	11,721	4,853	5,361
Ballarat C	121,050	121,050	121,050	121,050	39,105	53,726
Banyule C	131,931	131,931	131,931	131,931	37,971	54,006
Bass Coast S	43,557	56,008	56,008	56,008	20,054	32,459
Baw Baw S	62,040	62,040	62,040	62,040	21,217	26,852
Bayside C	106,118	106,118	106,118	106,118	32,270	43,280
Benalla RC	14,635	25,000	17,500	14,635	6,963	7,455
Boroondara C	178,008	178,784	178,784	178,784	45,600	73,382
Brimbank C	198,152	198,152	198,152	198,152	59,315	70,554
Buloke S	5,956	25,000	17,500	6,239	2,876	3,307
Campaspe S	38,153	38,153	38,153	38,153	15,805	17,967
Cardinia S	130,383	130,383	130,383	130,383	28,231	47,801
Casey C	405,415	300,000	405,415	405,415	82,484	134,728
Central Goldfields S	13,704	25,000	17,500	13,776	7,186	7,280
Colac Otway S	22,300	25,000	24,613	24,613	8,638	12,843
Corangamite S	15,846	25,000	17,500	16,228	6,522	7,862
Darebin C	159,963	159,963	159,963	159,963	38,875	67,186
East Gippsland S	49,422	52,213	52,213	52,213	24,113	26,510
Frankston C	144,615	144,615	144,615	144,615	41,896	59,790
Gannawarra S	10,404	25,000	17,500	10,477	4,906	5,296
Glen Eira C	161,057	161,057	161,057	161,057	38,257	68,690
Glenelg S	20,007	25,000	20,460	20,460	8,899	10,371
Golden Plains S	26,337	26,337	26,337	26,337	7,246	9,999
Greater Bendigo C	125,805	125,805	125,805	125,805	43,063	54,993
Greater Dandenong C	167,298	167,298	167,298	167,298	45,989	59,490
Greater Geelong C	289,565	289,565	289,565	289,565	91,764	129,560
Greater Shepparton C	69,874	69,874	69,874	69,874	23,744	30,135
Hepburn S	16,824	25,000	18,330	18,330	7,541	9,793
Hindmarsh S	5,464	25,000	17,500	5,843	2,513	3,030
Hobsons Bay C	95,633	95,633	95,633	95,633	25,950	39,002
Horsham RC	20,376	25,000	20,376	20,376	7,268	9,804
Hume C	271,709	271,709	271,709	271,709	64,120	93,557
Indigo S	17,788	25,000	17,788	17,788	6,602	8,096
Kingston C	166,521	166,521	166,521	166,521	47,380	68,316
Knox C	163,302	163,302	163,302	163,302	47,555	62,155
Latrobe C	78,845	78,845	78,845	78,845	30,218	36,884
Loddon S	7,755	25,000	17,500	8,380	3,916	4,455

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A. Major Cost Drivers (Units)

	Estimated Resident Population (June 2024)	Modified Population			Population > 60 Years + Disabled Pensioners + Carers	No. of Dwellings
		# (min 25,000 – 300,000)	* (min 17,500)	* (no min)		
Macedon Ranges S	53,738	53,738	53,738	53,738	16,290	21,403
Manningham C	131,761	131,761	131,761	131,761	40,946	51,786
Mansfield S	11,146	25,000	17,500	13,907	4,310	7,645
Maribyrnong C	94,251	95,432	95,432	95,432	18,208	40,766
Maroondah C	119,354	119,354	119,354	119,354	33,492	47,614
Melbourne C	189,381	214,216	214,216	214,216	19,783	114,882
Melton C	219,697	219,697	219,697	219,697	39,575	74,012
Merri-bek C	186,534	186,534	186,534	186,534	40,593	79,000
Mildura RC	57,626	57,626	57,626	57,626	20,056	26,390
Mitchell S	56,384	56,384	56,384	56,384	15,038	22,406
Moir S	30,836	31,693	31,693	31,693	13,493	15,323
Monash C	209,268	209,268	209,268	209,268	52,162	80,522
Moonee Valley C	129,732	129,732	129,732	129,732	34,642	55,205
Moorabool S	39,814	39,814	39,814	39,814	11,460	16,735
Mornington Peninsula S	171,450	195,654	195,654	195,654	68,747	94,933
Mount Alexander S	20,799	25,000	20,984	20,984	9,077	10,433
Moyne S	17,717	25,000	18,948	18,948	6,181	8,779
Murrindindi S	15,603	25,000	17,500	16,851	6,597	8,718
Nillumbik S	63,693	63,693	63,693	63,693	17,778	22,056
Northern Grampians S	11,808	25,000	17,500	12,128	5,333	6,410
Port Phillip C	112,669	118,961	118,961	118,961	25,062	63,497
Pyrenees S	7,958	25,000	17,500	8,411	3,537	4,097
Queenscliffe B	3,302	25,000	17,500	4,544	1,982	3,137
South Gippsland S	31,022	34,740	34,740	34,740	12,955	17,439
Southern Grampians S	16,525	25,000	17,500	16,746	6,812	8,501
Stonnington C	114,038	119,455	119,455	119,455	26,366	59,351
Strathbogie S	11,739	25,000	17,500	12,232	5,578	6,463
Surf Coast S	39,928	47,455	47,455	47,455	11,759	22,711
Swan Hill RC	21,094	25,000	21,094	21,094	6,980	9,952
Towong S	6,237	25,000	17,500	6,476	2,800	3,195
Wangaratta RC	30,169	30,169	30,169	30,169	11,785	14,014
Warrnambool C	36,150	36,150	36,150	36,150	12,699	16,212
Wellington S	46,533	50,013	50,013	50,013	18,273	24,251
West Wimmera S	3,913	25,000	17,500	4,209	1,677	2,344
Whitehorse C	183,462	183,462	183,462	183,462	47,950	74,570
Whittlesea C	253,204	253,204	253,204	253,204	59,642	88,254
Wodonga C	44,824	44,824	44,824	44,824	14,260	18,875
Wyndham C	337,009	300,000	337,009	337,009	49,667	116,762
Yarra C	100,706	103,610	103,610	103,610	18,888	50,502
Yarra Ranges S	160,137	160,137	160,137	160,137	46,770	61,995
Yarriambiack S	6,346	25,000	17,500	6,743	3,305	3,526
	6,978,653	7,257,132	7,219,648	7,091,478	1,898,740	2,938,261

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B. Statewide Average Expenditure & Revenue Data

Function	Function Summary				
	Expenditure			Revenue	
	Unit	Statewide Actual Expenditure (\$)	Statewide Average Expenditure per unit (\$/unit)	Statewide Actual Grant Revenue (\$)	Statewide Average Grant Revenue per unit (\$/unit)
Major Cost Drivers					
Governance Modified Population* (25,000-300,000)	7,257,132	575,471,559	79.30	13,638,196	1.88
Family & Community Services Population	6,978,653	1,158,812,227	166.05	391,747,784	56.14
Aged & Disabled Services Pop. >60 yrs + Disabled Pensioners + Carers	1,898,740	465,232,506	245.02	214,297,419	112.86
Recreation & Culture Modified Population*	7,091,478	2,891,453,294	407.74	38,829,259	5.48
Waste Management No. of Dwellings	2,938,261	1,240,002,053	422.02	2,549,685	0.87
Traffic & Street Management Modified Population*	7,091,478	1,095,899,749	154.54	26,305,531	3.71
Environment Modified Population* (min 17,500)	7,219,648	696,359,194	96.45	6,149,177	0.85
Business & Economic Services Modified Population* (min 17,500)	7,219,648	1,007,135,301	139.50	6,999,703	0.97
Local Roads & Bridges		1,637,999,549		205,725,502	
		10,768,365,433		906,242,256	

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	Aged Pensioners		Economies of Scale	Environmental Risk
	No.	No./ Pop >60 +Disabled +Carers (%)	ERP (p) June 2024	(Fire & Flood) Rating
Alpine S	1,900	35.6	13,598	45.7
Ararat RC	1,680	34.6	11,686	18.3
Ballarat C	13,555	34.7	121,050	15.3
Banyule C	11,320	29.8	131,931	1.7
Bass Coast S	7,280	36.3	43,557	15.0
Baw Baw S	7,470	35.2	62,040	11.3
Bayside C	6,660	20.6	106,118	
Benalla RC	2,600	37.3	14,635	63.5
Boroondara C	8,405	18.4	178,008	1.2
Brimbank C	21,360	36.0	198,152	0.8
Buloke S	975	33.9	5,956	25.5
Campaspe S	5,970	37.8	38,153	24.9
Cardinia S	9,560	33.9	130,383	29.7
Casey C	25,975	31.5	405,415	5.2
Central Goldfields S	3,010	41.9	13,704	65.5
Colac Otway S	2,935	34.0	22,300	35.4
Corangamite S	2,225	34.1	15,846	22.8
Darebin C	13,235	34.0	159,963	1.4
East Gippsland S	9,650	40.0	49,422	27.5
Frankston C	14,750	35.2	144,615	11.4
Gannawarra S	2,000	40.8	10,404	37.6
Glen Eira C	10,395	27.2	161,057	
Glenelg S	3,130	35.2	20,007	37.4
Golden Plains S	2,250	31.1	26,337	42.6
Greater Bendigo C	15,160	35.2	125,805	20.8
Greater Dandenong C	17,090	37.2	167,298	1.4
Greater Geelong C	32,725	35.7	289,565	10.1
Greater Shepparton C	8,175	34.4	69,874	45.3
Hepburn S	2,525	33.5	16,824	43.9
Hindmarsh S	880	35.0	5,464	13.3
Hobsons Bay C	8,535	32.9	95,633	0.7
Horsham RC	2,515	34.6	20,376	17.1
Hume C	18,520	28.9	271,709	0.8
Indigo S	2,255	34.2	17,788	30.2
Kingston C	16,735	35.3	166,521	3.7
Knox C	16,575	34.9	163,302	5.1
Latrobe C	10,575	35.0	78,845	11.0
Loddon S	1,260	32.2	7,755	55.7

C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Indigenous Population		Language	Population Dispersion Score
	No. (Census 2021)	No./ ERP (p) (%)	% Pop with Low English Proficiency + New Arrivals	
Alpine S	129	0.9	1.2	21.33
Ararat RC	230	1.9	1.5	7.85
Ballarat C	2,094	1.8	0.9	0.67
Banyule C	871	0.7	3.5	
Bass Coast S	464	1.1	0.8	20.22
Baw Baw S	728	1.3	1.0	10.07
Bayside C	263	0.3	2.5	
Benalla RC	277	1.9	0.8	4.51
Boroondara C	440	0.3	6.0	
Brimbank C	855	0.4	16.3	
Buloke S	96	1.6	0.7	34.62
Campaspe S	1,169	3.0	0.8	18.74
Cardinia S	1,145	1.0	3.1	10.52
Casey C	2,400	0.7	8.2	0.32
Central Goldfields S	303	2.2	0.3	5.15
Colac Otway S	315	1.4	2.5	12.04
Corangamite S	204	1.3	0.8	19.17
Darebin C	1,441	1.0	7.1	
East Gippsland S	1,684	3.5	0.8	32.72
Frankston C	1,803	1.3	1.8	
Gannawarra S	264	2.5	0.3	15.27
Glen Eira C	413	0.3	5.2	
Glenelg S	575	2.9	0.2	16.78
Golden Plains S	377	1.5	0.3	14.71
Greater Bendigo C	2,738	2.3	1.6	3.33
Greater Dandenong C	614	0.4	20.7	
Greater Geelong C	3,562	1.3	2.1	6.83
Greater Shepparton C	2,687	3.9	5.1	4.66
Hepburn S	181	1.1	0.5	13.35
Hindmarsh S	88	1.5	2.6	24.03
Hobsons Bay C	628	0.7	5.0	
Horsham RC	359	1.8	1.0	3.87
Hume C	1,864	0.8	11.2	4.25
Indigo S	277	1.6	0.3	20.98
Kingston C	723	0.5	4.9	
Knox C	1,025	0.6	5.9	0.00
Latrobe C	1,663	2.2	1.2	11.98
Loddon S	173	2.2	0.3	28.24

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	Population Growth			Population Under 6 years	
	ERP (r) June 2021	ERP (p) June 2024	Growth (%)	No.	No. / ERP(p) 2021 (%)
Alpine S	13,549	13,598	0.4	685	5.0
Ararat RC	11,922	11,686	-2.0	689	5.9
Ballarat C	113,183	121,050	7.0	8,396	6.9
Banyule C	129,387	131,931	2.0	8,876	6.7
Bass Coast S	38,825	43,557	12.2	2,359	5.4
Baw Baw S	56,672	62,040	9.5	4,594	7.4
Bayside C	105,580	106,118	0.5	5,485	5.2
Benalla RC	14,131	14,635	3.6	823	5.6
Boroondara C	176,632	178,008	0.8	8,219	4.6
Brimbank C	201,680	198,152	-1.7	13,067	6.6
Buloke S	6,071	5,956	-1.9	337	5.7
Campaspe S	37,762	38,153	1.0	2,366	6.2
Cardinia S	118,675	130,383	9.9	11,920	9.1
Casey C	368,861	405,415	9.9	36,196	8.9
Central Goldfields S	13,154	13,704	4.2	646	4.7
Colac Otway S	21,532	22,300	3.6	1,417	6.4
Corangamite S	15,813	15,846	0.2	906	5.7
Darebin C	162,501	159,963	-1.6	9,649	6.0
East Gippsland S	48,376	49,422	2.2	2,712	5.5
Frankston C	142,147	144,615	1.7	10,881	7.5
Gannawarra S	10,438	10,404	-0.3	597	5.7
Glen Eira C	155,123	161,057	3.8	9,750	6.1
Glenelg S	19,559	20,007	2.3	1,133	5.7
Golden Plains S	24,765	26,337	6.3	1,957	7.4
Greater Bendigo C	121,382	125,805	3.6	8,976	7.1
Greater Dandenong C	163,266	167,298	2.5	11,902	7.1
Greater Geelong C	269,508	289,565	7.4	20,420	7.1
Greater Shepparton C	66,786	69,874	4.6	5,165	7.4
Hepburn S	16,281	16,824	3.3	806	4.8
Hindmarsh S	5,564	5,464	-1.8	320	5.9
Hobsons Bay C	96,317	95,633	-0.7	7,042	7.4
Horsham RC	19,961	20,376	2.1	1,436	7.0
Hume C	243,738	271,709	11.5	25,147	9.3
Indigo S	16,979	17,788	4.8	1,106	6.2
Kingston C	164,680	166,521	1.1	10,947	6.6
Knox C	162,769	163,302	0.3	10,196	6.2
Latrobe C	76,156	78,845	3.5	5,352	6.8
Loddon S	7,497	7,755	3.4	401	5.2

C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Regional Services			Remoteness
	Population (Census 2021)	Employed in Service Industries (adjusted)	Total per 100 people	Average Council ARIA Score
Alpine S	13,648	4,598	33.7	3.25
Ararat RC	11,880	3,090	26.0	2.55
Ballarat C	113,763	45,505	40.0	0.47
Banyule C	126,236	38,206	30.3	
Bass Coast S	40,789	9,045	22.2	1.29
Baw Baw S	57,777	12,948	22.4	1.74
Bayside C	101,306	26,096	25.8	
Benalla RC	14,528	3,276	22.5	2.03
Boroondara C	167,900	65,423	39.0	
Brimbank C	194,618	40,761	20.9	
Buloke S	6,178	1,236	20.0	4.64
Campaspe S	38,735	9,543	24.6	1.75
Cardinia S	118,194	19,285	16.3	0.43
Casey C	365,239	56,611	15.5	0.06
Central Goldfields S	13,483	2,900	21.5	1.52
Colac Otway S	22,423	5,840	26.0	2.05
Corangamite S	16,115	3,171	19.7	2.41
Darebin C	148,570	39,964	26.9	
East Gippsland S	48,715	11,518	23.6	5.21
Frankston C	139,281	35,770	25.7	
Gannawarra S	10,683	1,873	17.5	3.39
Glen Eira C	148,908	33,927	22.8	
Glenelg S	20,152	4,382	21.7	3.37
Golden Plains S	24,985	2,265	10.0	1.29
Greater Bendigo C	121,470	48,588	40.0	0.94
Greater Dandenong C	158,208	49,981	31.6	
Greater Geelong C	271,057	108,423	40.0	0.43
Greater Shepparton C	68,409	27,364	40.0	1.43
Hepburn S	16,604	3,758	22.6	1.07
Hindmarsh S	5,698	1,065	18.7	5.62
Hobsons Bay C	91,322	19,610	21.5	
Horsham RC	20,429	8,172	40.0	3.79
Hume C	243,901	46,890	19.2	0.08
Indigo S	17,368	2,927	16.9	1.44
Kingston C	158,129	45,263	28.6	
Knox C	159,103	39,953	25.1	
Latrobe C	77,318	30,927	40.0	1.18
Loddon S	7,759	946	12.2	2.73

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	Socio-Economic Index of Disadvantage	Tourism	
		4 Year Average (visits)	4 Year Average (per capita)
Alpine S	1,028	2,380,361	179.3
Ararat RC	955	443,990	37.5
Ballarat C	986	3,307,447	30.2
Banyule C	1,058	2,257,865	17.2
Bass Coast S	993	4,022,041	110.7
Baw Baw S	1,003	1,216,465	22.7
Bayside C	1,090	1,151,254	10.8
Benalla RC	968	494,866	35.3
Boroondara C	1,090	2,875,030	15.7
Brimbank C	912	1,644,876	7.9
Buloke S	975	143,500	23.4
Campaspe S	965	1,927,133	51.2
Cardinia S	1,021	1,242,559	11.1
Casey C	995	2,802,295	7.9
Central Goldfields S	898	374,000	28.4
Colac Otway S	973	1,702,058	78.9
Corangamite S	985	601,583	37.6
Darebin C	1,018	2,009,795	12.2
East Gippsland S	963	2,934,616	62.0
Frankston C	1,003	1,735,585	12.2
Gannawarra S	952	317,000	30.3
Glen Eira C	1,075	2,466,828	15.8
Glenelg S	952	679,333	34.5
Golden Plains S	1,040	275,000	11.6
Greater Bendigo C	985	3,399,264	28.8
Greater Dandenong C	887	2,156,644	12.8
Greater Geelong C	1,007	6,762,425	26.1
Greater Shepparton C	944	1,934,904	29.1
Hepburn S	1,006	1,587,025	99.3
Hindmarsh S	940	144,402	25.8
Hobsons Bay C	1,021	1,185,065	12.1
Horsham RC	990	749,732	37.6
Hume C	941	2,183,296	9.4
Indigo S	1,029	831,996	49.8
Kingston C	1,044	1,413,075	8.5
Knox C	1,042	1,755,298	10.7
Latrobe C	931	1,565,155	20.7
Loddon S	948	283,500	37.8

C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Aged Pensioners		Economies of Scale	Environmental Risk
	No.	No. / Pop >60 +Disabled +Carers (%)	ERP (p) June 2024	(Fire & Flood) Rating
Macedon Ranges S	4,975	30.5	53,738	29.0
Manningham C	12,060	29.5	131,761	12.5
Mansfield S	1,400	32.5	11,146	55.3
Maribyrnong C	5,620	30.9	94,251	2.2
Maroondah C	11,360	33.9	119,354	4.5
Melbourne C	3,835	19.4	189,381	0.7
Melton C	11,650	29.4	219,697	2.6
Merri-bek C	13,945	34.4	186,534	0.5
Mildura RC	7,200	35.9	57,626	4.4
Mitchell S	4,725	31.4	56,384	20.3
Moir S	5,530	41.0	30,836	29.5
Monash C	16,690	32.0	209,268	0.3
Moonee Valley C	10,865	31.4	129,732	0.9
Moorabool S	3,820	33.3	39,814	28.1
Mornington Peninsula S	23,855	34.7	171,450	17.2
Mount Alexander S	3,305	36.4	20,799	19.1
Moyne S	1,875	30.3	17,717	16.7
Murrindindi S	2,160	32.7	15,603	37.4
Nillumbik S	4,360	24.5	63,693	29.0
Northern Grampians S	1,970	36.9	11,808	57.0
Port Phillip C	5,550	22.1	112,669	
Pyrenees S	1,300	36.8	7,958	61.9
Queenscliffe B	485	24.5	3,302	54.5
South Gippsland S	4,555	35.2	31,022	14.4
Southern Grampians S	2,350	34.5	16,525	16.3
Stonnington C	5,420	20.6	114,038	3.9
Strathbogie S	2,040	36.6	11,739	64.5
Surf Coast S	3,120	26.5	39,928	46.5
Swan Hill RC	2,395	34.3	21,094	2.5
Towong S	920	32.9	6,237	24.3
Wangaratta RC	4,320	36.7	30,169	19.2
Warrnambool C	4,750	37.4	36,150	7.6
Wellington S	6,545	35.8	46,533	42.4
West Wimmera S	545	32.5	3,913	61.9
Whitehorse C	14,935	31.1	183,462	0.6
Whittlesea C	20,490	34.4	253,204	2.1
Wodonga C	4,975	34.9	44,824	7.8
Wyndham C	13,805	27.8	337,009	3.1
Yarra C	4,485	23.7	100,706	5.7
Yarra Ranges S	16,160	34.6	160,137	40.6
Yarriambiack S	1,045	31.6	6,346	7.1
	613,205	32.3	6,978,653	

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	Indigenous Population		Language	Population Dispersion Score
	No. (Census 2021)	No./ ERP (p) (%)	% Pop with Low English Proficiency + New Arrivals	
Macedon Ranges S	481	0.9	0.7	21.31
Manningham C	303	0.2	10.5	0.28
Mansfield S	109	1.0	0.4	12.10
Maribyrnong C	637	0.7	9.5	
Maroondah C	735	0.6	5.2	
Melbourne C	768	0.5	9.5	
Melton C	2,128	1.2	6.2	11.11
Merri-bek C	1,088	0.6	5.9	
Mildura RC	2,619	4.6	5.4	14.30
Mitchell S	1,073	2.2	1.9	22.40
Moirā S	644	2.1	1.7	24.90
Monash C	522	0.3	11.5	
Moonee Valley C	571	0.5	4.6	
Moorabool S	550	1.5	1.1	19.05
Mornington Peninsula S	1,723	1.0	0.6	7.60
Mount Alexander S	265	1.3	0.3	6.21
Moyne S	303	1.7	0.3	20.78
Murrindindi S	256	1.7	0.3	26.61
Nillumbik S	375	0.6	1.0	1.10
Northern Grampians S	226	1.9	1.9	21.16
Port Phillip C	505	0.5	2.9	
Pyrenees S	143	1.9	0.1	18.62
Queenscliffe B	11	0.3	0.3	
South Gippsland S	357	1.2	0.6	16.73
Southern Grampians S	390	2.4	0.4	10.83
Stonnington C	373	0.4	3.6	
Strathbogie S	217	1.9	0.9	19.47
Surf Coast S	238	0.6	0.4	9.11
Swan Hill RC	962	4.5	9.0	23.83
Towong S	115	1.8	0.3	32.25
Wangaratta RC	567	1.9	0.9	5.69
Warrnambool C	707	2.0	1.7	0.48
Wellington S	932	2.0	0.7	21.05
West Wimmera S	45	1.1	0.2	32.64
Whitehorse C	521	0.3	11.7	
Whittlesea C	2,279	1.0	8.4	0.53
Wodonga C	1,477	3.4	2.0	1.00
Wyndham C	2,508	0.9	8.6	0.10
Yarra C	512	0.6	4.6	
Yarra Ranges S	1,711	1.1	1.6	9.66
Yarriambiack S	114	1.7	0.4	24.30
	65,182	1.0		

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	Population Growth			Population Under 6 years	
	ERP (r) June 2021	ERP (p) June 2024	Growth (%)	No.	No. / ERP(p) 2021 (%)
Macedon Ranges S	51,743	53,738	3.9	3,651	6.8
Manningham C	126,924	131,761	3.8	7,065	5.4
Mansfield S	10,022	11,146	11.2	517	4.6
Maribyrnong C	93,467	94,251	0.8	6,253	6.6
Maroondah C	117,484	119,354	1.6	8,317	7.0
Melbourne C	169,860	189,381	11.5	5,083	2.7
Melton C	179,107	219,697	22.7	21,590	9.8
Merri-bek C	184,707	186,534	1.0	12,130	6.5
Mildura RC	55,235	57,626	4.3	3,976	6.9
Mitchell S	49,216	56,384	14.6	4,888	8.7
Moirā S	30,001	30,836	2.8	1,875	6.1
Monash C	197,980	209,268	5.7	10,615	5.1
Moonee Valley C	129,379	129,732	0.3	7,563	5.8
Moorabool S	36,773	39,814	8.3	2,954	7.4
Mornington Peninsula S	168,865	171,450	1.5	9,560	5.6
Mount Alexander S	20,196	20,799	3.0	1,063	5.1
Moyne S	17,221	17,717	2.9	1,206	6.8
Murrindindi S	14,887	15,603	4.8	853	5.5
Nillumbik S	64,659	63,693	-1.5	3,957	6.2
Northern Grampians S	11,381	11,808	3.8	684	5.8
Port Phillip C	112,092	112,669	0.5	5,047	4.5
Pyrenees S	7,622	7,958	4.4	403	5.1
Queenscliffe B	3,054	3,302	8.1	106	3.2
South Gippsland S	30,455	31,022	1.9	1,806	5.8
Southern Grampians S	16,047	16,525	3.0	1,040	6.3
Stonnington C	114,340	114,038	-0.3	4,725	4.1
Strathbogie S	11,167	11,739	5.1	617	5.3
Surf Coast S	36,278	39,928	10.1	2,923	7.3
Swan Hill RC	20,159	21,094	4.6	1,608	7.6
Towong S	6,073	6,237	2.7	337	5.4
Wangaratta RC	29,379	30,169	2.7	1,881	6.2
Warrnambool C	35,607	36,150	1.5	2,341	6.5
Wellington S	45,092	46,533	3.2	2,939	6.3
West Wimmera S	3,750	3,913	4.3	282	7.2
Whitehorse C	175,970	183,462	4.3	9,654	5.3
Whittlesea C	237,932	253,204	6.4	21,151	8.4
Wodonga C	43,186	44,824	3.8	3,405	7.6
Wyndham C	289,571	337,009	16.4	35,322	10.5
Yarra C	99,622	100,706	1.1	4,602	4.6
Yarra Ranges S	158,831	160,137	0.8	11,869	7.4
Yarriambiack S	6,451	6,346	-1.6	361	5.7
	6,649,007	6,978,653	5.0	479,094	6.9

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Regional Services			Remoteness
	Population (Census 2021)	Employed in Service Industries (adjusted)	Total per 100 people	Average Council ARIA Score
Macedon Ranges S	51,458	10,835	21.1	0.86
Manningham C	124,700	25,690	20.6	0.03
Mansfield S	10,517	3,082	29.3	3.27
Maribyrnong C	85,209	30,520	35.8	
Maroondah C	115,043	30,901	26.9	
Melbourne C	149,615	52,365	35.0	
Melton C	178,960	25,108	14.0	0.14
Merri-bek C	171,357	33,110	19.3	
Mildura RC	56,972	22,789	40.0	5.31
Mitchell S	49,460	9,425	19.1	1.11
Moir S	30,522	5,881	19.3	1.99
Monash C	190,397	78,955	41.5	
Moonee Valley C	121,851	31,499	25.9	
Moorabool S	37,632	6,055	16.1	0.82
Mornington Peninsula S	168,948	41,586	24.6	0.14
Mount Alexander S	20,253	4,684	23.1	1.02
Moyne S	17,374	2,345	13.5	2.47
Murrindindi S	15,197	2,806	18.5	1.84
Nillumbik S	62,895	11,162	17.7	0.25
Northern Grampians S	11,948	2,886	24.2	2.91
Port Phillip C	101,942	35,680	35.0	
Pyrenees S	7,671	1,084	14.1	1.85
Queenscliffe B	3,276	1,238	37.8	0.51
South Gippsland S	30,577	6,204	20.3	2.23
Southern Grampians S	16,588	4,585	27.6	3.45
Stonnington C	104,703	36,646	35.0	
Strathbogie S	11,455	2,106	18.4	1.84
Surf Coast S	37,694	8,509	22.6	0.98
Swan Hill RC	21,403	5,333	24.9	4.54
Towong S	6,223	1,156	18.6	3.38
Wangaratta RC	29,808	9,267	31.1	2.30
Warrnambool C	35,406	14,162	40.0	1.44
Wellington S	45,639	10,972	24.0	3.04
West Wimmera S	4,006	666	16.6	5.36
Whitehorse C	169,346	59,393	35.1	
Whittlesea C	229,396	42,678	18.6	0.20
Wodonga C	43,253	17,301	40.0	0.89
Wyndham C	292,011	51,143	17.5	0.19
Yarra C	90,114	31,540	35.0	
Yarra Ranges S	156,068	28,971	18.6	1.07
Yarriambiack S	6,556	1,315	20.1	4.97
	6,494,324	1,712,733	26.4	

C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Socio-Economic Index of Disadvantage	Tourism	
		4 Year Average (visits)	4 Year Average (per capita)
Macedon Ranges S	1,063	1,452,314	28.9
Manningham C	1,056	1,669,632	13.1
Mansfield S	1,028	1,597,852	169.2
Maribyrnong C	1,010	1,745,059	18.7
Maroondah C	1,041	1,035,596	8.7
Melbourne C	1,017	42,937,310	239.9
Melton C	985	1,149,947	7.0
Merri-bek C	1,027	2,850,538	15.3
Mildura RC	940	2,129,557	38.2
Mitchell S	1,000	907,373	19.7
Moirs S	958	1,536,496	51.3
Monash C	1,042	5,333,031	26.3
Moonee Valley C	1,041	1,695,535	13.0
Moorabool S	1,017	598,989	17.1
Mornington Peninsula S	1,038	7,977,744	47.6
Mount Alexander S	1,007	834,942	42.3
Moyne S	1,029	729,355	43.0
Murrindindi S	1,005	1,206,885	82.8
Nillumbik S	1,093	550,830	8.5
Northern Grampians S	951	1,035,868	90.8
Port Phillip C	1,061	3,599,218	31.1
Pyrenees S	959	338,250	45.3
Queenscliffe B	1,082	716,447	243.7
South Gippsland S	1,003	1,700,202	56.8
Southern Grampians S	994	558,509	34.7
Stonnington C	1,084	3,431,380	29.1
Strathbogie S	982	464,500	43.1
Surf Coast S	1,086	3,744,050	111.9
Swan Hill RC	941	1,016,732	49.2
Towong S	1,001	271,000	44.9
Wangaratta RC	988	1,221,669	41.9
Warrnambool C	995	1,962,963	55.8
Wellington S	973	1,706,650	38.5
West Wimmera S	991	164,750	42.9
Whitehorse C	1,043	4,181,719	23.4
Whittlesea C	990	1,354,864	5.9
Wodonga C	973	651,641	15.5
Wyndham C	1,006	3,759,851	13.9
Yarra C	1,046	2,361,853	23.3
Yarra Ranges S	1,041	3,727,239	23.4
Yarriambiack S	946	275,500	41.5
		181,141,095	27.5

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Aged Pensioners	Economies of Scale				Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)	
	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No. of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)
Alpine S	1.090	1.251	1.228	1.243	1.249	1.232	1.469
Ararat RC	1.062	1.254	1.231	1.246	1.252	1.235	1.107
Ballarat C	1.063	1.082	1.062	1.075	1.080	1.065	1.067
Banyule C	0.933	1.065	1.045	1.058	1.063	1.048	0.888
Bass Coast S	1.107	1.204	1.181	1.197	1.202	1.186	1.063
Baw Baw S	1.078	1.175	1.153	1.168	1.173	1.157	1.014
Bayside C	0.688	1.105	1.085	1.099	1.104	1.089	0.865
Benalla RC	1.135	1.250	1.226	1.242	1.248	1.231	1.704
Boroondara C	0.629	0.992	0.973	0.986	0.990	0.977	0.881
Brimbank C	1.100	0.960	0.942	0.954	0.959	0.946	0.876
Buloke S	1.043	1.263	1.240	1.255	1.261	1.244	1.202
Campaspe S	1.147	1.212	1.190	1.205	1.211	1.194	1.194
Cardinia S	1.042	1.067	1.047	1.061	1.065	1.051	1.258
Casey C	0.978	0.634	0.622	0.630	0.633	0.624	0.934
Central Goldfields S	1.257	1.251	1.228	1.243	1.249	1.232	1.730
Colac Otway S	1.045	1.237	1.214	1.230	1.235	1.219	1.333
Corangamite S	1.049	1.248	1.224	1.240	1.246	1.229	1.166
Darebin C	1.047	1.021	1.001	1.014	1.019	1.005	0.884
East Gippsland S	1.207	1.195	1.172	1.187	1.193	1.177	1.228
Frankston C	1.078	1.045	1.025	1.038	1.043	1.029	1.016
Gannawarra S	1.227	1.256	1.233	1.248	1.254	1.237	1.362
Glen Eira C	0.863	1.019	1.000	1.012	1.017	1.003	0.865
Glenelg S	1.077	1.241	1.218	1.233	1.239	1.222	1.359
Golden Plains S	0.967	1.231	1.208	1.223	1.229	1.212	1.428
Greater Bendigo C	1.078	1.074	1.054	1.068	1.073	1.058	1.140
Greater Dandenong C	1.130	1.009	0.990	1.003	1.007	0.994	0.884
Greater Geelong C	1.090	0.816	0.801	0.811	0.815	0.804	0.999
Greater Shepparton C	1.057	1.162	1.141	1.155	1.161	1.145	1.464
Hepburn S	1.032	1.246	1.223	1.238	1.244	1.227	1.445
Hindmarsh S	1.073	1.264	1.240	1.256	1.262	1.245	1.041
Hobsons Bay C	1.016	1.122	1.101	1.115	1.120	1.105	0.874
Horsham RC	1.062	1.240	1.217	1.233	1.238	1.222	1.091
Hume C	0.909	0.844	0.829	0.839	0.843	0.832	0.876
Indigo S	1.050	1.245	1.221	1.237	1.243	1.226	1.264
Kingston C	1.081	1.010	0.991	1.004	1.009	0.995	0.914
Knox C	1.069	1.015	0.996	1.009	1.014	1.000	0.933
Latrobe C	1.072	1.148	1.127	1.141	1.146	1.131	1.011
Loddon S	0.997	1.260	1.237	1.253	1.258	1.241	1.601

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds vacancy rate to take account of part-time residents.

D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Indigenous Population		Language			
	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years
Alpine S	0.991	0.984	0.822	0.831	0.823	0.841
Ararat RC	1.185	1.177	0.833	0.843	0.834	0.853
Ballarat C	1.167	1.159	0.811	0.820	0.812	0.830
Banyule C	0.941	0.935	0.907	0.918	0.909	0.929
Bass Coast S	1.029	1.022	0.804	0.814	0.806	0.823
Baw Baw S	1.053	1.046	0.812	0.822	0.814	0.832
Bayside C	0.857	0.851	0.871	0.881	0.872	0.891
Benalla RC	1.180	1.172	0.805	0.815	0.807	0.824
Boroondara C	0.857	0.851	1.002	1.014	1.004	1.026
Brimbank C	0.892	0.886	1.394	1.410	1.396	1.427
Buloke S	1.110	1.103	0.800	0.809	0.801	0.819
Campaspe S	1.397	1.388	0.807	0.816	0.808	0.826
Cardinia S	0.996	0.989	0.891	0.902	0.893	0.912
Casey C	0.935	0.928	1.084	1.097	1.086	1.110
Central Goldfields S	1.246	1.238	0.784	0.794	0.786	0.803
Colac Otway S	1.081	1.074	0.871	0.881	0.872	0.892
Corangamite S	1.054	1.047	0.803	0.813	0.805	0.822
Darebin C	0.996	0.989	1.042	1.054	1.044	1.067
East Gippsland S	1.483	1.474	0.804	0.813	0.805	0.823
Frankston C	1.060	1.052	0.844	0.854	0.845	0.864
Gannawarra S	1.290	1.282	0.787	0.796	0.788	0.805
Glen Eira C	0.860	0.854	0.973	0.985	0.975	0.996
Glenelg S	1.365	1.356	0.783	0.792	0.784	0.801
Golden Plains S	1.102	1.094	0.785	0.794	0.787	0.804
Greater Bendigo C	1.248	1.239	0.835	0.845	0.837	0.855
Greater Dandenong C	0.882	0.876	1.560	1.578	1.562	1.597
Greater Geelong C	1.063	1.056	0.854	0.864	0.855	0.874
Greater Shepparton C	1.576	1.565	0.969	0.981	0.971	0.992
Hepburn S	1.020	1.013	0.794	0.803	0.795	0.813
Hindmarsh S	1.109	1.101	0.872	0.882	0.873	0.892
Hobsons Bay C	0.941	0.934	0.963	0.974	0.964	0.985
Horsham RC	1.150	1.143	0.812	0.822	0.814	0.832
Hume C	0.956	0.949	1.198	1.212	1.200	1.227
Indigo S	1.118	1.111	0.788	0.797	0.789	0.806
Kingston C	0.895	0.889	0.961	0.972	0.963	0.984
Knox C	0.932	0.926	0.998	1.010	1.000	1.021
Latrobe C	1.227	1.219	0.822	0.832	0.823	0.841
Loddon S	1.243	1.235	0.788	0.797	0.789	0.807

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Major Cost Driver	Population Dispersion					
	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years	No. of Dwellings
Alpine S	1.445	1.415	1.431	1.442	1.406	1.429
Ararat RC	1.097	1.074	1.086	1.094	1.067	1.085
Ballarat C	0.911	0.893	0.902	0.909	0.886	0.902
Banyule C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Bass Coast S	1.416	1.387	1.402	1.413	1.377	1.401
Baw Baw S	1.154	1.130	1.142	1.151	1.122	1.142
Bayside C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Benalla RC	1.010	0.990	1.001	1.008	0.983	1.000
Boroondara C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Brimbank C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Buloke S	1.788	1.751	1.770	1.784	1.739	1.769
Campaspe S	1.378	1.350	1.364	1.375	1.340	1.363
Cardinia S	1.165	1.142	1.154	1.163	1.134	1.153
Casey C	0.902	0.884	0.893	0.900	0.878	0.893
Central Goldfields S	1.027	1.006	1.017	1.025	0.999	1.016
Colac Otway S	1.205	1.180	1.193	1.202	1.172	1.192
Corangamite S	1.389	1.361	1.375	1.386	1.351	1.374
Darebin C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
East Gippsland S	1.738	1.703	1.722	1.735	1.691	1.720
Frankston C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Gannawarra S	1.288	1.262	1.275	1.285	1.253	1.274
Glen Eira C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Glenelg S	1.327	1.300	1.314	1.324	1.291	1.313
Golden Plains S	1.274	1.248	1.261	1.271	1.239	1.260
Greater Bendigo C	0.980	0.960	0.970	0.978	0.953	0.970
Greater Dandenong C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Greater Geelong C	1.070	1.049	1.060	1.068	1.041	1.059
Greater Shepparton C	1.014	0.994	1.004	1.012	0.987	1.004
Hepburn S	1.238	1.213	1.226	1.236	1.205	1.225
Hindmarsh S	1.514	1.483	1.499	1.511	1.473	1.498
Hobsons Bay C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Horsham RC	0.994	0.974	0.984	0.992	0.967	0.983
Hume C	1.003	0.983	0.994	1.001	0.976	0.993
Indigo S	1.435	1.406	1.421	1.432	1.397	1.420
Kingston C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Knox C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.885
Latrobe C	1.203	1.179	1.191	1.201	1.170	1.190
Loddon S	1.623	1.590	1.607	1.620	1.579	1.606

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Population Growth			Population < 6 years
	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population
Alpine S	0.839	0.839	0.838	0.795
Ararat RC	0.766	0.766	0.765	0.889
Ballarat C	1.044	1.044	1.042	1.003
Banyule C	0.889	0.889	0.888	0.980
Bass Coast S	1.207	1.207	1.205	0.836
Baw Baw S	1.122	1.123	1.121	1.055
Bayside C	0.843	0.844	0.842	0.809
Benalla RC	0.938	0.939	0.937	0.859
Boroondara C	0.852	0.852	0.851	0.749
Brimbank C	0.773	0.774	0.772	0.966
Buloke S	0.769	0.769	0.768	0.863
Campaspe S	0.860	0.860	0.859	0.923
Cardinia S	1.134	1.135	1.133	1.246
Casey C	1.136	1.136	1.134	1.222
Central Goldfields S	0.958	0.958	0.956	0.759
Colac Otway S	0.938	0.939	0.937	0.939
Corangamite S	0.834	0.834	0.833	0.870
Darebin C	0.779	0.779	0.778	0.904
East Gippsland S	0.895	0.895	0.894	0.844
Frankston C	0.882	0.882	0.880	1.068
Gannawarra S	0.817	0.818	0.816	0.872
Glen Eira C	0.947	0.947	0.945	0.906
Glenelg S	0.899	0.899	0.898	0.864
Golden Plains S	1.025	1.025	1.024	1.058
Greater Bendigo C	0.941	0.941	0.940	1.025
Greater Dandenong C	0.904	0.905	0.903	1.023
Greater Geelong C	1.059	1.059	1.058	1.016
Greater Shepparton C	0.971	0.972	0.970	1.053
Hepburn S	0.931	0.932	0.930	0.768
Hindmarsh S	0.772	0.772	0.771	0.886
Hobsons Bay C	0.806	0.806	0.804	1.050
Horsham RC	0.892	0.893	0.891	1.016
Hume C	1.184	1.185	1.183	1.258
Indigo S	0.976	0.976	0.974	0.924
Kingston C	0.862	0.863	0.861	0.964
Knox C	0.838	0.838	0.837	0.927
Latrobe C	0.937	0.938	0.936	0.987
Loddon S	0.935	0.935	0.933	0.810

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Regional Services				Remoteness	
Major Cost Driver		Modified Pop*	Modified Pop*		Modified Pop*	Modified Pop*
	Population	(min 17,500)	(no min)	No of Dwellings	(25,000-300,000)	(min 17,500)
Alpine S	1.155	1.156	1.154	1.140	1.441	1.425
Ararat RC	0.994	0.995	0.993	0.981	1.327	1.313
Ballarat C	1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	0.989	0.979
Banyule C	1.083	1.084	1.082	1.069	0.913	0.903
Bass Coast S	0.914	0.915	0.913	0.902	1.122	1.110
Baw Baw S	0.918	0.920	0.918	0.907	1.196	1.183
Bayside C	0.989	0.990	0.988	0.976	0.913	0.903
Benalla RC	0.921	0.923	0.921	0.910	1.243	1.229
Boroondara C	1.265	1.267	1.264	1.249	0.913	0.903
Brimbank C	0.888	0.889	0.887	0.877	0.913	0.903
Buloke S	0.868	0.869	0.868	0.857	1.667	1.649
Campaspe S	0.965	0.966	0.965	0.953	1.197	1.184
Cardinia S	0.791	0.792	0.790	0.781	0.983	0.972
Casey C	0.774	0.775	0.773	0.764	0.923	0.913
Central Goldfields S	0.900	0.901	0.899	0.888	1.160	1.147
Colac Otway S	0.994	0.996	0.994	0.982	1.246	1.232
Corangamite S	0.861	0.862	0.861	0.850	1.304	1.290
Darebin C	1.012	1.014	1.012	1.000	0.913	0.903
East Gippsland S	0.944	0.946	0.944	0.932	1.759	1.740
Frankston C	0.987	0.988	0.986	0.974	0.913	0.903
Gannawarra S	0.816	0.818	0.816	0.806	1.464	1.448
Glen Eira C	0.926	0.928	0.926	0.915	0.913	0.903
Glenelg S	0.904	0.906	0.904	0.893	1.460	1.445
Golden Plains S	0.659	0.660	0.658	0.650	1.122	1.110
Greater Bendigo C	1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.066	1.054
Greater Dandenong C	1.111	1.112	1.110	1.097	0.913	0.903
Greater Geelong C	1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	0.983	0.972
Greater Shepparton C	1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.145	1.133
Hepburn S	0.923	0.924	0.923	0.911	1.087	1.075
Hindmarsh S	0.841	0.842	0.840	0.830	1.826	1.806
Hobsons Bay C	0.899	0.900	0.898	0.887	0.913	0.903
Horsham RC	1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.529	1.512
Hume C	0.852	0.853	0.851	0.841	0.926	0.916
Indigo S	0.802	0.803	0.802	0.792	1.147	1.134
Kingston C	1.048	1.050	1.048	1.035	0.913	0.903
Knox C	0.975	0.976	0.974	0.963	0.913	0.903
Latrobe C	1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.105	1.093
Loddon S	0.705	0.706	0.704	0.696	1.356	1.342

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Socio-Economic		Tourism			
	Population	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings
Alpine S	0.939	0.932	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Ararat RC	1.192	1.183	1.111	1.103	1.106	1.084
Ballarat C	1.085	1.077	1.052	1.045	1.048	1.027
Banyule C	0.835	0.829	0.947	0.940	0.943	0.924
Bass Coast S	1.061	1.053	1.703	1.691	1.695	1.661
Baw Baw S	1.026	1.018	0.992	0.985	0.988	0.968
Bayside C	0.724	0.719	0.896	0.889	0.892	0.874
Benalla RC	1.147	1.139	1.093	1.085	1.088	1.066
Boroondara C	0.724	0.719	0.935	0.929	0.931	0.912
Brimbank C	1.341	1.331	0.872	0.866	0.868	0.851
Buloke S	1.123	1.114	0.998	0.991	0.993	0.973
Campaspe S	1.158	1.149	1.222	1.213	1.217	1.192
Cardinia S	0.964	0.956	0.898	0.892	0.894	0.876
Casey C	1.054	1.046	0.872	0.866	0.869	0.851
Central Goldfields S	1.390	1.379	1.038	1.030	1.033	1.012
Colac Otway S	1.130	1.121	1.446	1.436	1.440	1.410
Corangamite S	1.088	1.080	1.112	1.104	1.107	1.084
Darebin C	0.974	0.967	0.907	0.901	0.903	0.885
East Gippsland S	1.165	1.156	1.309	1.300	1.304	1.277
Frankston C	1.026	1.018	0.907	0.900	0.903	0.885
Gannawarra S	1.203	1.194	1.053	1.045	1.048	1.027
Glen Eira C	0.776	0.770	0.936	0.929	0.932	0.913
Glenelg S	1.203	1.194	1.087	1.080	1.083	1.061
Golden Plains S	0.898	0.891	0.902	0.896	0.898	0.880
Greater Bendigo C	1.088	1.080	1.041	1.034	1.036	1.015
Greater Dandenong C	1.428	1.417	0.912	0.906	0.908	0.890
Greater Geelong C	1.012	1.004	1.019	1.012	1.015	0.994
Greater Shepparton C	1.231	1.221	1.043	1.036	1.039	1.018
Hepburn S	1.016	1.008	1.611	1.599	1.604	1.571
Hindmarsh S	1.244	1.235	1.017	1.010	1.013	0.992
Hobsons Bay C	0.964	0.956	0.906	0.900	0.903	0.884
Horsham RC	1.071	1.063	1.112	1.104	1.108	1.085
Hume C	1.241	1.231	0.884	0.878	0.880	0.862
Indigo S	0.936	0.929	1.211	1.202	1.206	1.181
Kingston C	0.884	0.877	0.877	0.871	0.874	0.856
Knox C	0.891	0.884	0.895	0.888	0.891	0.873
Latrobe C	1.276	1.266	0.976	0.969	0.972	0.952
Loddon S	1.217	1.207	1.114	1.106	1.109	1.086

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Cost Adjustor	Aged Pensioners	Economies of Scale				Environ-mental Risk (Fire & Flood)	
	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop*		No. of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	
			(25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)			Modified Pop* (no min)
Major Cost Driver							
Macedon Ranges S	0.953	1.188	1.166	1.181	1.186	1.170	1.248
Manningham C	0.924	1.065	1.045	1.058	1.063	1.049	1.030
Mansfield S	1.005	1.255	1.231	1.247	1.253	1.236	1.596
Maribyrnong C	0.962	1.124	1.103	1.117	1.122	1.107	0.894
Maroondah C	1.043	1.085	1.064	1.078	1.083	1.068	0.925
Melbourne C	0.654	0.974	0.956	0.968	0.973	0.959	0.874
Melton C	0.923	0.926	0.909	0.921	0.925	0.912	0.900
Merri-bek C	1.055	0.979	0.960	0.973	0.977	0.964	0.872
Mildura RC	1.097	1.182	1.160	1.174	1.180	1.164	0.923
Mitchell S	0.977	1.184	1.162	1.176	1.182	1.166	1.133
Moira S	1.233	1.224	1.201	1.216	1.222	1.205	1.255
Monash C	0.992	0.943	0.925	0.937	0.941	0.928	0.869
Moonee Valley C	0.975	1.068	1.048	1.062	1.066	1.052	0.877
Moorabool S	1.028	1.210	1.187	1.202	1.208	1.191	1.236
Mornington Peninsula S	1.064	1.002	0.984	0.996	1.001	0.987	1.092
Mount Alexander S	1.110	1.240	1.217	1.232	1.238	1.221	1.118
Moyne S	0.947	1.245	1.221	1.237	1.243	1.226	1.086
Murrindindi S	1.012	1.248	1.225	1.240	1.246	1.229	1.359
Nillumbik S	0.792	1.172	1.150	1.165	1.170	1.154	1.248
Northern Grampians S	1.124	1.254	1.230	1.246	1.252	1.235	1.618
Port Phillip C	0.728	1.095	1.075	1.088	1.093	1.078	0.865
Pyrenees S	1.119	1.260	1.236	1.252	1.258	1.241	1.683
Queenscliffe B	0.790	1.267	1.244	1.260	1.265	1.248	1.585
South Gippsland S	1.077	1.224	1.201	1.216	1.222	1.205	1.055
Southern Grampians S	1.059	1.247	1.223	1.239	1.245	1.228	1.081
Stonnington C	0.685	1.093	1.072	1.086	1.091	1.076	0.917
Strathbogie S	1.115	1.254	1.231	1.246	1.252	1.235	1.717
Surf Coast S	0.846	1.210	1.187	1.202	1.208	1.191	1.479
Swan Hill RC	1.054	1.239	1.216	1.232	1.237	1.220	0.898
Towong S	1.015	1.263	1.239	1.255	1.261	1.244	1.186
Wangaratta RC	1.117	1.225	1.202	1.217	1.223	1.206	1.119
Warrnambool C	1.137	1.216	1.193	1.208	1.214	1.197	0.966
Wellington S	1.094	1.199	1.177	1.192	1.197	1.181	1.425
West Wimmera S	1.006	1.266	1.243	1.259	1.264	1.247	1.683
Whitehorse C	0.969	0.983	0.965	0.977	0.982	0.969	0.873
Whittlesea C	1.055	0.874	0.857	0.868	0.872	0.860	0.893
Wodonga C	1.069	1.202	1.179	1.195	1.200	1.184	0.968
Wyndham C	0.879	0.741	0.728	0.737	0.740	0.730	0.906
Yarra C	0.771	1.114	1.093	1.107	1.112	1.097	0.941
Yarra Ranges S	1.060	1.020	1.001	1.014	1.019	1.005	1.402
Yarriambiack S	0.982	1.263	1.239	1.255	1.261	1.243	0.959

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Indigenous Population		Language			
	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years
Macedon Ranges S	0.989	0.982	0.803	0.812	0.804	0.822
Manningham C	0.853	0.848	1.172	1.185	1.174	1.199
Mansfield S	1.009	1.002	0.790	0.800	0.792	0.809
Maribyrnong C	0.952	0.946	1.136	1.149	1.138	1.163
Maroondah C	0.931	0.925	0.972	0.984	0.974	0.995
Melbourne C	0.906	0.900	1.136	1.150	1.138	1.163
Melton C	1.039	1.032	1.011	1.023	1.013	1.035
Merri-bek C	0.930	0.924	0.997	1.009	0.999	1.021
Mildura RC	1.707	1.696	0.978	0.989	0.980	1.001
Mitchell S	1.231	1.223	0.848	0.858	0.850	0.868
Moira S	1.219	1.211	0.838	0.848	0.839	0.858
Monash C	0.860	0.854	1.210	1.224	1.212	1.239
Moonee Valley C	0.898	0.892	0.949	0.961	0.951	0.972
Moorabool S	1.092	1.085	0.816	0.825	0.817	0.835
Mornington Peninsula S	1.006	0.999	0.798	0.808	0.800	0.817
Mount Alexander S	1.062	1.055	0.786	0.796	0.788	0.805
Moyne S	1.148	1.140	0.785	0.794	0.786	0.803
Murrindindi S	1.136	1.128	0.787	0.796	0.788	0.805
Nillumbik S	0.923	0.917	0.813	0.823	0.814	0.832
Northern Grampians S	1.177	1.169	0.847	0.857	0.848	0.867
Port Phillip C	0.903	0.897	0.886	0.897	0.888	0.907
Pyrenees S	1.171	1.163	0.780	0.789	0.781	0.798
Queenscliffe B	0.872	0.866	0.785	0.795	0.787	0.804
South Gippsland S	1.035	1.028	0.799	0.808	0.800	0.817
Southern Grampians S	1.267	1.258	0.789	0.798	0.790	0.808
Stonnington C	0.876	0.870	0.912	0.922	0.913	0.933
Strathbogie S	1.177	1.169	0.810	0.820	0.811	0.829
Surf Coast S	0.930	0.923	0.791	0.800	0.792	0.809
Swan Hill RC	1.687	1.676	1.115	1.129	1.117	1.142
Towong S	1.168	1.160	0.785	0.795	0.787	0.804
Wangaratta RC	1.179	1.171	0.807	0.817	0.808	0.826
Warrnambool C	1.197	1.189	0.840	0.850	0.841	0.860
Wellington S	1.206	1.198	0.801	0.810	0.802	0.820
West Wimmera S	1.026	1.019	0.784	0.794	0.786	0.803
Whitehorse C	0.866	0.860	1.219	1.233	1.221	1.248
Whittlesea C	1.001	0.994	1.091	1.104	1.093	1.117
Wodonga C	1.475	1.465	0.851	0.861	0.852	0.871
Wyndham C	0.974	0.968	1.100	1.113	1.102	1.126
Yarra C	0.917	0.911	0.948	0.959	0.949	0.970
Yarra Ranges S	1.021	1.014	0.834	0.844	0.835	0.854
Yarriambiack S	1.147	1.139	0.788	0.798	0.790	0.807

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Major Cost Driver	Population	Population Dispersion				
		Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years	No. of Dwellings
Macedon Ranges S	1.444	1.415	1.430	1.441	1.405	1.429
Manningham C	0.901	0.883	0.892	0.899	0.877	0.892
Mansfield S	1.206	1.182	1.194	1.204	1.173	1.193
Maribyrnong C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Maroondah C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Melbourne C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Melton C	1.181	1.157	1.169	1.178	1.149	1.168
Merri-bek C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Mildura RC	1.263	1.237	1.251	1.260	1.229	1.250
Mitchell S	1.472	1.442	1.458	1.469	1.432	1.457
Moir S	1.537	1.505	1.522	1.533	1.495	1.521
Monash C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Moonee Valley C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Moorabool S	1.386	1.357	1.372	1.383	1.348	1.371
Mornington Peninsula S	1.090	1.068	1.079	1.088	1.061	1.079
Mount Alexander S	1.054	1.033	1.044	1.052	1.026	1.043
Moyne S	1.430	1.401	1.416	1.427	1.392	1.415
Murrindindi S	1.581	1.549	1.565	1.578	1.538	1.564
Nillumbik S	0.922	0.904	0.913	0.920	0.897	0.913
Northern Grampians S	1.440	1.411	1.426	1.437	1.401	1.425
Port Phillip C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Pyrenees S	1.374	1.347	1.361	1.372	1.337	1.360
Queenscliffe B	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
South Gippsland S	1.326	1.299	1.313	1.323	1.290	1.312
Southern Grampians S	1.173	1.150	1.162	1.171	1.142	1.161
Stonnington C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Strathbogie S	1.396	1.368	1.383	1.394	1.359	1.382
Surf Coast S	1.129	1.106	1.118	1.127	1.098	1.117
Swan Hill RC	1.509	1.479	1.494	1.506	1.468	1.493
Towong S	1.726	1.691	1.710	1.723	1.680	1.708
Wangaratta RC	1.041	1.020	1.031	1.039	1.013	1.030
Warrnambool C	0.906	0.888	0.897	0.904	0.882	0.897
Wellington S	1.437	1.408	1.423	1.434	1.398	1.422
West Wimmera S	1.736	1.701	1.720	1.733	1.690	1.718
Whitehorse C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Whittlesea C	0.907	0.889	0.899	0.906	0.883	0.898
Wodonga C	0.920	0.901	0.911	0.918	0.895	0.910
Wyndham C	0.896	0.878	0.888	0.895	0.872	0.887
Yarra C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.870	0.884
Yarra Ranges S	1.143	1.120	1.132	1.141	1.112	1.131
Yarriambiack S	1.521	1.490	1.506	1.518	1.480	1.505

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Population Growth			Population < 6 years
	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population
Macedon Ranges S	0.947	0.948	0.946	0.988
Manningham C	0.946	0.946	0.945	0.830
Mansfield S	1.176	1.177	1.175	0.751
Maribyrnong C	0.854	0.854	0.853	0.970
Maroondah C	0.877	0.877	0.876	1.007
Melbourne C	1.532	1.533	1.530	0.696
Melton C	1.532	1.533	1.530	1.321
Merri-bek C	0.858	0.859	0.857	0.956
Mildura RC	0.962	0.963	0.961	0.999
Mitchell S	1.280	1.281	1.279	1.194
Moirs S	0.914	0.914	0.913	0.909
Monash C	1.005	1.005	1.003	0.799
Moonee Valley C	0.836	0.836	0.835	0.882
Moorabool S	1.085	1.085	1.083	1.056
Mornington Peninsula S	0.875	0.876	0.874	0.854
Mount Alexander S	0.920	0.921	0.919	0.803
Moyne S	0.917	0.918	0.916	0.989
Murrindindi S	0.977	0.978	0.976	0.842
Nillumbik S	0.781	0.781	0.780	0.924
Northern Grampians S	0.944	0.945	0.943	0.878
Port Phillip C	0.844	0.844	0.842	0.733
Pyrenees S	0.965	0.965	0.963	0.797
Queenscliffe B	1.080	1.080	1.079	0.696
South Gippsland S	0.885	0.886	0.884	0.881
Southern Grampians S	0.920	0.921	0.919	0.933
Stonnington C	0.819	0.820	0.818	0.696
Strathbogie S	0.987	0.987	0.986	0.819
Surf Coast S	1.140	1.141	1.139	1.046
Swan Hill RC	0.972	0.972	0.970	1.079
Towong S	0.912	0.912	0.910	0.834
Wangaratta RC	0.911	0.912	0.910	0.926
Warrnambool C	0.875	0.875	0.874	0.953
Wellington S	0.927	0.927	0.926	0.935
West Wimmera S	0.963	0.963	0.961	1.032
Whitehorse C	0.960	0.960	0.959	0.819
Whittlesea C	1.027	1.028	1.026	1.159
Wodonga C	0.946	0.946	0.944	1.076
Wyndham C	1.337	1.337	1.335	1.393
Yarra C	0.861	0.862	0.860	0.743
Yarra Ranges S	0.853	0.854	0.852	1.056
Yarriambiack S	0.777	0.777	0.776	0.866

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Major Cost Driver	Cost Adjustor	Regional Services				Remoteness	
		Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)
Macedon Ranges S		0.890	0.891	0.890	0.879	1.053	1.041
Manningham C		0.881	0.882	0.880	0.869	0.918	0.908
Mansfield S		1.063	1.064	1.062	1.049	1.444	1.429
Maribyrnong C		1.199	1.201	1.198	1.184	0.913	0.903
Maroondah C		1.012	1.013	1.011	0.999	0.913	0.903
Melbourne C		1.182	1.184	1.181	1.167	0.913	0.903
Melton C		0.743	0.744	0.743	0.734	0.936	0.926
Merri-bek C		0.854	0.855	0.853	0.843	0.913	0.903
Mildura RC		1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.775	1.756
Mitchell S		0.848	0.849	0.848	0.838	1.093	1.081
Moir S		0.853	0.854	0.852	0.842	1.236	1.223
Monash C		1.317	1.319	1.317	1.301	0.913	0.903
Moonee Valley C		0.990	0.992	0.990	0.978	0.913	0.903
Moorabool S		0.786	0.787	0.786	0.776	1.046	1.035
Mornington Peninsula S		0.965	0.966	0.964	0.952	0.936	0.926
Mount Alexander S		0.933	0.935	0.933	0.922	1.079	1.067
Moyne S		0.732	0.733	0.732	0.723	1.314	1.300
Murrindindi S		0.836	0.837	0.835	0.825	1.212	1.199
Nillumbik S		0.821	0.822	0.820	0.810	0.953	0.943
Northern Grampians S		0.955	0.956	0.954	0.943	1.386	1.371
Port Phillip C		1.182	1.184	1.181	1.167	0.913	0.903
Pyrenees S		0.745	0.746	0.745	0.736	1.213	1.200
Queenscliffe B		1.240	1.242	1.240	1.225	0.996	0.985
South Gippsland S		0.874	0.875	0.874	0.863	1.275	1.261
Southern Grampians S		1.028	1.029	1.027	1.015	1.473	1.457
Stonnington C		1.182	1.184	1.181	1.167	0.913	0.903
Strathbogie S		0.834	0.835	0.834	0.824	1.212	1.199
Surf Coast S		0.922	0.923	0.921	0.910	1.072	1.061
Swan Hill RC		0.971	0.972	0.970	0.959	1.650	1.633
Towong S		0.838	0.839	0.838	0.828	1.462	1.446
Wangaratta RC		1.100	1.102	1.100	1.086	1.286	1.273
Warrnambool C		1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.147	1.134
Wellington S		0.953	0.954	0.952	0.941	1.407	1.392
West Wimmera S		0.797	0.798	0.797	0.787	1.784	1.764
Whitehorse C		1.183	1.185	1.183	1.169	0.913	0.903
Whittlesea C		0.839	0.840	0.838	0.828	0.945	0.935
Wodonga C		1.287	1.288	1.286	1.270	1.057	1.046
Wyndham C		0.816	0.817	0.816	0.806	0.944	0.934
Yarra C		1.182	1.184	1.181	1.167	0.913	0.903
Yarra Ranges S		0.838	0.839	0.837	0.827	1.087	1.075
Yarriambiack S		0.869	0.870	0.869	0.858	1.720	1.702

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Socio-Economic		Tourism			
	Population	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings
Macedon Ranges S	0.818	0.812	1.042	1.035	1.038	1.016
Manningham C	0.842	0.836	0.914	0.908	0.910	0.892
Mansfield S	0.939	0.932	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Maribyrnong C	1.002	0.994	0.959	0.952	0.955	0.936
Maroondah C	0.894	0.887	0.879	0.873	0.875	0.857
Melbourne C	0.977	0.970	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Melton C	1.088	1.080	0.865	0.859	0.861	0.844
Merri-bek C	0.943	0.936	0.932	0.926	0.928	0.910
Mildura RC	1.244	1.235	1.117	1.109	1.112	1.089
Mitchell S	1.036	1.028	0.968	0.961	0.963	0.944
Moirra S	1.182	1.173	1.223	1.214	1.218	1.193
Monash C	0.891	0.884	1.021	1.014	1.016	0.996
Moonee Valley C	0.894	0.887	0.914	0.907	0.910	0.891
Moorabool S	0.977	0.970	0.947	0.940	0.942	0.923
Mornington Peninsula S	0.905	0.898	1.193	1.184	1.188	1.163
Mount Alexander S	1.012	1.004	1.150	1.142	1.145	1.122
Moyne S	0.936	0.929	1.156	1.148	1.151	1.128
Murrindindi S	1.019	1.011	1.477	1.467	1.471	1.441
Nillumbik S	0.714	0.709	0.877	0.871	0.873	0.855
Northern Grampians S	1.206	1.197	1.542	1.531	1.535	1.504
Port Phillip C	0.825	0.819	1.060	1.052	1.055	1.034
Pyrenees S	1.179	1.170	1.174	1.166	1.169	1.145
Queenscliffe B	0.752	0.746	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
South Gippsland S	1.026	1.018	1.267	1.258	1.262	1.236
Southern Grampians S	1.057	1.049	1.089	1.081	1.084	1.062
Stonnington C	0.745	0.740	1.044	1.036	1.039	1.018
Strathbogie S	1.099	1.090	1.156	1.148	1.151	1.128
Surf Coast S	0.738	0.733	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Swan Hill RC	1.241	1.231	1.206	1.197	1.201	1.176
Towong S	1.033	1.025	1.171	1.162	1.166	1.142
Wangaratta RC	1.078	1.070	1.146	1.138	1.142	1.118
Warrnambool C	1.054	1.046	1.259	1.250	1.254	1.228
Wellington S	1.130	1.121	1.119	1.111	1.114	1.092
West Wimmera S	1.068	1.059	1.155	1.147	1.150	1.126
Whitehorse C	0.887	0.881	0.997	0.990	0.993	0.973
Whittlesea C	1.071	1.063	0.856	0.850	0.852	0.835
Wodonga C	1.130	1.121	0.934	0.927	0.930	0.911
Wyndham C	1.016	1.008	0.921	0.914	0.917	0.898
Yarra C	0.877	0.870	0.996	0.989	0.992	0.972
Yarra Ranges S	0.894	0.887	0.997	0.990	0.993	0.973
Yarriambiack S	1.224	1.214	1.144	1.135	1.139	1.115

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E. Composite Cost Adjustors

	Govern- ance	Family & Comm- unity Services	Aged & Disabled Services	Recreation & Culture	Waste Manage- ment	Traffic & Street Manage- ment	Environ- ment	Business & Economic Services
Alpine S	1.191	0.980	1.087	1.330	1.365	1.275	1.367	1.321
Ararat RC	1.106	1.003	1.058	1.031	1.120	1.040	1.137	1.157
Ballarat C	0.952	1.002	0.968	1.085	1.000	1.089	1.005	1.102
Banyule C	0.931	0.914	0.882	0.983	0.956	0.982	0.911	1.008
Bass Coast S	1.111	1.050	1.115	1.223	1.312	1.242	1.190	1.167
Baw Baw S	1.060	1.051	1.024	0.983	1.105	1.055	1.118	1.078
Bayside C	0.922	0.823	0.792	0.928	0.954	0.945	0.903	0.987
Benalla RC	1.059	0.982	1.028	0.973	1.067	1.019	1.290	1.106
Boroondara C	0.933	0.819	0.807	1.062	0.951	1.018	0.898	1.040
Brimbank C	1.029	1.043	1.166	0.935	0.899	0.879	0.885	0.911
Buloke S	1.328	1.109	1.229	1.122	1.441	1.160	1.422	1.247
Campaspe S	1.155	1.090	1.141	1.115	1.254	1.126	1.205	1.149
Cardinia S	1.014	1.102	1.018	0.920	1.058	0.992	1.131	0.957
Casey C	0.895	1.073	0.995	0.860	0.795	0.852	0.911	0.782
Central Goldfields S	1.049	1.010	1.126	0.953	1.068	1.012	1.283	1.080
Colac Otway S	1.112	1.038	1.075	1.145	1.201	1.141	1.226	1.180
Corangamite S	1.151	1.025	1.104	1.048	1.249	1.083	1.227	1.139
Darebin C	0.962	0.926	0.974	0.958	0.932	0.932	0.894	0.970
East Gippsland S	1.359	1.152	1.260	1.218	1.434	1.225	1.447	1.294
Frankston C	0.923	0.983	0.955	0.928	0.937	0.943	0.946	0.969
Gannawarra S	1.179	1.049	1.140	0.989	1.192	1.034	1.300	1.145
Glen Eira C	0.931	0.884	0.864	0.924	0.926	0.935	0.905	0.946
Glenelg S	1.191	1.070	1.121	1.042	1.219	1.085	1.315	1.173
Golden Plains S	1.084	1.043	0.993	0.884	1.147	0.988	1.249	1.005
Greater Bendigo C	0.997	1.024	0.997	1.102	1.031	1.088	1.052	1.120
Greater Dandenong C	1.080	1.106	1.231	1.050	0.939	0.979	0.905	0.996
Greater Geelong C	0.938	1.019	1.007	1.121	0.997	1.086	0.997	1.034
Greater Shepparton C	1.105	1.117	1.072	1.124	1.074	1.114	1.189	1.166
Hepburn S	1.065	0.956	1.033	1.159	1.229	1.152	1.229	1.149
Hindmarsh S	1.311	1.093	1.206	1.054	1.305	1.087	1.346	1.245
Hobsons Bay C	0.957	0.957	0.948	0.904	0.951	0.917	0.904	0.966
Horsham RC	1.109	1.003	0.988	1.121	1.094	1.119	1.168	1.271
Hume C	0.993	1.160	1.089	0.931	0.916	0.942	0.945	0.880
Indigo S	1.133	1.040	1.069	1.059	1.275	1.112	1.243	1.104
Kingston C	0.930	0.916	0.937	0.957	0.930	0.949	0.910	0.974
Knox C	0.944	0.912	0.944	0.935	0.926	0.927	0.914	0.956
Latrobe C	1.068	1.091	1.114	1.140	1.157	1.144	1.085	1.166
Loddon S	1.236	1.107	1.197	1.043	1.354	1.111	1.440	1.130

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	Govern- ance	Family & Comm- unity Services	Aged & Disabled Services	Recreation & Culture	Waste Manage- ment	Traffic & Street Manage- ment	Environ- ment	Business & Economic Services
Macedon Ranges S	1.096	1.023	1.020	1.056	1.255	1.103	1.208	1.079
Manningham C	0.992	0.895	0.938	0.922	0.937	0.927	0.962	0.946
Mansfield S	1.128	0.952	0.994	1.231	1.239	1.239	1.381	1.272
Maribyrnong C	1.002	0.964	0.984	1.055	0.986	1.022	0.915	1.062
Maroondah C	0.951	0.938	0.935	0.944	0.948	0.951	0.922	0.986
Melbourne C	0.968	0.941	0.915	1.236	1.014	1.209	0.962	1.087
Melton C	1.015	1.208	1.060	0.908	1.016	1.015	1.041	0.889
Merri-bek C	0.936	0.933	0.957	0.896	0.907	0.893	0.894	0.912
Mildura RC	1.309	1.166	1.159	1.205	1.210	1.189	1.247	1.330
Mitchell S	1.146	1.196	1.107	1.032	1.256	1.135	1.223	1.068
Moir S	1.194	1.114	1.219	1.113	1.325	1.142	1.279	1.142
Monash C	0.976	0.904	0.972	1.125	0.950	1.062	0.904	1.049
Moonee Valley C	0.938	0.890	0.916	0.941	0.945	0.942	0.902	0.978
Moorabool S	1.099	1.089	1.068	0.977	1.213	1.066	1.204	1.037
Mornington Peninsula S	0.951	0.923	0.964	1.034	1.047	1.021	1.019	1.002
Mount Alexander S	1.019	0.931	0.992	1.001	1.092	1.038	1.081	1.084
Moyne S	1.167	1.055	1.046	1.016	1.260	1.073	1.224	1.110
Murrindindi S	1.184	1.062	1.128	1.175	1.377	1.199	1.324	1.169
Nillumbik S	0.942	0.856	0.807	0.858	0.969	0.900	1.036	0.965
Northern Grampians S	1.204	1.089	1.178	1.210	1.328	1.205	1.407	1.234
Port Phillip C	0.928	0.827	0.834	1.048	0.986	1.026	0.902	1.058
Pyrenees S	1.138	1.041	1.136	1.011	1.240	1.075	1.370	1.095
Queenscliffe B	0.950	0.812	0.804	1.224	1.106	1.202	1.180	1.208
South Gippsland S	1.122	1.006	1.071	1.076	1.227	1.098	1.174	1.140
Southern Grampians S	1.149	1.024	1.031	1.054	1.156	1.088	1.199	1.199
Stonnington C	0.932	0.797	0.806	1.047	0.984	1.020	0.915	1.056
Strathbogie S	1.150	1.042	1.123	1.051	1.257	1.107	1.387	1.120
Surf Coast S	1.018	0.973	0.880	1.156	1.174	1.166	1.226	1.134
Swan Hill RC	1.389	1.251	1.249	1.177	1.326	1.179	1.276	1.260
Towong S	1.275	1.089	1.175	1.136	1.424	1.183	1.365	1.208
Wangaratta RC	1.071	0.991	1.013	1.066	1.097	1.081	1.128	1.170
Warrnambool C	1.019	0.969	0.978	1.138	1.057	1.113	1.009	1.193
Wellington S	1.188	1.087	1.139	1.098	1.269	1.130	1.347	1.179
West Wimmera S	1.327	1.148	1.186	1.118	1.425	1.179	1.603	1.260
Whitehorse C	0.987	0.907	0.968	1.067	0.947	1.018	0.905	1.019
Whittlesea C	0.956	1.055	1.018	0.884	0.873	0.890	0.918	0.876
Wodonga C	1.032	1.060	0.993	1.061	1.028	1.076	0.997	1.140
Wyndham C	0.927	1.141	0.965	0.889	0.833	0.917	0.937	0.835
Yarra C	0.949	0.850	0.870	1.039	0.985	1.022	0.929	1.057
Yarra Ranges S	1.008	0.995	0.983	0.952	1.047	0.966	1.162	0.985
Yarriambiack S	1.274	1.080	1.166	1.091	1.323	1.116	1.298	1.246

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Alpine S	2,313,582	1,450,282	818,771	7,939,710	4,383,814
Ararat RC	2,144,977	1,290,271	710,331	4,862,654	2,528,140
Ballarat C	8,911,708	13,351,837	4,857,256	52,882,471	22,628,447
Banyule C	9,496,214	12,609,971	3,920,189	52,130,809	21,743,393
Bass Coast S	4,827,886	5,150,217	3,216,029	27,618,772	17,950,291
Baw Baw S	5,096,890	7,345,813	2,929,392	24,535,715	12,502,596
Bayside C	7,557,158	8,553,760	2,622,688	39,586,524	17,382,678
Benalla RC	2,053,279	1,563,941	968,661	5,727,323	3,349,182
Boroondara C	12,889,615	14,226,109	3,875,114	76,432,099	29,401,127
Brimbank C	15,799,422	23,185,543	10,244,882	74,424,725	26,695,783
Buloke S	2,585,958	762,528	541,056	2,818,890	2,007,852
Campaspe S	3,422,895	4,765,385	2,635,790	17,129,487	9,495,241
Cardinia S	10,234,948	16,532,419	3,854,696	48,181,728	21,292,110
Casey C	20,725,102	49,496,254	10,792,649	139,974,831	45,090,219
Central Goldfields S	2,031,964	1,528,974	1,170,603	5,275,566	3,273,762
Colac Otway S	2,157,703	2,591,075	1,301,037	11,359,142	6,497,633
Corangamite S	2,234,676	1,808,640	1,027,394	6,845,355	4,137,827
Darebin C	11,906,255	15,629,895	4,886,039	61,607,989	26,372,612
East Gippsland S	5,528,336	6,680,435	4,723,361	25,636,981	16,020,778
Frankston C	10,315,745	15,483,880	5,071,848	53,916,607	23,584,958
Gannawarra S	2,289,681	1,228,443	817,168	4,165,768	2,658,627
Glen Eira C	11,588,600	14,599,939	3,779,519	59,779,314	26,781,961
Glenelg S	2,314,305	2,430,637	1,440,050	8,578,515	5,324,437
Golden Plains S	2,213,695	3,081,666	945,376	9,352,023	4,830,758
Greater Bendigo C	9,708,435	14,321,337	5,655,535	55,820,314	23,874,582
Greater Dandenong C	14,008,824	21,330,051	8,685,697	70,728,299	23,520,823
Greater Geelong C	21,001,790	32,737,898	12,274,235	130,728,053	54,407,095
Greater Shepparton C	5,990,360	9,033,311	3,558,313	31,647,987	13,632,946
Hepburn S	2,064,253	1,725,329	1,057,120	8,557,903	5,071,343
Hindmarsh S	2,551,536	684,587	458,574	2,479,789	1,665,535
Hobsons Bay C	7,074,844	9,836,008	3,099,046	34,741,921	15,616,405
Horsham RC	2,151,515	2,250,425	938,463	9,198,365	4,516,460
Hume C	20,878,238	37,091,794	9,878,030	101,651,510	36,095,271
Indigo S	2,199,196	2,072,562	983,787	7,583,971	4,349,890
Kingston C	11,964,962	15,994,407	5,530,188	64,055,120	26,746,623
Knox C	11,914,778	15,560,749	5,633,750	61,393,829	24,228,501
Latrobe C	6,531,542	9,851,424	4,834,898	36,209,029	17,972,356
Loddon S	2,403,337	990,793	706,217	3,516,865	2,540,993

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	2,859,073	2,292,123	3,208,138	9,437,830	34,703,323
Ararat RC	1,840,475	1,903,611	2,807,112	21,385,781	39,473,353
Ballarat C	19,915,920	11,630,908	18,485,389	23,243,431	175,907,368
Banyule C	19,526,011	11,474,256	18,421,244	8,297,775	157,619,861
Bass Coast S	10,546,259	6,383,438	9,064,658	13,087,191	97,844,740
Baw Baw S	9,888,805	6,636,349	9,269,930	25,954,989	104,160,480
Bayside C	15,104,361	9,155,315	14,501,409	4,564,026	119,027,919
Benalla RC	2,251,057	2,162,629	2,684,168	13,163,488	33,923,728
Boroondara C	27,467,119	15,326,850	25,758,522	8,126,700	213,503,257
Brimbank C	26,183,405	16,746,370	24,981,076	15,607,815	233,869,021
Buloke S	1,094,916	2,385,804	3,026,859	22,171,462	37,395,324
Campaspe S	6,497,353	4,402,311	6,076,326	35,760,565	90,185,354
Cardinia S	19,498,974	14,112,130	17,277,554	23,933,209	174,917,767
Casey C	51,903,242	35,269,602	43,827,346	25,330,058	422,409,304
Central Goldfields S	2,102,580	2,151,381	2,619,290	11,282,314	31,436,434
Colac Otway S	4,247,161	2,890,615	4,026,806	23,460,069	58,531,241
Corangamite S	2,654,572	2,056,583	2,764,781	31,033,430	54,563,257
Darebin C	22,436,378	13,656,875	21,481,136	7,944,606	185,921,785
East Gippsland S	9,693,725	7,242,743	9,373,495	42,157,631	127,057,484
Frankston C	20,535,142	13,075,893	19,409,953	10,133,525	171,527,552
Gannawarra S	1,635,185	2,179,307	2,777,227	17,875,283	35,626,690
Glen Eira C	22,670,611	13,921,697	21,098,492	5,577,517	179,797,650
Glenelg S	3,355,197	2,576,857	3,328,550	30,638,814	59,987,362
Golden Plains S	3,923,082	3,150,862	3,667,238	19,340,424	50,505,125
Greater Bendigo C	20,677,250	12,656,572	19,539,801	32,194,419	194,448,245
Greater Dandenong C	24,685,396	14,466,879	23,085,280	13,861,237	214,372,487
Greater Geelong C	47,519,502	27,607,213	41,472,405	32,975,859	400,724,050
Greater Shepparton C	11,772,855	7,954,975	11,299,613	28,018,356	122,908,717
Hepburn S	3,196,474	2,156,902	2,919,538	13,762,781	40,511,644
Hindmarsh S	959,460	2,257,705	3,023,534	12,915,057	26,995,777
Hobsons Bay C	13,191,094	8,256,468	12,789,190	6,581,227	111,186,203
Horsham RC	3,448,908	2,278,204	3,592,816	19,988,905	48,364,061
Hume C	38,531,455	24,535,237	33,090,282	26,254,238	328,006,056
Indigo S	2,990,827	2,116,805	2,721,634	14,973,972	39,992,643
Kingston C	23,800,758	14,480,519	22,472,974	9,162,251	194,207,801
Knox C	22,776,290	14,257,490	21,609,134	10,215,931	187,590,451
Latrobe C	13,647,246	8,184,316	12,746,371	22,891,032	132,868,215
Loddon S	1,407,958	2,415,606	2,741,624	32,255,136	48,978,530

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	4,570,753	6,108,500	2,232,391	22,841,109	11,315,731
Manningham C	10,121,067	12,183,189	4,793,049	48,799,404	20,422,281
Mansfield S	2,188,303	1,136,190	563,793	6,905,125	3,992,238
Maribyrnong C	7,403,945	9,802,446	2,335,063	40,527,792	16,932,581
Maroondah C	8,774,572	11,885,087	3,891,977	45,269,198	19,012,799
Melbourne C	16,044,233	18,951,349	2,204,271	106,746,305	49,048,013
Melton C	17,271,643	31,749,852	5,815,504	80,151,929	31,654,609
Merri-bek C	13,498,521	18,417,408	4,934,846	67,152,583	30,156,871
Mildura RC	5,875,240	7,922,198	3,429,953	28,007,508	13,452,386
Mitchell S	5,017,860	8,030,655	2,382,291	23,421,163	11,858,881
Moira S	2,941,857	3,971,372	2,505,685	14,205,110	8,557,298
Monash C	15,803,955	19,664,547	6,539,058	94,846,884	32,226,734
Moonee Valley C	9,410,562	11,900,325	3,869,408	49,091,328	21,961,356
Moorabool S	3,393,692	4,963,290	1,705,435	15,647,325	8,551,621
Mornington Peninsula S	14,380,948	16,653,958	8,475,482	81,452,602	41,865,548
Mount Alexander S	1,973,718	2,048,017	1,181,862	8,450,956	4,799,660
Moynes S	2,266,669	2,109,205	886,900	7,743,913	4,661,911
Murrindindi S	2,299,564	1,876,804	1,079,064	7,981,630	5,060,272
Nillumbik S	4,637,505	5,478,945	1,506,942	21,932,961	9,002,439
Northern Grampians S	2,339,883	1,473,005	936,973	5,915,763	3,585,824
Port Phillip C	8,533,731	9,149,086	2,290,082	50,190,125	26,362,049
Pyrenees S	2,208,249	929,350	584,977	3,421,640	2,141,070
Queenscliffe B	1,836,094	259,777	166,583	2,242,297	1,461,449
South Gippsland S	3,025,420	3,443,145	1,938,345	15,046,909	9,017,947
Southern Grampians S	2,230,731	1,881,230	951,284	7,103,296	4,141,573
Stonnington C	8,600,139	8,698,715	2,234,440	50,326,546	24,585,232
Strathbogie S	2,232,226	1,372,552	905,945	5,174,331	3,421,553
Surf Coast S	3,742,896	4,210,917	1,209,234	22,100,237	11,232,590
Swan Hill RC	2,706,750	3,198,011	1,348,437	10,004,491	5,561,866
Towong S	2,479,702	777,350	490,177	2,963,746	1,917,451
Wangaratta RC	2,505,688	3,272,904	1,595,943	12,944,022	6,477,278
Warrnambool C	2,852,634	3,787,604	1,608,471	16,576,307	7,219,798
Wellington S	4,617,824	5,789,986	3,036,073	22,120,574	12,961,985
West Wimmera S	2,583,809	526,070	298,164	1,895,825	1,407,038
Whitehorse C	14,012,577	17,318,750	5,966,299	78,776,238	29,734,855
Whittlesea C	18,722,854	30,158,138	8,148,134	89,893,477	32,450,987
Wodonga C	3,584,294	5,372,224	1,859,835	19,153,767	8,173,426
Wyndham C	21,485,755	44,957,469	6,139,693	120,352,662	40,944,486
Yarra C	7,601,714	8,557,073	1,895,231	43,304,621	20,953,392
Yarra Ranges S	12,492,996	17,467,549	5,982,833	61,280,654	27,338,817
Yarriambiack S	2,478,591	781,611	571,207	2,961,619	1,965,409
	561,833,363	767,064,443	250,935,088	2,853,999,924	1,237,762,352

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	8,957,141	6,215,296	8,033,095	19,861,711	90,135,727
Manningham C	18,378,149	12,114,683	17,253,036	7,342,139	151,406,997
Mansfield S	2,612,227	2,315,670	3,087,566	8,380,625	31,181,737
Maribyrnong C	14,718,742	8,340,132	14,041,645	5,296,172	119,398,518
Maroondah C	17,105,743	10,517,419	16,294,660	6,999,765	139,751,219
Melbourne C	39,212,612	19,692,871	32,263,573	6,439,515	290,602,743
Melton C	33,637,128	21,880,546	27,042,691	25,135,460	274,339,362
Merri-bek C	25,061,954	15,929,077	23,549,374	8,302,373	207,003,007
Mildura RC	10,372,845	6,883,266	10,635,005	37,184,841	123,763,241
Mitchell S	9,682,213	6,605,838	8,347,596	18,710,537	94,057,033
Moirra S	5,475,543	3,882,904	5,017,996	34,679,531	81,237,297
Monash C	33,574,607	18,078,402	30,429,304	10,903,369	262,066,859
Moonee Valley C	18,397,224	11,181,747	17,570,388	6,259,044	149,641,381
Moorabool S	6,413,855	4,590,511	5,722,578	17,692,566	68,680,873
Mornington Peninsula S	30,131,322	19,057,146	27,162,494	22,239,218	261,418,718
Mount Alexander S	3,288,710	2,170,363	3,153,808	15,844,875	42,911,971
Moyne S	3,070,808	2,220,502	2,916,114	36,827,803	62,703,824
Murrindindi S	3,059,662	2,219,672	2,836,292	15,046,736	41,459,697
Nillumbik S	8,619,993	6,309,333	8,514,066	10,314,505	76,316,689
Northern Grampians S	2,213,762	2,360,769	2,994,532	25,729,598	47,550,109
Port Phillip C	18,421,974	10,251,749	17,440,518	3,774,687	146,414,001
Pyrenees S	1,365,908	2,297,939	2,655,947	18,751,369	34,356,447
Queenscliffe B	827,321	1,976,450	2,932,425	523,129	12,225,527
South Gippsland S	5,766,171	3,903,681	5,488,977	33,117,545	80,748,139
Southern Grampians S	2,753,756	2,008,790	2,911,081	27,282,102	51,263,842
Stonnington C	18,381,136	10,442,047	17,475,593	4,044,342	144,788,190
Strathbogie S	2,046,963	2,326,549	2,717,142	19,908,812	40,106,072
Surf Coast S	8,373,387	5,569,705	7,459,784	14,674,325	78,573,074
Swan Hill RC	3,764,907	2,578,303	3,688,585	20,804,154	53,655,503
Towong S	1,159,394	2,289,822	2,931,771	15,901,783	30,911,196
Wangaratta RC	4,926,569	3,256,173	4,894,477	21,316,754	61,189,809
Warrnambool C	6,083,998	3,487,669	5,981,512	6,211,572	53,809,564
Wellington S	8,546,467	6,455,231	8,173,731	42,988,339	114,690,208
West Wimmera S	751,095	2,690,565	3,060,115	20,618,468	33,831,150
Whitehorse C	28,179,124	15,862,140	25,898,363	9,630,533	225,378,878
Whittlesea C	33,903,080	22,215,061	30,709,528	22,128,351	288,329,609
Wodonga C	7,289,136	4,270,291	7,085,735	7,974,498	64,763,205
Wyndham C	46,515,816	30,176,119	38,936,174	25,710,964	375,219,140
Yarra C	15,980,851	9,191,106	15,180,055	3,577,690	126,241,732
Yarra Ranges S	23,311,401	17,809,798	21,859,146	29,302,768	216,845,963
Yarriambiack S	1,138,334	2,175,284	3,024,304	19,283,145	34,379,505
	1,069,907,106	690,210,017	1,000,411,669	1,432,274,047	9,864,398,009

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G. Revenue Adjustors – Raw Data

	Median Weekly Household Income (\$) >60yr (Census 2021)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage Index SEIFA (Census 2021)	Tourism (visits per capita) (4 year average)	Building Approvals Value		Proportion Commercial to Total CIV (June 2024) (%)
				(\$000's)	per 1000 population	
Alpine S	1,009	1,028	179.3	65,366	4,807	11.4%
Ararat RC	964	955	37.5	41,163	3,522	2.2%
Ballarat C	982	986	30.2	986,316	8,148	7.0%
Banyule C	1,281	1,058	17.2	720,455	5,461	4.8%
Bass Coast S	927	993	110.7	379,154	8,705	3.3%
Baw Baw S	1,020	1,003	22.7	309,890	4,995	4.0%
Bayside C	1,666	1,090	10.8	1,022,829	9,639	4.3%
Benalla RC	969	968	35.3	79,931	5,462	7.6%
Boroondara C	1,891	1,090	15.7	1,430,291	8,035	6.1%
Brimbank C	1,075	912	7.9	983,497	4,963	21.4%
Buloke S	908	975	23.4	19,076	3,203	1.9%
Campaspe S	933	965	51.2	135,091	3,541	8.2%
Cardinia S	1,143	1,021	11.1	700,852	5,375	3.2%
Casey C	1,273	995	7.9	2,349,737	5,796	5.5%
Central Goldfields S	779	898	28.4	80,219	5,854	4.6%
Colac Otway S	957	973	78.9	128,437	5,760	3.4%
Corangamite S	956	985	37.6	70,257	4,434	2.3%
Darebin C	984	1,018	12.2	874,472	5,467	8.1%
East Gippsland S	906	963	62.0	254,920	5,158	8.1%
Frankston C	1,067	1,003	12.2	837,789	5,793	6.4%
Gannawarra S	856	952	30.3	34,436	3,310	6.8%
Glen Eira C	1,362	1,075	15.8	912,443	5,665	4.6%
Glenelg S	926	952	34.5	57,322	2,865	5.9%
Golden Plains S	1,174	1,040	11.6	148,416	5,635	0.9%
Greater Bendigo C	1,005	985	28.8	544,853	4,331	12.0%
Greater Dandenong C	1,045	887	12.8	711,729	4,254	7.9%
Greater Geelong C	1,031	1,007	26.1	2,428,347	8,386	9.1%
Greater Shepparton C	993	944	29.1	321,677	4,604	16.9%
Hepburn S	1,029	1,006	99.3	105,593	6,276	10.9%
Hindmarsh S	929	940	25.8	16,462	3,013	0.9%
Hobsons Bay C	1,114	1,021	12.1	735,732	7,693	4.1%
Horsham RC	1,033	990	37.6	80,575	3,954	5.0%
Hume C	1,225	941	9.4	2,276,283	8,378	5.0%
Indigo S	1,125	1,029	49.8	79,137	4,449	3.9%
Kingston C	1,137	1,044	8.5	861,037	5,171	7.2%
Knox C	1,221	1,042	10.7	710,701	4,352	6.0%
Latrobe C	900	931	20.7	352,096	4,466	8.1%
Loddon S	897	948	37.8	40,698	5,248	1.0%

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	Median Weekly Household Income (\$) >60yr (Census 2021)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage Index SEIFA (Census 2021)	Tourism (visits per capita) (4 year average)	Building Approvals Value		Proportion Commercial to Total CIV (June 2024) (%)
				(\$000's)	per 1000 population	
Macedon Ranges S	1,283	1,063	28.9	336,986	6,271	4.6%
Manningham C	1,357	1,056	13.1	630,224	4,783	6.5%
Mansfield S	1,029	1,028	169.2	95,711	8,587	4.7%
Maribyrnong C	1,106	1,010	18.7	786,503	8,345	12.7%
Maroondah C	1,168	1,041	8.7	581,047	4,868	7.4%
Melbourne C	1,593	1,017	239.9	4,231,138	22,342	51.1%
Melton C	1,194	985	7.0	2,408,401	10,962	3.5%
Merri-bek C	993	1,027	15.3	1,011,960	5,425	5.6%
Mildura RC	957	940	38.2	224,882	3,902	8.4%
Mitchell S	1,110	1,000	19.7	487,534	8,647	3.1%
Moir S	884	958	51.3	188,351	6,108	5.4%
Monash C	1,251	1,042	26.3	1,210,443	5,784	7.4%
Moonee Valley C	1,203	1,041	13.0	814,874	6,281	7.7%
Moorabool S	1,110	1,017	17.1	194,976	4,897	4.3%
Mornington Peninsula S	1,133	1,038	47.6	1,174,388	6,850	3.6%
Mount Alexander S	990	1,007	42.3	94,947	4,565	6.2%
Moyne S	1,151	1,029	43.0	73,784	4,165	1.1%
Murrindindi S	1,001	1,005	82.8	72,191	4,627	4.0%
Nillumbik S	1,627	1,093	8.5	176,212	2,767	3.1%
Northern Grampians S	898	951	90.8	36,390	3,082	2.6%
Port Phillip C	1,423	1,061	31.1	1,000,794	8,883	12.7%
Pyrenees S	900	959	45.3	31,869	4,005	0.9%
Queenscliffe B	1,374	1,082	243.7	51,445	15,580	3.2%
South Gippsland S	958	1,003	56.8	139,352	4,492	2.5%
Southern Grampians S	966	994	34.7	57,975	3,508	2.6%
Stonnington C	1,824	1,084	29.1	1,521,316	13,340	13.2%
Strathbogie S	960	982	43.1	70,041	5,967	3.6%
Surf Coast S	1,291	1,086	111.9	297,517	7,451	3.6%
Swan Hill RC	989	941	49.2	79,426	3,765	4.7%
Towong S	997	1,001	44.9	17,178	2,754	1.8%
Wangaratta RC	962	988	41.9	124,335	4,121	6.1%
Warrnambool C	1,000	995	55.8	178,299	4,932	8.8%
Wellington S	925	973	38.5	190,403	4,092	8.7%
West Wimmera S	972	991	42.9	12,984	3,318	0.2%
Whitehorse C	1,221	1,043	23.4	987,178	5,381	7.5%
Whittlesea C	1,102	990	5.9	1,410,285	5,570	7.0%
Wodonga C	1,033	973	15.5	225,590	5,033	7.0%
Wyndham C	1,298	1,006	13.9	2,782,649	8,257	5.1%
Yarra C	1,391	1,046	23.3	1,370,151	13,605	20.6%
Yarra Ranges S	1,201	1,041	23.4	490,759	3,065	4.1%
Yarriambiack S	911	946	41.5	26,667	4,202	1.4%

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H. Revenue Adjustors – Index

	Median Household Income (60+)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage	Tourism	Value of Building Approvals	Valuations (Commercial)
Alpine S	0.894	1.053	1.794	0.889	1.140
Ararat RC	0.864	0.832	1.061	0.812	0.819
Ballarat C	0.876	0.926	1.023	1.089	0.988
Banyule C	1.076	1.144	0.955	0.928	0.911
Bass Coast S	0.840	0.947	1.440	1.122	0.859
Baw Baw S	0.902	0.977	0.984	0.900	0.882
Bayside C	1.332	1.241	0.922	1.178	0.892
Benalla RC	0.868	0.871	1.049	0.928	1.009
Boroondara C	1.482	1.241	0.948	1.082	0.955
Brimbank C	0.938	0.701	0.907	0.898	1.487
Buloke S	0.827	0.892	0.988	0.793	0.808
Campaspe S	0.844	0.862	1.132	0.813	1.029
Cardinia S	0.984	1.032	0.924	0.923	0.854
Casey C	1.070	0.953	0.908	0.948	0.935
Central Goldfields S	0.741	0.659	1.013	0.952	0.903
Colac Otway S	0.860	0.886	1.275	0.946	0.862
Corangamite S	0.859	0.923	1.061	0.867	0.823
Darebin C	0.878	1.023	0.930	0.928	1.023
East Gippsland S	0.826	0.856	1.187	0.910	1.025
Frankston C	0.933	0.977	0.930	0.948	0.965
Gannawarra S	0.792	0.822	1.023	0.800	0.980
Glen Eira C	1.130	1.196	0.948	0.940	0.903
Glenelg S	0.839	0.822	1.045	0.773	0.948
Golden Plains S	1.004	1.090	0.927	0.939	0.776
Greater Bendigo C	0.892	0.923	1.016	0.861	1.162
Greater Dandenong C	0.918	0.625	0.933	0.856	1.017
Greater Geelong C	0.909	0.989	1.002	1.103	1.060
Greater Shepparton C	0.884	0.798	1.017	0.877	0.743
Hepburn S	0.908	0.986	1.381	0.977	1.122
Hindmarsh S	0.841	0.786	1.000	0.782	0.775
Hobsons Bay C	0.964	1.032	0.929	1.062	0.885
Horsham RC	0.910	0.938	1.061	0.838	0.917
Hume C	1.038	0.789	0.915	1.102	0.917
Indigo S	0.972	1.056	1.124	0.868	0.880
Kingston C	0.980	1.102	0.911	0.911	0.994
Knox C	1.036	1.096	0.922	0.862	0.950
Latrobe C	0.822	0.759	0.974	0.869	1.025
Loddon S	0.820	0.810	1.062	0.915	0.776

H. Revenue Adjustors – Index

	Median Household Income (60+)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage	Tourism	Value of Building Approvals	Valuations (Commercial)
Macedon Ranges S	1.077	1.159	1.016	0.977	0.904
Manningham C	1.126	1.138	0.934	0.888	0.968
Mansfield S	0.908	1.053	1.742	1.115	0.908
Maribyrnong C	0.959	0.998	0.963	1.100	1.186
Maroondah C	1.000	1.093	0.912	0.893	1.002
Melbourne C	1.284	1.020	1.794	1.533	1.487
Melton C	1.018	0.923	0.903	1.257	0.864
Merri-bek C	0.884	1.050	0.946	0.926	0.938
Mildura RC	0.860	0.786	1.064	0.835	1.035
Mitchell S	0.962	0.968	0.968	1.118	0.852
Moirā S	0.811	0.841	1.132	0.967	0.931
Monash C	1.056	1.096	1.003	0.947	1.000
Moonee Valley C	1.024	1.093	0.934	0.977	1.011
Moorabool S	0.962	1.020	0.955	0.894	0.894
Mornington Peninsula S	0.977	1.083	1.113	1.011	0.867
Mount Alexander S	0.882	0.989	1.085	0.875	0.960
Moyne S	0.989	1.056	1.089	0.851	0.780
Murrindindi S	0.889	0.983	1.295	0.878	0.884
Nillumbik S	1.306	1.250	0.910	0.767	0.850
Northern Grampians S	0.820	0.819	1.337	0.786	0.835
Port Phillip C	1.170	1.153	1.028	1.133	1.184
Pyrenees S	0.822	0.844	1.101	0.841	0.776
Queenscliffe B	1.138	1.217	1.794	1.533	0.856
South Gippsland S	0.860	0.977	1.161	0.870	0.829
Southern Grampians S	0.866	0.950	1.046	0.811	0.833
Stonnington C	1.438	1.223	1.017	1.399	1.203
Strathbogie S	0.862	0.913	1.089	0.958	0.867
Surf Coast S	1.082	1.229	1.446	1.047	0.869
Swan Hill RC	0.881	0.789	1.121	0.827	0.908
Towong S	0.886	0.971	1.099	0.766	0.805
Wangaratta RC	0.863	0.932	1.083	0.848	0.956
Warrnambool C	0.888	0.953	1.155	0.897	1.050
Wellington S	0.838	0.886	1.066	0.846	1.487
West Wimmera S	0.870	0.941	1.089	0.800	0.750
Whitehorse C	1.036	1.099	0.988	0.923	1.005
Whittlesea C	0.956	0.938	0.897	0.935	0.986
Wodonga C	0.910	0.886	0.947	0.903	0.987
Wyndham C	1.087	0.986	0.938	1.095	0.919
Yarra C	1.149	1.108	0.987	1.415	1.459
Yarra Ranges S	1.022	1.093	0.988	0.785	0.885
Yarriambiack S	0.829	0.804	1.081	0.853	0.792

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	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Alpine S	259,997	108,052	98,108	274,316	275,483
Ararat RC	223,439	73,323	86,319	235,745	193,819
Ballarat C	2,314,507	845,456	705,201	2,441,971	1,942,462
Banyule C	2,522,555	1,138,977	840,458	2,661,476	1,952,614
Bass Coast S	832,821	311,200	346,518	878,686	1,173,576
Baw Baw S	1,186,221	457,461	393,684	1,251,548	970,855
Bayside C	2,029,004	993,891	884,655	2,140,744	1,564,814
Benalla RC	279,825	96,184	124,327	295,235	269,527
Boroondara C	3,403,559	1,667,207	1,390,797	3,590,999	2,653,152
Brimbank C	3,788,718	1,048,183	1,145,318	3,997,369	2,550,890
Buloke S	113,880	40,099	48,940	120,152	119,571
Campaspe S	729,495	248,127	274,394	769,670	649,606
Cardinia S	2,492,957	1,015,141	571,438	2,630,248	1,728,272
Casey C	7,751,640	2,915,117	1,816,665	8,178,536	4,871,109
Central Goldfields S	262,024	68,098	109,579	276,454	263,217
Colac Otway S	426,382	149,113	152,807	449,863	464,353
Corangamite S	302,980	110,311	115,282	319,665	284,266
Darebin C	3,058,534	1,234,457	702,133	3,226,973	2,429,126
East Gippsland S	944,961	319,151	409,722	997,002	958,478
Frankston C	2,765,076	1,066,340	804,378	2,917,354	2,161,735
Gannawarra S	198,927	64,565	79,992	209,882	191,467
Glen Eira C	3,079,452	1,453,123	889,290	3,249,042	2,483,496
Glenelg S	382,539	124,159	153,642	403,606	374,974
Golden Plains S	503,570	216,515	149,750	531,303	361,509
Greater Bendigo C	2,405,424	875,786	790,170	2,537,895	1,988,301
Greater Dandenong C	3,198,781	789,195	869,085	3,374,944	2,150,866
Greater Geelong C	5,536,558	2,161,674	1,716,516	5,841,466	4,684,276
Greater Shepparton C	1,336,009	420,822	431,775	1,409,585	1,089,530
Hepburn S	321,679	125,210	140,855	339,395	354,071
Hindmarsh S	104,473	32,407	43,485	110,227	109,534
Hobsons Bay C	1,828,528	744,583	514,951	1,929,228	1,410,128
Horsham RC	389,594	144,180	136,159	411,050	354,454
Hume C	5,195,147	1,617,722	1,370,009	5,481,252	3,382,583
Indigo S	340,111	141,753	131,999	358,842	292,721
Kingston C	3,183,925	1,384,211	955,159	3,359,269	2,469,991
Knox C	3,122,377	1,349,974	1,013,458	3,294,331	2,247,224
Latrobe C	1,507,537	451,378	510,970	1,590,560	1,333,547
Loddon S	148,278	47,415	66,058	156,444	161,080

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	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	74,609	22,138	674,006	35,468	1,822,177
Ararat RC	46,078	19,025	404,306	30,481	1,312,537
Ballarat C	575,710	197,075	4,721,889	315,741	14,060,015
Banyule C	578,369	214,790	4,590,416	344,123	14,843,778
Bass Coast S	179,994	70,913	2,061,121	113,612	5,968,440
Baw Baw S	263,205	101,004	2,159,873	161,822	6,945,673
Bayside C	455,603	172,765	4,116,956	276,793	12,635,226
Benalla RC	71,046	23,826	534,545	38,173	1,732,689
Boroondara C	817,997	289,806	6,674,605	464,308	20,952,430
Brimbank C	1,417,717	322,601	6,609,507	516,851	21,397,153
Buloke S	23,166	9,697	195,962	15,535	687,002
Campaspe S	188,934	62,115	1,370,877	99,517	4,392,734
Cardinia S	535,635	212,270	4,448,546	340,085	13,974,592
Casey C	1,824,406	660,036	13,898,152	1,057,466	42,973,128
Central Goldfields S	59,580	22,311	497,444	35,745	1,594,451
Colac Otway S	92,518	36,305	914,937	58,166	2,744,444
Corangamite S	62,742	25,798	564,276	41,332	1,826,652
Darebin C	787,643	260,428	5,491,699	417,240	17,608,234
East Gippsland S	243,747	80,461	1,915,023	128,910	5,997,456
Frankston C	671,196	235,440	5,015,891	377,207	16,014,618
Gannawarra S	49,041	16,938	350,340	27,137	1,188,289
Glen Eira C	699,779	262,209	5,618,762	420,094	18,155,248
Glenelg S	91,298	32,572	672,026	52,185	2,287,002
Golden Plains S	98,371	42,878	907,445	68,696	2,880,036
Greater Bendigo C	703,479	204,817	4,360,218	328,144	14,194,234
Greater Dandenong C	818,737	272,369	5,528,890	436,373	17,439,240
Greater Geelong C	1,477,113	471,426	11,258,296	755,288	33,902,614
Greater Shepparton C	249,964	113,758	2,444,856	182,256	7,678,555
Hepburn S	90,852	27,390	732,689	43,883	2,176,024
Hindmarsh S	20,387	8,896	179,887	14,252	623,548
Hobsons Bay C	407,319	155,695	3,517,159	249,445	10,757,036
Horsham RC	89,910	33,173	714,970	53,148	2,326,639
Hume C	1,199,506	442,356	10,126,101	708,713	29,523,390
Indigo S	75,317	28,960	654,582	46,397	2,070,682
Kingston C	796,447	271,104	5,603,269	434,346	18,457,721
Knox C	746,820	265,864	5,380,844	425,950	17,846,840
Latrobe C	388,986	128,364	2,683,557	205,656	8,800,554
Loddon S	28,977	12,626	283,295	20,228	924,400

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	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	1,027,485	470,080	361,020	1,084,070	773,815
Manningham C	2,519,305	1,131,474	948,988	2,658,047	1,872,338
Mansfield S	213,114	88,568	80,504	224,851	276,405
Maribyrnong C	1,802,104	710,082	359,315	1,901,349	1,473,908
Maroondah C	2,282,079	983,934	689,425	2,407,758	1,721,495
Melbourne C	3,621,014	1,457,143	522,529	3,820,429	4,153,577
Melton C	4,200,664	1,529,411	828,743	4,432,002	2,675,923
Merri-bek C	3,566,579	1,477,953	738,159	3,762,996	2,856,255
Mildura RC	1,101,824	341,779	354,807	1,162,503	954,135
Mitchell S	1,078,077	411,882	297,584	1,137,448	810,112
Moir S	589,592	195,598	225,190	622,062	554,004
Monash C	4,001,259	1,729,962	1,133,098	4,221,615	2,911,307
Moonee Valley C	2,480,510	1,069,489	729,717	2,617,115	1,995,957
Moorabool S	761,254	306,339	226,774	803,178	605,067
Mornington Peninsula S	3,278,169	1,401,626	1,382,121	3,458,703	3,432,337
Mount Alexander S	397,682	155,270	164,688	419,583	377,225
Moynes S	338,754	141,187	125,790	357,409	317,398
Murrindindi S	298,333	115,766	120,680	314,763	315,203
Nillumbik S	1,217,827	600,918	477,845	1,284,895	797,457
Northern Grampians S	225,772	73,007	90,029	238,206	231,747
Port Phillip C	2,154,261	980,426	603,520	2,272,899	2,295,755
Pyrenees S	152,159	50,661	59,811	160,539	148,127
Queenscliffe B	63,135	30,321	46,395	66,612	113,404
South Gippsland S	593,149	228,745	229,360	625,814	630,502
Southern Grampians S	315,962	118,444	121,346	333,363	307,352
Stonnington C	2,180,436	1,052,401	779,941	2,300,517	2,145,843
Strathbogie S	224,453	80,914	98,916	236,814	233,668
Surf Coast S	763,434	370,305	261,895	805,477	821,126
Swan Hill RC	403,323	125,591	126,544	425,534	359,822
Towong S	119,253	45,704	51,065	125,821	115,516
Wangaratta RC	576,839	212,093	209,303	608,607	506,678
Warrnambool C	691,197	259,935	232,140	729,263	586,131
Wellington S	889,723	311,150	315,241	938,722	876,800
West Wimmera S	74,818	27,778	30,007	78,938	84,734
Whitehorse C	3,507,841	1,520,832	1,021,878	3,701,024	2,696,103
Whittlesea C	4,841,326	1,791,660	1,173,720	5,107,946	3,190,846
Wodonga C	857,047	299,723	267,138	904,246	682,421
Wyndham C	6,443,700	2,508,138	1,110,907	6,798,565	4,221,542
Yarra C	1,925,525	841,734	446,560	2,031,567	1,825,897
Yarra Ranges S	3,061,861	1,320,142	983,901	3,230,483	2,241,429
Yarriambiack S	121,337	38,510	56,382	128,019	127,471
	133,433,658	52,657,236	39,067,023	140,782,080	106,233,511

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	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	233,712	87,488	1,978,219	140,168	6,156,055
Manningham C	613,995	214,513	4,434,723	343,679	14,737,063
Mansfield S	48,696	18,146	588,216	29,073	1,567,572
Maribyrnong C	537,718	153,445	3,593,128	245,840	10,776,887
Maroondah C	575,220	194,314	3,978,703	311,318	13,144,246
Melbourne C	1,354,963	308,322	11,639,067	493,973	27,371,017
Melton C	913,438	357,677	8,764,626	573,048	24,275,532
Merri-bek C	842,290	303,687	6,450,669	486,547	20,485,133
Mildura RC	286,961	93,818	2,021,725	150,309	6,467,861
Mitchell S	231,060	91,796	2,173,793	147,069	6,378,822
Moir S	138,096	50,203	1,195,719	80,431	3,650,895
Monash C	1,006,868	340,699	7,538,754	545,845	23,429,406
Moonee Valley C	631,383	211,210	4,580,053	338,387	14,653,821
Moorabool S	171,236	64,819	1,360,278	103,849	4,402,794
Mornington Peninsula S	715,665	279,129	6,727,085	447,202	21,122,038
Mount Alexander S	96,073	33,862	753,039	54,251	2,451,674
Moyne S	66,528	28,844	634,902	46,212	2,057,025
Murrindindi S	66,347	25,402	626,479	40,698	1,923,672
Nillumbik S	260,415	103,695	1,973,797	166,134	6,882,983
Northern Grampians S	47,473	19,224	463,014	30,799	1,419,273
Port Phillip C	641,881	183,431	4,496,358	293,881	13,922,411
Pyrenees S	29,714	12,956	285,485	20,757	920,210
Queenscliffe B	13,597	5,376	202,936	8,613	550,388
South Gippsland S	123,762	50,505	1,163,871	80,916	3,726,625
Southern Grampians S	66,217	26,904	567,054	43,103	1,899,745
Stonnington C	659,890	185,659	5,090,384	297,452	14,692,523
Strathbogie S	48,984	19,112	444,097	30,619	1,417,576
Surf Coast S	167,058	65,005	1,838,617	104,146	5,197,063
Swan Hill RC	92,177	34,342	759,156	55,021	2,381,510
Towong S	24,158	10,154	214,898	16,268	722,837
Wangaratta RC	138,771	49,117	1,076,327	78,691	3,456,426
Warrnambool C	182,728	58,854	1,370,232	94,292	4,204,772
Wellington S	332,929	75,758	1,643,494	121,375	5,505,193
West Wimmera S	14,115	6,371	136,520	10,206	463,487
Whitehorse C	887,494	298,685	6,476,652	478,534	20,589,045
Whittlesea C	1,200,846	412,229	8,567,725	660,446	26,946,744
Wodonga C	212,968	72,976	1,531,281	116,917	4,944,715
Wyndham C	1,490,922	548,667	12,661,318	879,039	36,662,799
Yarra C	707,230	163,954	4,468,272	262,677	12,673,416
Yarra Ranges S	681,825	260,711	5,243,449	417,694	17,441,496
Yarriambiack S	24,174	10,332	226,752	16,553	749,530
	33,581,775	11,361,590	257,818,086	18,202,802	793,137,761

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Rates Assessed			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	13,828,770	3,333,825	3,051,191	20,213,786
Ararat RC	9,565,947	1,148,268	6,301,418	17,015,633
Ballarat C	110,416,347	30,199,493	3,103,640	143,719,479
Banyule C	99,272,632	14,138,761	0	113,411,392
Bass Coast S	60,493,502	3,192,270	6,953,782	70,639,554
Baw Baw S	52,643,983	5,843,900	11,003,541	69,491,423
Bayside C	102,190,718	6,532,938	0	108,723,657
Benalla RC	11,260,474	2,376,909	7,031,722	20,669,105
Boroondara C	190,536,560	13,598,667	0	204,135,227
Brimbank C	122,255,481	50,954,019	76,773	173,286,273
Buloke S	4,286,981	977,196	9,135,928	14,400,104
Campaspe S	29,138,763	6,793,515	11,155,976	47,088,254
Cardinia S	94,073,800	9,702,394	6,852,511	110,628,705
Casey C	258,980,753	21,838,856	1,587,247	282,406,856
Central Goldfields S	12,327,876	1,269,722	3,167,261	16,764,859
Colac Otway S	23,967,636	3,210,946	6,848,722	34,027,304
Corangamite S	9,056,279	2,745,739	12,071,156	23,873,174
Darebin C	145,002,665	1,063,928	0	146,066,593
East Gippsland S	53,110,394	6,309,024	6,132,946	65,552,364
Frankston C	125,217,993	15,512,046	53,787	140,783,826
Gannawarra S	8,682,533	1,219,043	4,525,686	14,427,263
Glen Eira C	122,503,441	7,448,414	0	129,951,855
Glenelg S	14,424,197	1,913,981	10,428,450	26,766,628
Golden Plains S	7,786,884	17,901,576	1,567,193	27,255,654
Greater Bendigo C	110,260,163	24,952,356	3,999,718	139,212,236
Greater Dandenong C	84,593,333	78,979,272	458,570	164,031,175
Greater Geelong C	236,088,481	47,217,152	3,266,650	286,572,283
Greater Shepparton C	56,226,178	22,129,680	10,068,738	88,424,595
Hepburn S	18,505,032	3,082,170	2,923,066	24,510,268
Hindmarsh S	2,776,423	299,290	6,308,158	9,383,871
Hobsons Bay C	85,941,161	39,255,130	0	125,196,292
Horsham RC	19,910,668	3,048,513	7,821,033	30,780,214
Hume C	163,026,177	35,497,163	9,955,405	208,478,744
Indigo S	13,361,794	809,342	4,743,199	18,914,335
Kingston C	139,462,783	22,167,392	151,855	161,782,030
Knox C	107,017,571	34,791,144	0	141,808,715
Latrobe C	68,127,011	9,780,224	2,919,931	80,827,166
Loddon S	4,827,393	470,440	7,015,528	12,313,361

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Valuations (CIV)			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	3,993,259,800	711,495,233	1,311,573,367	6,016,328,400
Ararat RC	1,705,582,167	175,031,167	3,862,499,167	5,743,112,500
Ballarat C	27,809,000,222	3,756,311,778	1,226,162,700	32,791,474,700
Banyule C	52,807,355,000	3,828,616,000	0	56,635,971,000
Bass Coast S	20,058,207,633	1,093,056,000	2,794,551,500	23,945,815,133
Baw Baw S	29,735,208,000	3,008,943,000	9,518,374,000	42,262,525,000
Bayside C	78,126,932,500	5,235,930,333	0	83,362,862,833
Benalla RC	1,933,513,000	348,336,300	2,207,243,333	4,489,092,633
Boroondara C	123,687,125,167	8,117,693,500	0	131,804,818,667
Brimbank C	44,854,585,333	12,394,060,168	41,175,000	57,289,820,501
Buloke S	456,859,700	87,060,033	2,832,599,167	3,376,518,900
Campaspe S	6,501,173,867	1,446,904,833	3,263,884,200	11,211,962,900
Cardinia S	30,214,900,000	3,413,923,501	3,601,285,000	37,230,108,501
Casey C	92,781,131,167	10,556,376,734	743,860,000	104,081,367,900
Central Goldfields S	2,271,217,667	215,280,000	956,060,000	3,442,557,667
Colac Otway S	6,623,420,835	637,449,333	2,877,262,321	10,138,132,489
Corangamite S	2,266,038,667	862,410,000	5,145,267,333	8,273,716,000
Darebin C	63,105,325,333	7,445,228,335	0	70,550,553,669
East Gippsland S	12,344,400,333	1,357,866,667	2,376,272,333	16,078,539,333
Frankston C	41,035,439,167	5,554,013,334	30,891,667	46,620,344,168
Gannawarra S	1,238,359,000	194,095,267	1,289,329,667	2,721,783,933
Glen Eira C	75,722,247,333	3,930,585,500	0	79,652,832,833
Glenelg S	3,283,517,667	458,529,667	3,582,840,333	7,324,887,667
Golden Plains S	6,735,706,708	194,247,167	2,015,790,240	8,945,744,115
Greater Bendigo C	28,960,066,933	4,092,874,000	1,266,288,000	34,319,228,933
Greater Dandenong C	36,737,801,667	21,408,808,667	383,111,667	58,529,722,000
Greater Geelong C	90,485,725,917	10,020,431,036	2,440,235,333	102,946,392,287
Greater Shepparton C	10,816,778,167	2,625,363,267	2,643,037,000	16,085,178,433
Hepburn S	6,122,241,333	1,000,654,333	1,490,454,333	8,613,350,000
Hindmarsh S	416,776,567	62,339,367	2,479,313,700	2,958,429,633
Hobsons Bay C	35,093,117,167	6,008,969,383	0	41,102,086,550
Horsham RC	3,206,733,000	632,348,167	2,995,533,333	6,834,614,500
Hume C	51,723,068,834	12,331,067,923	3,375,520,333	67,429,657,090
Indigo S	3,106,083,233	239,611,433	2,290,219,667	5,635,914,333
Kingston C	61,422,503,333	12,836,580,504	365,861,833	74,624,945,671
Knox C	50,595,483,500	8,207,767,667	0	58,803,251,167
Latrobe C	14,739,053,000	2,532,127,334	1,083,688,333	18,354,868,668
Loddon S	929,564,433	82,916,700	2,853,717,567	3,866,198,700

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Standardised Rate Revenue			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	9,419,473	2,080,820	2,895,830	14,396,123
Ararat RC	4,023,201	511,891	8,528,034	13,063,126
Ballarat C	65,597,065	10,985,608	2,707,252	79,289,925
Banyule C	124,564,259	11,197,067	0	135,761,326
Bass Coast S	47,314,162	3,196,722	6,170,106	56,680,991
Baw Baw S	70,140,687	8,799,873	21,015,673	99,956,233
Bayside C	184,289,166	15,312,860	0	199,602,027
Benalla RC	4,560,854	1,018,735	4,873,385	10,452,974
Boroondara C	291,758,507	23,740,787	0	315,499,294
Brimbank C	105,804,924	36,247,333	90,911	142,143,168
Buloke S	1,077,660	254,613	6,254,112	7,586,386
Campaspe S	15,335,248	4,231,579	7,206,349	26,773,176
Cardinia S	71,272,205	9,984,268	7,951,298	89,207,771
Casey C	218,856,120	30,872,894	1,642,373	251,371,387
Central Goldfields S	5,357,446	629,602	2,110,890	8,097,938
Colac Otway S	15,623,610	1,864,267	6,352,724	23,840,601
Corangamite S	5,345,229	2,522,181	11,360,265	19,227,676
Darebin C	148,855,554	21,774,114	0	170,629,667
East Gippsland S	29,118,502	3,971,180	5,246,585	38,336,268
Frankston C	96,796,158	16,243,117	68,206	113,107,481
Gannawarra S	2,921,094	567,646	2,846,718	6,335,459
Glen Eira C	178,616,892	11,495,284	0	190,112,176
Glenelg S	7,745,303	1,341,003	7,910,574	16,996,880
Golden Plains S	15,888,474	568,090	4,450,675	20,907,239
Greater Bendigo C	68,312,251	11,969,909	2,795,845	83,078,004
Greater Dandenong C	86,658,706	62,611,623	845,874	150,116,203
Greater Geelong C	213,441,619	29,305,482	5,387,810	248,134,911
Greater Shepparton C	25,515,081	7,678,066	5,835,577	39,028,724
Hepburn S	14,441,406	2,926,487	3,290,783	20,658,675
Hindmarsh S	983,110	182,316	5,474,091	6,639,517
Hobsons Bay C	82,779,153	17,573,669	0	100,352,823
Horsham RC	7,564,180	1,849,348	6,613,855	16,027,383
Hume C	122,006,598	36,063,108	7,452,831	165,522,537
Indigo S	7,326,763	700,761	5,056,589	13,084,113
Kingston C	144,886,041	37,541,516	807,788	183,235,346
Knox C	119,346,801	24,004,216	0	143,351,017
Latrobe C	34,767,112	7,405,391	2,392,682	44,565,185
Loddon S	2,192,697	242,496	6,300,739	8,735,932

J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	Payments in Lieu of Rates (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Unconstrained) (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Constrained) (\$)
Alpine S	353,702	14,749,825	11,266,010
Ararat RC	524,482	13,587,608	7,672,393
Ballarat C	69,855	79,359,780	68,383,147
Banyule C	0	135,761,326	127,754,725
Bass Coast S	33,025	56,714,016	49,302,689
Baw Baw S	0	99,956,233	41,613,732
Bayside C	0	199,602,027	196,294,329
Benalla RC	343,716	10,796,690	9,530,797
Boroondara C	0	315,499,294	310,478,857
Brimbank C	0	142,143,168	125,823,915
Buloke S	134,522	7,720,908	4,673,983
Campaspe S	0	26,773,176	24,478,089
Cardinia S	0	89,207,771	82,143,697
Casey C	0	251,371,387	227,028,157
Central Goldfields S	0	8,097,938	6,746,980
Colac Otway S	239,571	24,080,172	21,855,029
Corangamite S	269,446	19,497,122	17,270,488
Darebin C	0	170,629,667	165,136,487
East Gippsland S	123,430	38,459,697	32,485,029
Frankston C	0	113,107,481	99,520,727
Gannawarra S	127,269	6,462,728	5,664,003
Glen Eira C	0	190,112,176	190,112,176
Glenelg S	1,395,908	18,392,788	16,511,658
Golden Plains S	381,208	21,288,448	16,215,390
Greater Bendigo C	15,626	83,093,630	70,086,284
Greater Dandenong C	0	150,116,203	123,101,293
Greater Geelong C	25,912	248,160,823	219,552,201
Greater Shepparton C	0	39,028,724	34,864,592
Hepburn S	4,921	20,663,596	11,061,695
Hindmarsh S	126,782	6,766,299	4,057,378
Hobsons Bay C	560,538	100,913,360	100,913,360
Horsham RC	274,341	16,301,724	13,380,901
Hume C	14,707,337	180,229,874	177,958,627
Indigo S	0	13,084,113	11,793,060
Kingston C	0	183,235,346	183,235,346
Knox C	0	143,351,017	122,971,279
Latrobe C	8,119,676	52,684,861	45,462,808
Loddon S	0	8,735,932	6,521,508

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Rates Assessed			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	52,647,358	3,624,890	2,702,745	58,974,993
Manningham C	109,547,058	7,542,541	28,040	117,117,639
Mansfield S	13,797,415	948,722	1,729,531	16,475,668
Maribyrnong C	90,679,725	27,082,665	0	117,762,389
Maroondah C	89,525,478	13,302,677	0	102,828,155
Melbourne C	154,810,076	197,335,602	0	352,145,677
Melton C	139,894,448	17,299,060	6,609,840	163,803,348
Merri-bek C	164,958,852	13,593,806	0	178,552,658
Mildura RC	54,893,688	13,942,948	12,565,202	81,401,839
Mitchell S	50,350,365	2,853,959	3,659,171	56,863,495
Moir S	26,065,750	4,492,127	11,756,070	42,313,947
Monash C	121,289,693	19,670,192	21,089	140,980,975
Moonee Valley C	124,323,502	10,367,482	0	134,690,984
Moorabool S	34,561,279	3,183,284	4,218,528	41,963,091
Mornington Peninsula S	189,204,017	10,771,794	2,594,629	202,570,440
Mount Alexander S	22,245,785	1,643,874	2,698,698	26,588,358
Moyne S	9,181,092	769,288	13,274,532	23,224,912
Murrindindi S	13,065,316	1,506,425	8,432,308	23,004,050
Nillumbik S	70,108,708	2,766,720	542,867	73,418,295
Northern Grampians S	11,635,144	1,678,271	6,010,369	19,323,785
Port Phillip C	117,508,524	24,771,323	0	142,279,848
Pyrenees S	5,198,613	1,391,168	5,054,739	11,644,520
Queenscliffe B	7,909,811	297,970	0	8,207,781
South Gippsland S	33,860,760	2,604,361	11,630,123	48,095,244
Southern Grampians S	11,025,438	1,225,160	10,294,779	22,545,377
Stonnington C	114,420,702	16,295,679	0	130,716,381
Strathbogie S	11,695,487	980,665	8,947,941	21,624,093
Surf Coast S	54,778,208	3,568,966	3,083,432	61,430,606
Swan Hill RC	14,660,673	2,639,346	13,224,729	30,524,748
Towong S	2,882,197	350,375	6,532,800	9,765,372
Wangaratta RC	18,243,408	12,548,609	7,692,530	38,484,547
Warrnambool C	34,231,450	10,052,701	757,636	45,041,786
Wellington S	44,944,240	9,867,836	12,453,932	67,266,009
West Wimmera S	1,090,098	169,972	7,055,317	8,315,387
Whitehorse C	119,945,360	13,134,403	0	133,079,762
Whittlesea C	159,694,930	29,632,236	1,118,378	190,445,544
Wodonga C	39,000,573	8,990,340	2,419,964	50,410,877
Wyndham C	210,386,413	49,492,868	5,371,634	265,250,915
Yarra C	92,701,715	32,936,779	0	125,638,494
Yarra Ranges S	143,362,072	13,209,411	5,580,777	162,152,260
Yarriambiack S	3,184,866	555,371	9,645,090	13,385,327
	5,574,659,067	1,140,796,565	358,388,198	7,073,843,830

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Valuations (CIV)			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	21,106,554,533	1,097,330,833	1,883,731,667	24,087,617,033
Manningham C	59,533,028,333	4,348,181,667	16,440,000	63,897,650,000
Mansfield S	4,345,278,867	294,614,067	1,380,208,000	6,020,100,933
Maribyrnong C	30,338,415,168	6,974,416,973	0	37,312,832,140
Maroondah C	37,403,457,500	5,434,479,172	0	42,837,936,672
Melbourne C	71,985,178,400	77,132,587,800	0	149,117,766,200
Melton C	44,192,310,487	4,606,016,517	2,842,335,000	51,640,662,004
Merri-bek C	62,650,131,167	6,256,114,500	0	68,906,245,667
Mildura RC	8,459,468,400	2,018,945,833	3,023,762,000	13,502,176,233
Mitchell S	13,783,226,000	763,544,000	1,742,092,333	16,288,862,333
Moirs S	5,350,254,133	1,015,163,900	3,463,373,667	9,828,791,700
Monash C	83,122,625,667	12,154,886,000	12,746,667	95,290,258,333
Moonee Valley C	54,382,153,333	6,512,062,100	0	60,894,215,433
Moorabool S	10,581,045,000	633,358,000	1,920,247,667	13,134,650,667
Mornington Peninsula S	113,698,384,433	6,320,493,667	4,643,480,667	124,662,358,767
Mount Alexander S	6,278,109,877	478,978,333	1,235,822,667	7,992,910,877
Moyne S	5,044,492,667	544,247,000	11,899,167,000	17,487,906,667
Murrindindi S	5,558,816,433	517,512,067	6,316,973,667	12,393,302,167
Nillumbik S	22,532,481,667	941,366,867	251,400,000	23,725,248,533
Northern Grampians S	1,771,579,333	230,410,333	2,889,651,000	4,891,640,667
Port Phillip C	83,342,313,000	15,320,147,392	0	98,662,460,392
Pyrenees S	1,300,767,333	293,936,000	2,714,555,333	4,309,258,667
Queenscliffe B	4,106,143,333	151,006,333	0	4,257,149,667
South Gippsland S	8,541,002,333	687,349,667	4,960,399,667	14,188,751,667
Southern Grampians S	2,244,566,000	301,474,000	4,854,672,500	7,400,712,500
Stonnington C	117,923,845,000	17,888,769,333	0	135,812,614,333
Strathbogie S	2,682,603,333	221,704,900	3,355,828,167	6,260,136,400
Surf Coast S	26,823,076,667	1,117,538,668	1,880,339,000	29,820,954,334
Swan Hill RC	2,296,859,967	456,017,333	2,863,546,067	5,616,423,367
Towong S	494,066,767	54,340,833	2,215,863,300	2,764,270,900
Wangaratta RC	4,970,203,333	850,448,333	3,206,019,000	9,026,670,667
Warrnambool C	8,106,632,000	1,568,405,167	319,272,333	9,994,309,500
Wellington S	9,989,837,433	2,362,911,103	3,935,693,333	16,288,441,870
West Wimmera S	252,059,433	18,524,833	4,888,563,767	5,159,148,033
Whitehorse C	72,688,529,333	8,186,431,667	0	80,874,961,000
Whittlesea C	60,210,193,133	9,845,765,567	541,335,000	70,597,293,700
Wodonga C	7,773,942,100	1,529,430,767	493,301,167	9,796,674,033
Wyndham C	67,863,749,101	13,720,758,334	2,566,403,333	84,150,910,768
Yarra C	49,206,845,667	16,827,595,000	0	66,034,440,667
Yarra Ranges S	46,254,685,500	3,219,542,500	2,774,775,000	52,249,003,000
Yarriambiack S	467,895,367	70,755,333	3,884,522,800	4,423,173,500
	2,363,302,310,883	390,072,866,322	162,320,424,194	2,915,695,601,399

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Standardised Rate Revenue			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	49,787,048	3,209,224	4,159,102	57,155,374
Manningham C	140,429,066	12,716,575	36,298	153,181,939
Mansfield S	10,249,831	861,620	3,047,369	14,158,820
Maribyrnong C	71,563,558	20,397,191	0	91,960,749
Maroondah C	88,228,883	15,893,531	0	104,122,414
Melbourne C	169,801,733	225,579,882	0	395,381,615
Melton C	104,242,721	13,470,631	6,275,608	123,988,961
Merri-bek C	147,781,822	18,296,463	0	166,078,286
Mildura RC	19,954,558	5,904,554	6,676,182	32,535,294
Mitchell S	32,512,466	2,233,040	3,846,376	38,591,882
Moir S	12,620,409	2,968,921	7,646,803	23,236,133
Monash C	196,073,222	35,547,851	28,143	231,649,217
Moonee Valley C	128,278,961	19,045,001	0	147,323,962
Moorabool S	24,959,024	1,852,302	4,239,726	31,051,051
Mornington Peninsula S	268,196,636	18,484,745	10,252,368	296,933,749
Mount Alexander S	14,809,075	1,400,807	2,728,580	18,938,462
Moyne S	11,899,166	1,591,690	26,272,239	39,763,095
Murrindindi S	13,112,375	1,513,502	13,947,282	28,573,159
Nillumbik S	53,150,586	2,753,096	555,068	56,458,750
Northern Grampians S	4,178,877	673,852	6,380,077	11,232,806
Port Phillip C	196,591,430	44,804,889	0	241,396,319
Pyrenees S	3,068,306	859,637	5,993,482	9,921,426
Queenscliffe B	9,685,747	441,629	0	10,127,376
South Gippsland S	20,146,883	2,010,204	10,952,095	33,109,183
Southern Grampians S	5,294,579	881,683	10,718,659	16,894,921
Stonnington C	278,163,834	52,317,011	0	330,480,845
Strathbogie S	6,327,840	648,392	7,409,352	14,385,585
Surf Coast S	63,271,426	3,268,323	4,151,611	70,691,361
Swan Hill RC	5,417,932	1,333,656	6,322,440	13,074,028
Towong S	1,165,426	158,924	4,892,417	6,216,767
Wangaratta RC	11,723,929	2,487,198	7,078,588	21,289,715
Warrnambool C	19,122,272	4,586,915	704,923	24,414,111
Wellington S	23,564,458	6,910,506	8,689,640	39,164,604
West Wimmera S	594,569	54,177	10,793,488	11,442,234
Whitehorse C	171,460,827	23,941,817	0	195,402,644
Whittlesea C	142,026,391	28,794,660	1,195,217	172,016,268
Wodonga C	18,337,509	4,472,932	1,089,162	23,899,603
Wyndham C	160,079,928	40,127,359	5,666,377	205,873,664
Yarra C	116,071,222	49,213,530	0	165,284,752
Yarra Ranges S	109,107,540	9,415,787	6,126,442	124,649,769
Yarriambiack S	1,103,692	206,929	8,576,660	9,887,281
	5,574,659,067	1,140,796,565	358,388,198	7,073,843,830

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	Payments in Lieu of Rates (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Unconstrained) (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Constrained) (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	0	57,155,374	39,942,631
Manningham C	0	153,181,939	145,942,908
Mansfield S	0	14,158,820	11,518,381
Maribyrnong C	0	91,960,749	91,960,749
Maroondah C	0	104,122,414	97,689,390
Melbourne C	0	395,381,615	395,381,615
Melton C	0	123,988,961	94,503,973
Merri-bek C	14,655	166,092,940	166,092,940
Mildura RC	310,458	32,845,752	29,917,819
Mitchell S	207,340	38,799,221	32,563,260
Moirs S	203,569	23,439,702	20,926,465
Monash C	0	231,649,217	222,576,849
Moonee Valley C	1,082,546	148,406,508	148,406,508
Moorabool S	1,075,572	32,126,623	25,292,594
Mornington Peninsula S	276,986	297,210,735	218,659,631
Mount Alexander S	0	18,938,462	13,307,739
Moyne S	2,396,189	42,159,284	24,688,724
Murrindindi S	174,443	28,747,602	14,579,558
Nillumbik S	0	56,458,750	55,770,176
Northern Grampians S	421,472	11,654,278	8,073,994
Port Phillip C	0	241,396,319	194,967,073
Pyrenees S	1,214,871	11,136,297	6,488,961
Queenscliffe B	300	10,127,676	8,629,093
South Gippsland S	253,081	33,362,263	28,461,391
Southern Grampians S	193,854	17,088,775	13,928,904
Stonnington C	0	330,480,845	267,515,669
Strathbogie S	0	14,385,585	11,893,274
Surf Coast S	0	70,691,361	51,265,057
Swan Hill RC	154,489	13,228,516	12,953,758
Towong S	236,429	6,453,196	5,660,299
Wangaratta RC	69,712	21,359,427	18,940,893
Warrnambool C	0	24,414,111	21,313,065
Wellington S	0	39,164,604	36,461,647
West Wimmera S	0	11,442,234	5,097,551
Whitehorse C	0	195,402,644	195,402,644
Whittlesea C	0	172,016,268	157,504,903
Wodonga C	0	23,899,603	21,301,565
Wyndham C	90,086	205,963,750	184,795,753
Yarra C	37,691	165,322,443	165,322,443
Yarra Ranges S	0	124,649,769	115,163,674
Yarriambiack S	313,196	10,200,477	5,415,140
	36,558,205	7,110,402,035	6,369,201,481

Appendix 4

2025-26 General Purpose Grants

K. Raw Grant Calculation

	Standardised Expenditure (\$)	Standardised Revenue (\$)	Raw Grant (\$)	Grant unadjusted (\$)	General Purpose Grant* Actual # (\$)
Alpine S	34,703,323	13,088,187	21,615,136	3,596,813	3,601,735
Ararat RC	39,473,353	8,984,929	30,488,424	5,073,350	5,080,292
Ballarat C	175,907,368	82,443,162	93,464,206	15,552,677	15,573,960
Banyule C	157,619,861	142,598,503	15,021,358	3,470,806	3,470,806
Bass Coast S	97,844,740	55,271,129	42,573,610	7,084,355	7,153,607
Baw Baw S	104,160,480	48,559,405	55,601,075	9,252,158	9,264,819
Bayside C	119,027,919	208,929,555	-89,901,636	2,791,724	2,791,724
Benalla RC	33,923,728	11,263,486	22,660,242	3,770,721	3,775,881
Boroondara C	213,503,257	331,431,287	-117,928,031	4,682,987	4,682,987
Brimbank C	233,869,021	147,221,068	86,647,952	14,418,436	14,438,166
Buloke S	37,395,324	5,360,985	32,034,340	5,330,594	5,337,889
Campaspe S	90,185,354	28,870,823	61,314,530	10,202,891	10,355,468
Cardinia S	174,917,767	96,118,289	78,799,478	13,112,430	13,130,374
Casey C	422,409,304	270,001,286	152,408,018	25,361,075	25,822,492
Central Goldfields S	31,436,434	8,341,431	23,095,003	3,843,066	3,848,325
Colac Otway S	58,531,241	24,599,473	33,931,768	5,646,331	5,654,058
Corangamite S	54,563,257	19,097,140	35,466,117	5,901,650	5,909,726
Darebin C	185,921,785	182,744,720	3,177,064	4,208,264	4,208,264
East Gippsland S	127,057,484	38,482,485	88,574,998	14,739,101	14,788,997
Frankston C	171,527,552	115,535,345	55,992,206	9,317,243	9,329,993
Gannawarra S	35,626,690	6,852,293	28,774,397	4,788,132	4,794,684
Glen Eira C	179,797,650	208,267,424	-28,469,774	4,237,045	4,237,045
Glenelg S	59,987,362	18,798,660	41,188,702	6,853,903	6,863,282
Golden Plains S	50,505,125	19,095,426	31,409,699	5,226,652	5,233,805
Greater Bendigo C	194,448,245	84,280,518	110,167,727	18,332,185	18,357,271
Greater Dandenong C	214,372,487	140,540,533	73,831,954	12,285,822	12,302,634
Greater Geelong C	400,724,050	253,454,815	147,269,236	24,505,966	24,539,506
Greater Shepparton C	122,908,717	42,543,147	80,365,570	13,373,032	13,391,332
Hepburn S	40,511,644	13,237,719	27,273,924	4,538,449	4,544,660
Hindmarsh S	26,995,777	4,680,926	22,314,851	3,713,247	3,718,328
Hobsons Bay C	111,186,203	111,670,396	-484,193	2,515,888	2,515,888
Horsham RC	48,364,061	15,707,540	32,656,521	5,434,127	5,441,563
Hume C	328,006,056	207,482,018	120,524,038	20,055,501	20,082,946
Indigo S	39,992,643	13,863,742	26,128,902	4,347,914	4,353,864
Kingston C	194,207,801	201,693,067	-7,485,267	4,380,790	4,380,790
Knox C	187,590,451	140,818,120	46,772,332	7,783,033	7,837,264
Latrobe C	132,868,215	54,263,362	78,604,852	13,080,044	13,097,943
Loddon S	48,978,530	7,445,908	41,532,622	6,911,132	6,920,589

* Excludes natural disaster assistance grants.

Adjusted to take account of constraints on grant movements.

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K. Raw Grant Calculation

	Standardised Expenditure (\$)	Standardised Revenue (\$)	Raw Grant (\$)	Grant unadjusted (\$)	General Purpose Grant* Actual # (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	90,135,727	46,098,686	44,037,040	7,327,873	7,341,074
Manningham C	151,406,997	160,679,971	-9,272,974	3,466,333	3,466,333
Mansfield S	31,181,737	13,085,953	18,095,784	3,011,184	3,015,304
Maribyrnong C	119,398,518	102,737,636	16,660,881	2,772,412	2,583,692
Maroondah C	139,751,219	110,833,636	28,917,583	4,811,958	4,827,041
Melbourne C	290,602,743	422,752,632	-132,149,889	4,982,185	4,982,185
Melton C	274,339,362	118,779,505	155,559,857	25,885,549	24,658,667
Merri-bek C	207,003,007	186,578,074	20,424,933	4,907,287	4,907,287
Mildura RC	123,763,241	36,385,680	87,377,561	14,539,844	14,559,741
Mitchell S	94,057,033	38,942,082	55,114,951	9,171,265	9,183,816
Moirs S	81,237,297	24,577,361	56,659,936	9,428,355	9,441,257
Monash C	262,066,859	246,006,254	16,060,605	5,505,367	5,505,367
Moonee Valley C	149,641,381	163,060,328	-13,418,947	3,412,955	3,412,955
Moorabool S	68,680,873	29,695,388	38,985,486	6,487,282	6,496,160
Mornington Peninsula S	261,418,718	239,781,669	21,637,049	4,510,461	4,510,461
Mount Alexander S	42,911,971	15,759,414	27,152,557	4,518,253	4,524,436
Moyne S	62,703,824	26,745,749	35,958,075	5,983,514	5,991,702
Murrindindi S	41,459,697	16,503,229	24,956,468	4,152,819	4,158,501
Nillumbik S	76,316,689	62,653,158	13,663,530	2,273,646	2,276,757
Northern Grampians S	47,550,109	9,493,268	38,056,841	6,332,753	6,341,419
Port Phillip C	146,414,001	208,889,485	-62,475,484	2,964,066	2,964,066
Pyrenees S	34,356,447	7,409,171	26,947,277	4,484,094	4,490,230
Queenscliffe B	12,225,527	9,179,481	3,046,046	506,870	507,563
South Gippsland S	80,748,139	32,188,016	48,560,123	8,080,526	8,091,584
Southern Grampians S	51,263,842	15,828,649	35,435,193	5,896,505	5,904,574
Stonnington C	144,788,190	282,208,193	-137,420,002	3,000,081	3,000,081
Strathbogie S	40,106,072	13,310,850	26,795,223	4,458,792	4,464,894
Surf Coast S	78,573,074	56,462,120	22,110,953	3,679,318	3,684,353
Swan Hill RC	53,655,503	15,335,268	38,320,234	6,376,583	6,385,309
Towong S	30,911,196	6,383,136	24,528,060	4,081,530	4,087,116
Wangaratta RC	61,189,809	22,397,318	38,792,490	6,455,167	6,466,545
Warrnambool C	53,809,564	25,517,837	28,291,727	4,707,814	4,714,256
Wellington S	114,690,208	41,966,839	72,723,369	12,101,350	12,117,910
West Wimmera S	33,831,150	5,561,038	28,270,112	4,704,217	4,710,655
Whitehorse C	225,378,878	215,991,689	9,387,190	4,826,469	4,826,469
Whittlesea C	288,329,609	184,451,647	103,877,961	17,285,552	17,309,206
Wodonga C	64,763,205	26,246,279	38,516,925	6,409,313	6,418,083
Wyndham C	375,219,140	221,458,551	153,760,588	25,586,146	25,621,159
Yarra C	126,241,732	177,995,859	-51,754,127	2,649,347	2,649,347
Yarra Ranges S	216,845,963	132,605,170	84,240,793	14,017,878	14,037,061
Yarriambiack S	34,379,505	6,164,671	28,214,835	4,695,019	4,699,893
	9,864,398,009	7,162,339,242	2,702,058,767	610,167,466	610,167,466

* Excludes natural disaster assistance grants.

Adjusted to take account of constraints on grant movements.

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L. Data Sources

Major Cost Drivers

Estimated Residential Population

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia, (cat no. 3218.0), Table 2. Estimated Residential Population, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2024, released 27 March 2025.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release>

Dwellings

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Selected Dwelling Characteristics*, Local Government Area by DWTD Dwelling Type, Occupied and Unoccupied Private Dwellings, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Cost Adjustors

Aged Pensioners

Department of Social Services (DSS), *Payment Demographic Data (Centrelink data) June 2024 quarter*, downloaded Oct 2024.

<https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Residential Population, Table 1: ERP, Age by Sex, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2023 (p), Customised Report obtained, Oct 2024.

Economies of Scale

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Selected Dwelling Characteristics*, Local Government Area by DWTD Dwelling Type, Occupied and Unoccupied Private Dwellings, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood) Rating

Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning, Planning, Building & Heritage, Planning

- *Rateable properties affected by BMO GC13*, December 2017.
- *Rateable properties affected by 1% flood event*, December 2017.

Indigenous Population

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Cultural Diversity, LGA(UR) by IINGP Indigenous Status*, Local Government Area, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population by Usual Residence, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Language

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Cultural Diversity, LGA (UR) by ENGP Proficiency in Spoken English* (not well and not at all), Local Government Area, downloaded Census TableBuilder, April 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Internal Migration, LGA (UR) by ENGP Proficiency in Spoken English and YARRP Year of Arrival in Australia*, Arrivals by Year, Local Government Area, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Population Dispersion

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Population by Urban Centres and Localities*, Place of Usual Residence, by Local Centres/Localities, Census TableBuilder, March 2023. [calculations required to group by Local Government Area].

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Selected Dwelling Characteristics*, Local Government Area by DWTD Dwelling Type, Occupied and Unoccupied Private Dwellings, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Google Maps online (calculation of distance).

Note: Population Dispersion scores derived by the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission.

Population Growth	Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia, (cat no. 3218.0), Table 2. Estimated Residential Population, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2024, released 27 March 2025. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release
Population Under 6 Years	Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Residential Population, Table 1: ERP, Age by Sex, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2023 (p), Customised Report obtained, Oct 2024.
Regional Services	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021 - Employment, Income and Education</i> , LGA (POW) by INDP – 1 Digit Level, Employment by Industry, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder
Remoteness	Hugo Centre (2018). <i>Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus 2016 (ARIA+ 2016)</i> . Adelaide, South Australia: Hugo Centre for Migration and Population Research, the University of Adelaide, (unpublished data) released March 2018.
Socio-Economic	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021, 2033.0 Socio-Economic Indexes of Australia (SEIFA)</i> , released 27 April 2023. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/socio-economic-indexes-areas-seifa-australia/latest-release
Tourism	Tourism Research Australia, <i>2018-19 Visitor Survey (for International Visitors, Overnight Visitors and Daytrips)</i> , 4 year averages (2015-16 to 2018-19), by Local Government Area, (unpublished data) September 2019. More information, refer to page 10 of this report.
Revenue Adjustors	
Household Income (for persons over 60)	Department of Social Services (DSS), <i>Payment Demographic Data (Centrelink data) June 2024 quarter</i> , downloaded Oct 2024. https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021 – Table 1: Median Household Income for Persons aged 60 years and over</i> , Local Government Area, Customised Data Report (unpublished data), November 2022.
Socio-Economic	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021, 2033.0 Socio-Economic Indexes of Australia (SEIFA)</i> , released 27 April 2023. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/socio-economic-indexes-areas-seifa-australia/latest-release
Tourism	Tourism Research Australia, <i>2018-19 Visitor Survey (for International Visitors, Overnight Visitors and Daytrips)</i> , 4 year averages (2015-16 to 2018-19), by Local Government Area, (unpublished data) September 2019. More information, refer to page 10 of this report.
Value of Development	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Buildings Approvals, Australia, June 2024</i> , (cat no. 8731.0), Table 1 VIC LGA excel datacube 2022-23, downloaded Oct 2024. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/building-and-construction/building-approvals-australia/latest-release
Valuations (Commercial)	Victorian Local Government Grants Commission, <i>Local Government - Accounting & General Information Questionnaire</i> - as at June 2024, completed by councils annually.

Appendix 5

2025-26 Local Roads Grants

A. Local Roads Network

	Average Daily Traffic Volumes: Vehicles Per Day (VPD)								
	Urban Local Roads (km)				Rural Local Roads (km)				
	<500	500 to <1000	1000 to <5000	>5000	Natural Surface	<100	100 to <500	500 to <1000	>1000
Alpine S	158	8	11	0	72	339	62	1	0
Ararat RC	120	9	12	0	252	1,923	152	0	0
Ballarat C	366	128	275	73	35	428	174	41	17
Banyule C	156	203	144	42	0	0	0	0	0
Bass Coast S	385	33	40	3	2	236	208	45	26
Baw Baw S	284	26	61	7	182	905	475	85	34
Bayside C	241	40	61	14	0	0	0	0	0
Benalla RC	74	17	19	0	80	823	285	21	15
Boroondara C	253	131	148	35	0	0	0	0	0
Brimbank C	383	263	177	77	0	0	3	1	1
Buloke S	113	0	0	0	3,009	1,981	212	0	0
Campaspe S	195	50	46	5	823	2,195	588	96	18
Cardinia S	561	39	92	11	6	340	449	60	71
Casey C	1,203	176	282	39	0	58	113	82	22
Central Goldfields S	107	14	13	1	218	773	153	8	9
Colac Otway S	153	16	26	1	55	764	591	20	4
Corangamite S	163	14	10	0	218	1,502	406	44	0
Darebin C	245	114	106	49	0	0	0	0	0
East Gippsland S	414	64	63	4	113	1,860	469	36	19
Frankston C	402	85	96	60	0	6	37	6	27
Gannawarra S	85	22	6	1	834	790	393	122	11
Glen Eira C	274	72	49	38	0	0	0	0	0
Glenelg S	130	18	28	13	13	1,918	446	43	23
Golden Plains S	239	8	7	0	1	1,075	337	51	29
Greater Bendigo C	637	88	168	40	49	1,653	356	69	109
Greater Dandenong C	226	162	199	60	0	10	5	22	11
Greater Geelong C	1,220	221	263	77	27	236	263	54	101
Greater Shepparton C	282	60	80	20	178	1,265	538	96	40
Hepburn S	232	24	11	0	165	714	271	4	13
Hindmarsh S	119	0	0	0	1,581	1,247	78	0	0
Hobsons Bay C	266	48	79	38	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham RC	136	27	22	5	1,009	1,542	224	17	4
Hume C	606	173	430	99	5	33	93	29	52
Indigo S	129	13	18	1	197	903	224	24	15
Kingston C	374	69	114	31	0	8	8	0	0
Knox C	388	145	149	28	0	5	7	1	2
Latrobe C	376	100	126	7	0	499	348	55	56
Loddon S	119	1	1	0	1,211	3,076	293	33	0

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A. Local Roads Network

	Total Urban (km)	Total Rural (km)	Total Local Roads (km)	Total Strategic Routes (km)	Bridges	
					Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)
Alpine S	177	474	651	165	290	8,477
Ararat RC	141	2,327	2,468	568	0	16,043
Ballarat C	842	695	1,537	318	251	20,421
Banyule C	545	0	545	51	344	1,407
Bass Coast S	461	517	978	321	942	2,456
Baw Baw S	377	1,681	2,058	739	308	5,517
Bayside C	356	0	356	47	0	1,083
Benalla RC	110	1,224	1,334	493	218	8,051
Boroondara C	567	0	567	32	0	2,119
Brimbank C	900	5	905	93	0	6,018
Buloke S	113	5,202	5,315	595	48	2,506
Campaspe S	296	3,720	4,016	2,075	78	7,397
Cardinia S	703	926	1,629	705	176	14,173
Casey C	1,700	275	1,975	304	0	5,944
Central Goldfields S	135	1,161	1,296	260	0	13,125
Colac Otway S	196	1,434	1,630	599	768	6,065
Corangamite S	187	2,170	2,357	1,119	799	7,619
Darebin C	514	0	514	107	0	1,754
East Gippsland S	545	2,497	3,042	1,341	4,358	24,618
Frankston C	643	76	719	100	0	2,031
Gannawarra S	114	2,150	2,264	869	1,370	6,940
Glen Eira C	433	0	433	50	0	0
Glenelg S	189	2,443	2,632	839	306	7,711
Golden Plains S	254	1,493	1,747	569	371	9,959
Greater Bendigo C	933	2,236	3,169	619	313	15,353
Greater Dandenong C	647	49	695	150	0	9,561
Greater Geelong C	1,781	681	2,462	745	0	4,825
Greater Shepparton C	442	2,117	2,559	1,380	676	5,196
Hepburn S	267	1,167	1,434	207	107	6,654
Hindmarsh S	119	2,906	3,025	412	0	1,922
Hobsons Bay C	431	0	431	65	0	365
Horsham RC	190	2,796	2,986	854	0	7,633
Hume C	1,309	212	1,521	176	60	8,526
Indigo S	160	1,363	1,524	432	340	8,072
Kingston C	588	16	604	60	0	5,831
Knox C	710	15	725	88	116	1,617
Latrobe C	609	958	1,567	603	0	7,917
Loddon S	121	4,613	4,734	996	881	11,839

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A. Local Roads Network

	Average Daily Traffic Volumes: Vehicles Per Day (VPD)								
	Urban Local Roads (km)				Rural Local Roads (km)				
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Macedon Ranges S	272	40	68	1	49	612	418	173	44
Manningham C	290	76	70	6	0	48	69	7	43
Mansfield S	67	10	4	0	46	544	147	19	11
Maribyrnong C	139	64	53	51	0	0	0	0	0
Maroondah C	223	108	103	43	0	0	0	0	0
Melbourne C	96	37	62	49	0	0	0	0	0
Melton C	178	869	102	100	4	15	89	81	89
Merri-bek C	216	114	144	49	0	0	0	0	0
Mildura RC	250	38	42	22	1,220	2,890	606	105	64
Mitchell S	256	71	93	8	91	540	337	104	86
Moir S	258	18	10	0	905	1,384	669	417	0
Monash C	112	518	70	36	0	0	0	0	0
Moonee Valley C	184	88	113	26	0	0	0	0	0
Moorabool S	133	26	22	2	58	825	362	96	19
Mornington Peninsula	885	158	190	65	3	113	112	59	129
Mount Alexander S	212	21	20	4	10	848	238	64	11
Moynes S	142	8	13	0	79	1,833	600	54	16
Murrindindi S	128	9	7	2	52	691	307	27	22
Nillumbik S	217	37	61	7	0	124	287	20	22
Northern Grampians S	116	8	9	0	450	2,532	257	1	1
Port Phillip C	53	103	23	36	0	0	0	0	0
Pyrenees S	84	3	0	0	36	1,518	317	64	0
Queenscliffe B	28	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Gippsland S	222	29	32	0	0	1,210	533	60	30
Southern Grampians	185	0	20	1	233	2,315	116	113	3
Stonnington C	120	49	70	17	0	0	0	0	0
Strathbogie S	98	8	5	0	155	1,600	332	12	5
Surf Coast S	228	35	46	11	46	428	212	57	67
Swan Hill RC	102	24	28	2	1,412	1,479	400	22	11
Towong S	82	1	2	0	7	884	207	0	0
Wangaratta RC	150	14	34	4	60	1,209	315	53	23
Warrnambool C	170	30	73	15	6	30	32	9	14
Wellington S	105	53	36	0	0	1,381	1,042	309	112
West Wimmera S	81	1	0	0	492	2,034	142	1	0
Whitehorse C	210	180	206	45	0	0	0	0	0
Whittlesea C	834	206	197	63	5	44	88	24	16
Wodonga C	208	43	59	42	0	80	102	2	8
Wyndham C	990	399	172	86	30	57	59	2	56
Yarra C	81	50	59	26	0	0	0	0	0
Yarra Ranges S	433	68	86	33	4	101	800	126	116
Yarriambiack S	99	6	1	0	2,739	2,019	118	0	0
	20,752	6,311	5,844	1,731	18,525	58,497	17,574	3,246	1,748

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A. Local Roads Network

	Total Urban (km)	Total Rural (km)	Total Local Roads (km)	Total Strategic Routes (km)	Bridges	
					Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)
Macedon Ranges S	381	1,296	1,677	471	197	7,504
Manningham C	442	167	609	50	0	809
Mansfield S	82	767	848	204	95	6,306
Maribyrnong C	307	0	307	44	0	380
Maroondah C	477	0	477	77	0	369
Melbourne C	244	0	244	37	0	10,280
Melton C	1,249	278	1,527	200	0	11,302
Merri-bek C	523	0	523	99	0	894
Mildura RC	352	4,885	5,237	1,116	0	600
Mitchell S	428	1,158	1,586	554	550	8,788
Moirā S	286	3,375	3,661	1,987	569	10,275
Monash C	736	0	736	108	0	260
Moonee Valley C	412	0	412	60	0	1,173
Moorabool S	182	1,360	1,542	680	0	8,613
Mornington Peninsula S	1,298	416	1,714	447	0	590
Mount Alexander S	256	1,171	1,427	310	1,092	12,552
Moyne S	163	2,582	2,745	1,288	787	12,417
Murrindindi S	146	1,099	1,245	259	1,273	11,883
Nillumbik S	323	453	776	99	511	3,992
Northern Grampians S	133	3,241	3,374	702	0	17,695
Port Phillip C	215	0	215	46	328	905
Pyrenees S	87	1,935	2,022	493	0	11,469
Queenscliffe B	43	0	43	3	0	0
South Gippsland S	283	1,833	2,117	1,306	302	14,329
Southern Grampians S	206	2,780	2,986	549	498	9,168
Stonnington C	256	0	256	46	701	1,326
Strathbogie S	111	2,104	2,215	522	1,544	15,693
Surf Coast S	320	810	1,130	493	73	1,941
Swan Hill RC	156	3,324	3,480	1,019	0	1,151
Towong S	85	1,098	1,183	380	397	11,717
Wangaratta RC	202	1,660	1,862	643	944	25,199
Warrnambool C	289	90	379	147	18	4,626
Wellington S	194	2,844	3,038	1,507	87	23,982
West Wimmera S	82	2,669	2,751	893	16	1,715
Whitehorse C	641	0	641	77	25	866
Whittlesea C	1,300	177	1,477	223	0	20,884
Wodonga C	353	193	546	177	0	3,859
Wyndham C	1,647	204	1,851	221	0	5,574
Yarra C	216	0	216	10	0	0
Yarra Ranges S	620	1,147	1,768	470	1,620	3,283
Yarriambiack S	106	4,876	4,982	462	0	711
	34,639	99,591	134,230	37,623	24,747	561,826

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B. Asset Preservation Costs

Road Type	Daily Traffic Volume Range	Annual Asset Preservation Cost
Urban Local Roads	Under 500	\$ 8,640 km
	500 to <1,000	\$ 11,760 km
	1,000 to <5,000	\$ 15,840 km
	5,000 +	\$ 25,680 km
Rural Local Roads	Natural Surface	\$ 840 km
	Under 100	\$ 6,000 km
	100 to <500	\$ 12,480 km
	500 to <1,000	\$ 13,920 km
	1,000 +	\$ 15,840 km
Timber Bridge		\$ 240 sq m
Concrete Bridge		\$ 144 sq m

C. Cost Modifier Ranges

Local Road Type	Daily Traffic Volume Range	Cost Modifier Ranges				
		Freight	Climate	Sub-Grade	Materials	Strategic Routes
Urban	Under 500	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.65
	500 to <1,000	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
	1,000 to <5,000	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
	5,000 +	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
Rural	Natural Surface	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	n.a.	1.00-1.65
	Under 100	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.65
	100 to <500	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
	500 to <1,000	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.10
	1,000 +	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.00

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D. Cost Modifiers

	Cost Modifiers						Strategic Routes (average)
	Freight	Climate		Sub-Grades		Materials	
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
Alpine S	1.02	1.10	1.25	0.95	0.95	1.02	25.3
Ararat RC	1.02	0.98	0.88	1.00	1.02	0.96	23.0
Ballarat C	0.98	1.01	0.93	1.00	1.01	0.96	20.7
Banyule C	0.96	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	9.4
Bass Coast S	0.97	1.05	1.11	0.98	0.97	0.98	32.8
Baw Baw S	0.99	1.04	1.16	0.99	0.97	0.98	35.9
Bayside C	0.96	1.02	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.95	13.2
Benalla RC	1.00	0.96	0.80	1.06	1.04	0.97	37.0
Boroondara C	0.96	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	5.6
Brimbank C	1.01	0.98	0.84	1.10	1.10	0.95	10.3
Buloke S	1.05	0.96	0.76	1.05	1.06	1.01	11.2
Campaspe S	1.01	0.96	0.79	1.05	1.05	0.99	51.7
Cardinia S	0.97	1.02	1.07	0.97	0.96	0.96	43.3
Casey C	0.96	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.96	15.4
Central Goldfields S	0.99	0.96	0.80	1.02	1.05	0.96	20.1
Colac Otway S	1.03	1.10	1.19	0.95	0.96	0.96	36.7
Corangamite S	1.06	1.03	1.12	1.01	1.00	1.01	47.5
Darebin C	0.97	1.00	0.84	1.01	0.86	0.95	20.7
East Gippsland S	0.99	1.03	1.10	0.97	0.96	1.05	44.1
Frankston C	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	13.9
Gannawarra S	1.02	0.95	0.75	1.06	1.06	0.99	38.4
Glen Eira C	0.95	1.02	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.95	11.5
Glenelg S	1.03	1.08	1.08	0.97	0.96	0.99	31.9
Golden Plains S	0.98	0.98	0.86	1.07	1.03	1.02	32.6
Greater Bendigo C	0.99	0.96	0.80	1.01	1.02	0.97	19.5
Greater Dandenong C	1.10	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	21.5
Greater Geelong C	0.98	1.00	0.91	1.01	1.03	0.96	30.3
Greater Shepparton C	1.01	0.96	0.80	1.06	1.05	0.97	53.9
Hepburn S	0.97	1.01	0.95	1.00	1.01	0.97	14.4
Hindmarsh S	1.04	0.95	0.76	1.06	1.06	0.98	13.6
Hobsons Bay C	1.00	0.98	0.84	1.08	1.07	0.95	15.1
Horsham RC	1.00	0.96	0.81	1.06	1.05	1.00	28.6
Hume C	1.04	0.98	0.84	1.08	1.08	0.96	11.6
Indigo S	1.01	0.99	0.92	1.00	1.02	0.99	28.3
Kingston C	1.03	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	9.9
Knox C	1.01	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	12.1
Latrobe C	0.99	1.06	1.15	0.96	0.96	0.96	38.5
Loddon S	1.05	0.96	0.79	1.05	1.05	0.99	21.0

D. Cost Modifiers

	Cost Modifiers						Strategic Routes (average)
	Freight	Climate		Sub-Grades		Materials	
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
Macedon Ranges S	0.97	1.00	0.94	1.02	1.01	0.96	28.1
Manningham C	0.95	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	8.2
Mansfield S	1.01	0.98	0.86	0.99	0.99	0.97	24.0
Maribyrnong C	0.99	0.98	0.00	1.09	0.00	0.95	14.3
Maroondah C	0.98	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	16.0
Melbourne C	1.10	0.99	0.00	1.01	0.00	0.95	15.2
Melton C	0.96	0.98	0.84	1.10	1.09	0.96	13.1
Merri-bek C	0.96	0.98	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.95	18.9
Mildura RC	1.00	0.95	0.75	1.06	1.06	1.05	21.3
Mitchell S	0.96	1.00	0.92	0.99	0.98	0.96	34.9
Moirā S	1.02	0.96	0.79	1.06	1.06	0.98	54.3
Monash C	1.01	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	14.7
Moonee Valley C	0.96	0.98	0.84	1.05	0.99	0.95	14.5
Moorabool S	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.01	1.04	0.97	44.1
Mornington Peninsula S	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.95	26.1
Mount Alexander S	1.00	0.98	0.85	0.99	1.00	0.96	21.7
Moyne S	1.06	1.07	1.05	0.98	0.99	1.02	46.9
Murrindindi S	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.00	20.8
Nillumbik S	0.95	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.98	12.7
Northern Grampians S	1.03	0.97	0.80	0.99	1.04	0.97	20.8
Port Phillip C	0.99	1.00	0.00	0.98	0.00	0.95	21.4
Pyrenees S	1.01	0.97	0.83	1.00	1.04	0.98	24.4
Queenscliffe B	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.98	7.0
South Gippsland S	1.02	1.09	1.23	0.96	0.96	0.96	61.7
Southern Grampians S	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.00	0.99	0.97	18.4
Stonnington C	0.96	1.02	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.95	18.0
Strathbogie S	1.02	0.96	0.80	1.06	1.03	0.96	23.6
Surf Coast S	0.96	1.06	1.12	0.97	0.96	0.96	43.6
Swan Hill RC	1.04	0.95	0.75	1.06	1.06	0.97	29.3
Towong S	1.02	1.08	1.20	0.96	0.95	0.99	32.1
Wangaratta RC	1.00	0.97	0.83	1.05	1.02	0.96	34.5
Warrnambool C	0.98	1.06	1.12	0.98	1.00	0.98	38.8
Wellington S	1.00	1.02	1.00	0.97	0.96	1.01	49.6
West Wimmera S	1.08	0.97	0.83	1.03	1.02	0.98	32.5
Whitehorse C	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	12.0
Whittlesea C	0.98	0.98	0.90	1.06	1.02	0.96	15.1
Wodonga C	1.00	0.97	0.82	1.04	1.02	0.95	32.5
Wyndham C	0.99	0.98	0.84	1.08	1.07	0.96	11.9
Yarra C	1.01	1.02	0.98	1.03	1.00	0.95	4.6
Yarra Ranges S	0.97	1.07	1.20	0.97	0.96	0.97	26.6
Yarriambiack S	1.04	0.95	0.77	1.06	1.06	1.00	9.3

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E. Network Costs

	Urban Local Roads (\$)			
	<500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	1000 to <5000 vpd	>5000 vpd
Alpine S	1,661,692	108,466	210,934	0
Ararat RC	1,166,883	113,892	210,647	0
Ballarat C	3,021,375	1,574,878	4,257,032	2,032,952
Banyule C	1,214,762	2,153,164	2,141,407	1,006,786
Bass Coast S	3,403,529	408,270	695,145	98,479
Baw Baw S	2,668,086	325,516	1,055,215	189,377
Bayside C	1,861,760	423,746	929,786	369,670
Benalla RC	703,362	218,272	337,350	0
Boroondara C	1,973,589	1,386,975	2,129,259	866,167
Brimbank C	3,430,477	3,204,573	2,977,677	2,253,869
Buloke S	1,098,966	0	0	0
Campaspe S	1,959,108	628,479	806,365	145,833
Cardinia S	4,654,174	436,106	1,454,017	297,451
Casey C	9,657,448	1,936,140	4,391,120	1,038,503
Central Goldfields S	938,254	168,846	219,276	27,623
Colac Otway S	1,615,836	209,809	432,114	30,632
Corangamite S	1,762,358	204,972	202,874	0
Darebin C	2,036,175	1,260,573	1,645,394	1,317,094
East Gippsland S	4,373,133	875,592	1,187,582	122,496
Frankston C	3,195,245	920,390	1,456,911	1,561,772
Gannawarra S	819,006	285,698	98,815	29,956
Glen Eira C	2,155,245	768,678	711,372	936,330
Glenelg S	1,390,706	244,547	519,648	377,748
Golden Plains S	2,447,642	113,256	130,896	0
Greater Bendigo C	5,322,292	995,282	2,647,285	1,048,472
Greater Dandenong C	2,318,501	1,969,541	3,370,130	1,721,387
Greater Geelong C	10,703,436	2,615,529	4,371,356	2,137,531
Greater Shepparton C	2,637,704	751,683	1,388,510	579,028
Hepburn S	1,984,241	284,641	185,690	11,795
Hindmarsh S	1,103,389	0	0	0
Hobsons Bay C	2,345,178	590,042	1,326,984	1,079,554
Horsham RC	1,325,932	344,392	384,252	154,751
Hume C	5,557,269	2,154,124	7,304,203	2,909,350
Indigo S	1,208,000	157,574	293,608	14,520
Kingston C	3,121,513	805,218	1,812,960	794,643
Knox C	3,240,889	1,638,876	2,345,403	733,372
Latrobe C	3,764,230	1,270,549	2,210,915	201,848
Loddon S	1,177,090	14,239	16,677	0

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E. Network Costs

	Rural Local Roads (\$)				
	Natural Surface	<100 vpd	100 to <500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	>1000 vpd
Alpine S	73,394	2,899,040	1,064,346	18,953	0
Ararat RC	194,747	11,689,101	1,843,437	0	0
Ballarat C	27,392	2,277,728	2,080,617	540,793	237,896
Banyule C	0	0	0	0	0
Bass Coast S	1,403	1,533,042	2,891,067	695,498	420,758
Baw Baw S	169,319	7,040,351	7,012,996	1,358,242	586,608
Bayside C	0	0	0	0	0
Benalla RC	55,980	4,547,697	3,262,599	259,771	192,784
Boroondara C	0	0	0	0	0
Brimbank C	0	0	33,311	12,385	14,093
Buloke S	2,141,786	11,948,302	2,349,278	0	0
Campaspe S	585,680	15,913,865	6,735,584	1,214,008	238,411
Cardinia S	6,693	3,046,364	5,711,096	851,385	1,076,464
Casey C	0	317,889	1,239,421	1,017,951	307,480
Central Goldfields S	151,692	3,938,542	1,702,777	97,312	113,252
Colac Otway S	54,564	6,524,388	8,883,278	348,660	72,136
Corangamite S	218,041	14,078,501	6,872,492	808,481	0
Darebin C	0	0	0	0	0
East Gippsland S	99,495	15,111,514	7,255,851	606,693	331,240
Frankston C	0	31,369	402,365	72,777	372,669
Gannawarra S	575,586	5,374,559	4,272,098	1,479,247	140,061
Glen Eira C	0	0	0	0	0
Glenelg S	11,650	13,851,649	6,456,143	692,468	384,789
Golden Plains S	610	6,505,270	4,053,214	668,859	409,533
Greater Bendigo C	32,999	8,209,719	3,703,498	798,641	1,344,084
Greater Dandenong C	0	61,444	61,444	304,290	177,810
Greater Geelong C	20,610	1,343,380	3,049,829	700,926	1,391,333
Greater Shepparton C	126,470	8,957,451	5,928,135	1,167,085	518,774
Hepburn S	130,008	4,004,657	3,287,072	56,915	187,866
Hindmarsh S	1,113,644	7,189,639	902,415	0	0
Hobsons Bay C	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham RC	762,862	9,406,345	2,630,561	219,343	56,307
Hume C	3,579	182,435	1,056,322	362,893	747,033
Indigo S	155,558	5,687,139	2,879,027	342,626	217,672
Kingston C	0	44,110	91,749	0	0
Knox C	0	29,208	84,153	9,310	31,626
Latrobe C	0	3,555,859	4,845,213	843,003	931,016
Loddon S	890,050	18,497,129	3,491,500	435,051	0

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E. Network Costs

	Bridges		Total Network Costs (\$)	Local Roads Grant (uncapped) (\$)	Local Roads Grant Total (\$)
	Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)			
Alpine S	69,600	1,220,688	7,327,114	1,348,694	1,424,273
Ararat RC	0	2,310,192	17,528,899	3,226,526	3,227,351
Ballarat C	60,240	2,940,624	19,051,528	3,506,795	3,507,691
Banyule C	82,560	202,608	6,801,287	1,251,906	1,252,226
Bass Coast S	226,126	353,624	10,726,941	1,974,497	1,975,002
Baw Baw S	73,918	794,434	21,274,062	3,915,894	3,916,895
Bayside C	0	155,952	3,740,913	688,586	688,762
Benalla RC	52,320	1,159,344	10,789,479	1,986,008	1,986,516
Boroondara C	0	305,078	6,661,069	1,226,096	1,226,409
Brimbank C	0	866,592	12,792,977	2,354,790	2,355,392
Buloke S	11,520	360,864	17,910,716	3,296,807	3,345,919
Campaspe S	18,720	1,065,168	29,311,220	5,395,286	5,396,665
Cardinia S	42,240	2,040,912	19,616,903	3,610,863	3,611,786
Casey C	0	855,886	20,761,836	3,821,610	3,822,586
Central Goldfields S	0	1,890,000	9,247,574	1,702,191	1,702,626
Colac Otway S	184,320	873,360	19,229,097	3,539,480	3,540,384
Corangamite S	191,760	1,097,136	25,436,616	4,682,091	4,683,288
Darebin C	0	252,576	6,511,813	1,198,623	1,198,929
East Gippsland S	1,045,968	3,545,025	34,554,591	6,360,428	6,362,053
Frankston C	0	292,464	8,305,962	1,528,870	1,529,261
Gannawarra S	328,800	999,360	14,403,186	2,651,179	2,697,578
Glen Eira C	0	0	4,571,625	841,494	841,709
Glenelg S	73,440	1,110,381	25,113,169	4,622,555	4,623,736
Golden Plains S	89,040	1,434,096	15,852,417	2,917,938	2,918,684
Greater Bendigo C	75,120	2,210,832	26,388,222	4,857,253	4,858,494
Greater Dandenong C	0	1,376,843	11,361,390	2,091,279	2,091,814
Greater Geelong C	0	694,800	27,028,731	4,975,148	4,976,422
Greater Shepparton C	162,240	748,224	22,965,304	4,227,200	4,228,280
Hepburn S	25,680	958,176	11,116,741	2,046,247	2,076,956
Hindmarsh S	0	276,768	10,585,855	1,948,527	1,949,025
Hobsons Bay C	0	52,560	5,394,318	992,927	993,180
Horsham RC	0	1,099,205	16,383,950	3,015,777	3,016,547
Hume C	14,400	1,227,730	21,519,340	3,961,042	3,962,055
Indigo S	81,600	1,162,368	12,199,692	2,245,585	2,259,738
Kingston C	0	839,664	7,509,859	1,382,332	1,382,685
Knox C	27,768	232,906	8,373,511	1,541,303	1,541,697
Latrobe C	0	1,140,048	18,762,682	3,453,627	3,454,510
Loddon S	211,440	1,704,816	26,437,992	4,866,414	4,867,657

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	Urban Local Roads (\$)			
	<500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	1000 to <5000 vpd	>5000 vpd
Macedon Ranges S	2,349,086	475,789	1,112,872	27,982
Manningham C	2,242,520	812,066	1,017,589	147,583
Mansfield S	575,232	118,901	64,212	0
Maribyrnong C	1,272,521	752,908	883,000	1,377,871
Maroondah C	1,791,264	1,184,198	1,574,660	1,134,112
Melbourne C	866,437	454,528	1,045,741	1,431,137
Melton C	1,515,193	10,053,064	1,728,279	2,791,445
Merri-bek C	1,834,923	1,289,445	2,236,341	1,315,615
Mildura RC	2,421,105	503,118	769,585	673,276
Mitchell S	2,148,585	795,740	1,502,776	205,354
Moir S	2,579,097	237,143	183,100	0
Monash C	982,589	5,786,571	1,141,119	989,251
Moonee Valley C	1,521,197	994,127	1,759,499	686,533
Moorabool S	1,158,199	312,525	360,847	53,629
Mornington Peninsula	7,192,954	1,756,581	3,004,533	1,736,216
Mount Alexander S	1,819,613	242,492	313,663	87,810
Moyne S	1,658,178	117,070	268,255	0
Murrindindi S	1,115,627	106,541	114,957	50,032
Nillumbik S	1,745,725	406,663	952,833	189,641
Northern Grampians S	1,122,724	102,770	155,729	0
Port Phillip C	431,478	1,145,571	361,241	946,598
Pyrenees S	712,326	38,918	0	0
Queenscliffe B	237,829	99,434	91,520	0
South Gippsland S	2,274,967	366,826	585,762	13,992
Southern Grampians	1,919,242	0	343,708	25,917
Stonnington C	938,616	516,663	1,053,537	446,953
Strathbogie S	883,288	99,227	83,362	4,900
Surf Coast S	1,964,788	411,128	749,432	302,522
Swan Hill RC	1,061,658	317,551	503,814	59,733
Towong S	819,604	12,334	38,209	0
Wangaratta RC	1,346,245	166,789	580,869	114,752
Warrnambool C	1,595,413	381,502	1,308,556	437,575
Wellington S	1,005,416	646,050	636,150	0
West Wimmera S	878,431	14,234	0	0
Whitehorse C	1,645,254	1,921,513	3,022,742	1,173,475
Whittlesea C	7,130,882	2,399,385	3,231,825	1,737,260
Wodonga C	1,781,818	509,564	985,702	1,181,070
Wyndham C	8,507,016	4,719,317	2,915,228	2,384,172
Yarra C	703,183	594,353	948,573	686,351
Yarra Ranges S	3,776,623	799,646	1,412,631	953,326
Yarriambiack S	958,831	80,651	18,928	0
	183,504,153	73,305,426	94,920,191	47,455,078

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	Rural Local Roads (\$)				
	Natural Surface	<100 vpd	100 to <500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	>1000 vpd
Macedon Ranges S	37,697	3,355,474	4,894,577	2,284,933	613,428
Manningham C	0	271,970	733,707	83,023	580,340
Mansfield S	33,137	3,179,505	1,595,504	228,988	142,852
Maribyrnong C	0	0	0	0	0
Maroondah C	0	0	0	0	0
Melbourne C	0	0	0	0	0
Melton C	2,956	77,352	947,549	971,062	1,181,879
Merri-bek C	0	0	0	0	0
Mildura RC	854,017	16,274,853	6,737,777	1,310,739	847,762
Mitchell S	66,409	2,935,140	3,816,522	1,322,314	1,145,665
Moirs S	644,576	10,090,107	7,760,785	5,314,180	0
Monash C	0	0	0	0	0
Moonee Valley C	0	0	0	0	0
Moorabool S	43,863	5,481,353	4,308,135	1,272,586	270,311
Mornington Peninsula	2,323	637,337	1,250,489	766,240	1,796,785
Mount Alexander S	7,169	4,676,153	2,535,783	766,351	136,997
Moyne S	73,376	15,425,692	9,460,776	919,935	285,839
Murrindindi S	42,030	4,258,012	3,903,637	391,271	334,309
Nillumbik S	0	678,558	3,215,637	257,310	310,479
Northern Grampians S	323,210	13,774,472	3,037,821	11,465	13,046
Port Phillip C	0	0	0	0	0
Pyrenees S	26,150	8,302,308	3,757,931	826,617	0
Queenscliffe B	0	0	0	0	0
South Gippsland S	0	11,568,404	8,604,612	1,044,022	550,422
Southern Grampians	200,273	15,168,543	1,650,754	1,566,560	47,118
Stonnington C	0	0	0	0	0
Strathbogie S	109,396	8,647,116	3,660,288	140,678	59,522
Surf Coast S	40,135	3,509,056	2,853,193	840,111	1,060,451
Swan Hill RC	978,479	9,175,577	4,382,194	267,765	139,653
Towong S	6,898	6,955,292	3,419,066	0	0
Wangaratta RC	46,276	6,905,292	3,512,560	647,879	296,443
Warrnambool C	5,486	194,485	432,820	142,853	233,190
Wellington S	0	9,307,870	13,899,908	4,547,153	1,718,644
West Wimmera S	379,667	13,540,587	1,788,537	13,715	0
Whitehorse C	0	0	0	0	0
Whittlesea C	3,762	280,075	1,003,411	308,165	217,470
Wodonga C	0	395,371	1,104,238	26,118	98,906
Wyndham C	22,468	295,138	647,429	23,754	756,863
Yarra C	0	0	0	0	0
Yarra Ranges S	3,780	1,020,489	11,202,061	1,986,633	2,001,330
Yarriambiack S	1,934,972	11,373,995	1,335,708	0	0
	13,492,318	381,553,266	223,586,297	44,265,989	25,341,400

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	Bridges		Total Network Costs (\$)	Local Roads Grant (uncapped) (\$)	Local Roads Grant Total (\$)
	Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)			
Macedon Ranges S	47,280	1,080,576	16,279,693	2,996,586	2,997,352
Manningham C	0	116,496	6,005,294	1,105,388	1,108,010
Mansfield S	22,800	908,064	6,869,195	1,264,406	1,264,729
Maribyrnong C	0	54,720	4,341,021	799,047	799,251
Maroondah C	0	53,136	5,737,370	1,056,072	1,056,342
Melbourne C	0	1,480,320	5,278,163	971,546	971,794
Melton C	0	1,627,488	20,896,267	3,846,354	3,793,219
Merri-bek C	0	128,736	6,805,059	1,252,600	1,252,920
Mildura RC	0	86,400	30,478,633	5,610,170	5,611,604
Mitchell S	132,084	1,265,539	15,336,129	2,822,905	2,823,627
Moirra S	136,560	1,479,600	28,425,149	5,232,188	5,233,525
Monash C	0	37,440	8,936,969	1,645,019	1,645,439
Moonee Valley C	0	168,882	5,130,238	944,318	944,559
Moorabool S	0	1,240,301	14,501,748	2,669,322	2,670,004
Mornington Peninsula S	0	84,960	18,228,418	3,355,286	3,356,144
Mount Alexander S	262,004	1,807,538	12,655,573	2,329,498	2,391,167
Moyne S	188,803	1,788,058	30,185,983	5,556,302	5,557,723
Murrindindi S	305,520	1,711,152	12,333,088	2,270,139	2,270,719
Nillumbik S	122,676	574,786	8,454,308	1,556,176	1,556,573
Northern Grampians S	0	2,548,080	21,089,316	3,881,888	3,882,881
Port Phillip C	78,720	130,320	3,093,929	569,496	569,642
Pyrenees S	0	1,651,536	15,315,785	2,819,161	2,829,789
Queenscliffe B	0	0	428,783	78,926	78,946
South Gippsland S	72,480	2,063,376	27,144,863	4,996,527	4,997,804
Southern Grampians S	119,520	1,320,192	22,361,829	4,116,119	4,117,171
Stonnington C	168,240	190,944	3,314,953	610,180	610,336
Strathbogie S	370,666	2,259,854	16,318,298	3,003,692	3,004,460
Surf Coast S	17,520	279,504	12,027,840	2,213,952	2,214,518
Swan Hill RC	0	165,744	17,052,169	3,138,775	3,139,577
Towong S	95,280	1,687,248	13,033,931	2,399,142	2,399,755
Wangaratta RC	226,560	3,628,656	17,472,321	3,216,112	3,216,934
Warrnambool C	4,320	666,144	5,402,345	994,404	937,395
Wellington S	20,880	3,453,408	35,235,479	6,485,758	6,487,416
West Wimmera S	3,840	246,960	16,865,970	3,104,502	3,111,555
Whitehorse C	6,000	124,704	7,893,688	1,452,983	1,453,354
Whittlesea C	0	3,007,296	19,319,532	3,556,126	3,339,413
Wodonga C	0	555,696	6,638,483	1,221,939	1,203,440
Wyndham C	0	802,656	21,074,043	3,879,077	3,880,069
Yarra C	0	0	2,932,461	539,775	539,913
Yarra Ranges S	388,800	472,752	24,018,073	4,420,982	4,422,112
Yarriambiack S	0	102,384	15,805,470	2,909,296	2,910,040
	5,939,372	80,902,950	1,174,266,440	216,146,002	216,146,002

F. Data Sources

Climate

The climate cost modifier recognises that certain climatic conditions have an adverse impact on road durability and increase the costs to affected councils of asset preservation. The climate index identifies the length of urban and rural roads that fall within the five climatic zones utilised by Standards Australia to produce an average climate rating for both rural and urban roads within each municipality. These ratings are then spread across index ranges, the larger being for rural roads to reflect the relatively greater influence of climate on such surfaces.

The Commission has developed a climate index by identifying the length of urban and rural roads that fall within the five climatic zones utilised by Standards Australia to produce an average climate rating for both rural and urban roads within each municipality.

Freight

The freight cost modifier recognises that local roads in some municipalities carry relatively high volumes of heavy vehicles compared to others, which impacts on the cost of asset preservation. A freight loading ratio has been calculated for each municipality, based on the level of employment in freight-intensive industries within that municipality. The cost modifier index infers that a higher level of employment in such industries will see relatively higher levels of freight carriage on their local roads network, leading to more rapid road surface deterioration and relatively higher road maintenance costs.

The Commission has constructed a freight cost modifier index that utilises employment data from the *Census 2021* to identify industries assessed as being more freight-intensive. This index is derived of total employment in these industries relative to the total resident population within the municipality.

Census 2021 - Employment, Income and Education, LGA (POW) by INDP – 1 Digit Level, Employment by Industry, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Materials

The cost of maintaining local roads can be impacted by the local availability of suitable pavement materials. The materials availability index has identifies the distance between the nearest quarry location containing high quality road making material and the council headquarters. All metropolitan councils have had their indexes set at the minimum value, reflecting the availability of materials from a variety of sources.

The Commission has constructed a materials availability index by determining the distance between the nearest quarry location and the council headquarters.

Strategic Routes

The strategic route cost modifier recognises that certain local roads must be maintained to a higher standard than would normally be the case because of certain characteristics or functions they perform. For all road categories, local roads that are tram or bus routes, including school bus routes, are considered to be strategic routes. In addition, rural local roads that carry less than 100 vehicles a day, but carry at least 10 trucks, or carry less than 100 but more than 50 vehicles per day and are in steep terrain or irrigated areas, are considered strategic routes requiring higher annual levels of expenditure.

Details on strategic routes are provided to the Commission by individual councils as part of their annual questionnaire.

Sub-grades

The performance life of road pavements is affected by seasonal swelling and shrinkage of the sub-grade, which accelerates the deterioration of the pavement and adds to asset preservation costs. In Victoria, this is a particular issue in areas with expansive clay sub-grades, which occur predominantly in the western suburbs of Melbourne and western Victoria. The Commission has identified the total length of urban and rural roads in each of the eight sub-grade categories utilised by Standards Australia and constructed an index reflecting the relative road maintenance costs associated with having lengths of road built on relatively reactive soils.

The Commission has developed a sub-grades index by identifying the total length of urban and rural roads in each municipality built on each of the eight sub-grade categories.