

WORKSHOP
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Clutha District Council

Thursday 10 September 2026

Commencing at 1:30pm

At the Council Chambers

1 Rosebank Terrace

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Workshop Agenda

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1.30 to 4.30 pm
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WORKSHOP TITLE: Long Term Plan 2027/37

**WORKSHOP
PRE-READING**

1. Pre-reading as noted below.
 2. A PowerPoint presentation will be used to facilitate workshop sessions, a hardcopy of which will be provided at commencement.
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Workshop Programme

Time (Indicative)	Session	Topic	Outline	Pre-reading page ref.
1.30 pm		Preliminaries	Opening statement, apologies, conflict of interest.	
1.35 pm	1	Government Reform	Update – in particular rates capping.	3
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3.15 pm		AFTERNOON TEA		
3.30 pm	4	Decision to move to public excluded	Agenda will include standard decision to move agenda report Paper will note this is to be a workshop presentation.	83
4.30 pm		CLOSE		

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Long Term Plan 2027/37

Workshop Topic	Government Reforms
Workshop Date	10 September 2026
Session Number	1
Author	Peter Stafford – Strategic Planning and Policy Manager
M-Files Ref	1055105

SUMMARY

This session will provide a brief verbal update and discuss the Government's legislative reforms in particular rates capping.

PROPOSED WORKSHOP OUTCOMES/DIRECTIONS

- 1. Council consider and provides direction as appropriate on the Government's legislative reforms in relation to the Long Term Plan 2027/37**

REPORT

This session will be facilitated by a MS PowerPoint presentation.

Recommended pre-reading on Rates Capping is provided at [Attachment A](#).

A Timeline for RMA & Local Government Reforms is provided at [Attachment B](#).

ATTACHMENT

A: Local Government (Rates Capping) Amendment Bill 2026 Backgrounder (3 Sep 2026)

B: Timeline for RMA & Local Government Reforms (Simpson Grison July 2026)

Backgrounder

Local Government (Rates Capping) Amendment Bill 2026

Prepared: 3 September 2026.

Executive Summary

The Local Government (Rates Capping) Amendment Bill 2026 introduces a national rates capping framework that will materially affect Council's financial planning for the 2027/37 Long Term Plan. The Bill is intended to improve affordability, predictability and transparency for ratepayers by limiting annual increases in the non-water "rates price", calculated on a per-rating-unit basis.

For the 2027/28 and 2028/29 financial years, councils will be required to have regard to the initial 2–4% target range. From 2029/30, compliance becomes mandatory unless an exemption applies. From 2030/31 onwards, compliance is assessed on an average basis over the first three years of each LTP period, allowing some year-to-year flexibility while still requiring the three-year average to remain within the target range.

The key planning issue for Council is that future rates increases, levels of service, capital programme decisions, overhead allocation, depreciation funding and reform-related costs will need to be tested against the proposed cap. This will require clear documentation of how the target range has been considered during the transition period and robust modelling of options for the 2027/37 LTP.

The Bill provides for exemptions in exceptional circumstances or where an exemption is financially prudent, but these are expected to require strong justification and should not be relied on as a primary planning approach. Council should therefore proceed on the basis that the rates cap will be a key constraint on LTP 2027/37 financial strategy, budget prioritisation and community expectations.

Background

This Bill amends the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA)**, the **Local Government Act 2002 (LGA)**, and the **Legislation Act 2019**. The single broad policy is to establish a rates capping framework limiting annual increases of non-water-related rates to promote "fiscal responsibility and predictability of costs to ratepayers".

The Bill builds on proposed changes from [the Local Government \(System Improvements\) Amendment Bill](#) (currently at Committee of Whole House Stage and expected to pass this year), particularly regarding the purpose of local government, core services, and councils' financial management approach.

The Bill is currently in Select Committee Stage. It was introduced on 25 August 2026 and passed its First Reading on 1 September 2026. At First Reading, it was supported by the Coalition Government and by the Labour Party.

Submissions are currently open on the Bill, and closes on 1 December 2026.

Proposed Rates Cap Framework

The Bill introduces a "**target range**" - a minimum and maximum annual cap of increase to the "rates price" (calculated as a per-rating-unit average), on the following categories of rates:

- General rates
- Uniform annual general charge
- Targeted rates
- Penalties on unpaid rates

The cap is applied on the overall rates price calculation, which is set out in the legislation as follows:

$$\text{rates price} = \sum(\text{gr} + \text{uagc} + \text{tr} + \text{rp}) \div \text{RU}$$

where—

$\sum$ means the sum of

gr is general rates set under section 13

uagc is a uniform annual general charge set under section 15

tr is targeted rates set under section 16

rp is penalties on unpaid rates set under section 57

RU is the most recent rating units figure projected by the local authority in the preceding financial year.

Exclusions: Water services (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater) are excluded and regulated under separate legislation. Rates set under section 115 of the LGA (rates as security for loans) are also excluded.

Target Range

The initial target range is set as 2-4%, and applies from 1 March 2027 to 30 June 2029. A target range will be set by Order in Council between 1 July 2028 and 1 July 2029.

From FY2030/31 onwards, the rates capping is applied **on an average basis over Years 1-3 of an LTP**. So for each individual year, Councils have the flexibility to be outside of the target range, so long as the average annual increase over the three years stays within the target range. .

Target range will be reviewed every 6 years (or updated when necessary).

Timeframe

Period	Requirement
Until 1 July 2029	Councils must “have regard to” the target range.
1 July 2029–30 June 2030	Councils must comply with the target range for rates increases.
From 1 July 2029	Rates increases need to comply with the target range on average over three-year periods, based on the first three years of LTPs.

Exemptions

The Bill provides for two types of Exemptions:

1. Type 1 Exemption (Exceptional Circumstances)

- Granted by the **Minister of Local Government**
- For exceptional circumstances (e.g., major emergency)
- Can be applied at any time during a long-term plan period
- Decision must be made within **60 calendar days**
- If granted, the council is not required to follow usual LTP consultation requirements if amending the plan

2. Type 2 Exemption (where an exemption is deemed financially prudent)

- Applied for as part of preparing a long-term plan, **before formal consultation**
- Granted by the **regulator** (to be established within MCERT)
- Must be applied for **no later than 11 months before the plan is due to commence**
- Duration: up to 10 years
- Must demonstrate "prudent financial management"

Note that for Exemptions, the Minister for Local Government has stated that "Exemptions will not be granted lightly and will only be available in exceptional circumstances where there is strong justification."

Local Government Amalgamation

The Bill addresses the potential effects of local authority reorganisations (including "Head Start") by requiring new or changed local authorities to determine an **indicative rates price** across the new area as a baseline for measuring future increases (calculated by reference to the mean of rates charged before reorganisation, excluding water services).

Key Impacts for Long Term Plan 2027/37 Financial Planning

1. Rates Increases

a. FY2027/28 and FY2028/29

The Bill provides that Local Authorities must “have regard” to the target range during this transition period (starting **1 March 2027**).

While not mandatory for rates increases to fit within the target range during the transition period, this means that it would be prudent to ensure that the consideration of the target range is documented for audit purposes and potentially included in the LTP for those years.

b. FY2029/30 and beyond

Rates increases should fall within the target range.

2. Budgeting

Council need to map out its proposed rates increases during the LTP period, to ensure that the proposed application of the cap in FY2029/30 can be met. Considerations would include:

- **Starting point of legislative compliance, core activities and reform costs: there is no carve out for core activities in the rates cap.** The starting point for Council is to meet the costs of legislative requirements, core activities and upcoming reform costs, noting that some of these reforms (e.g. RMA/Planning Reform) extend into the rates capping regime timeframe. It's unclear how councils are expected to budget for reforms in particular when there are significant uncertainty of costs associated with implementing such Government reforms.
- **Levels of Service:** in adopting levels of service, are there likely to be flow on effects and public expectations in the future that mean that falling within the target range may be difficult to achieve? (e.g. setting a high level of service for certain activities, then having to abandon it to fall within the target range may result in the initial expenditure being considered wasted).
- **Overheads:** Need to ensure that apportionment of overheads is simple and adaptable enough for the rates cap regime, as there may be some need to ensure that it can be easily scaled down if activities or levels of service are dropped as a result of the need to meet the target range.
- **Projects:** what does the ongoing opex of capital projects mean for rates increases going forward? Modelling may be required given the restraints of the rates capping regime.
- **Depreciation and Asset Management:** should Council consider writing off assets from its books that will not be able to be renewed at the end of its useful life.

3. Specific Exemption for 2029/30

For FY2029 only, an exemption is available for “large capital projects”. This exemption is only available by invitation from the regulator **and must be approved by June 2027**.

4. Working with other Councils

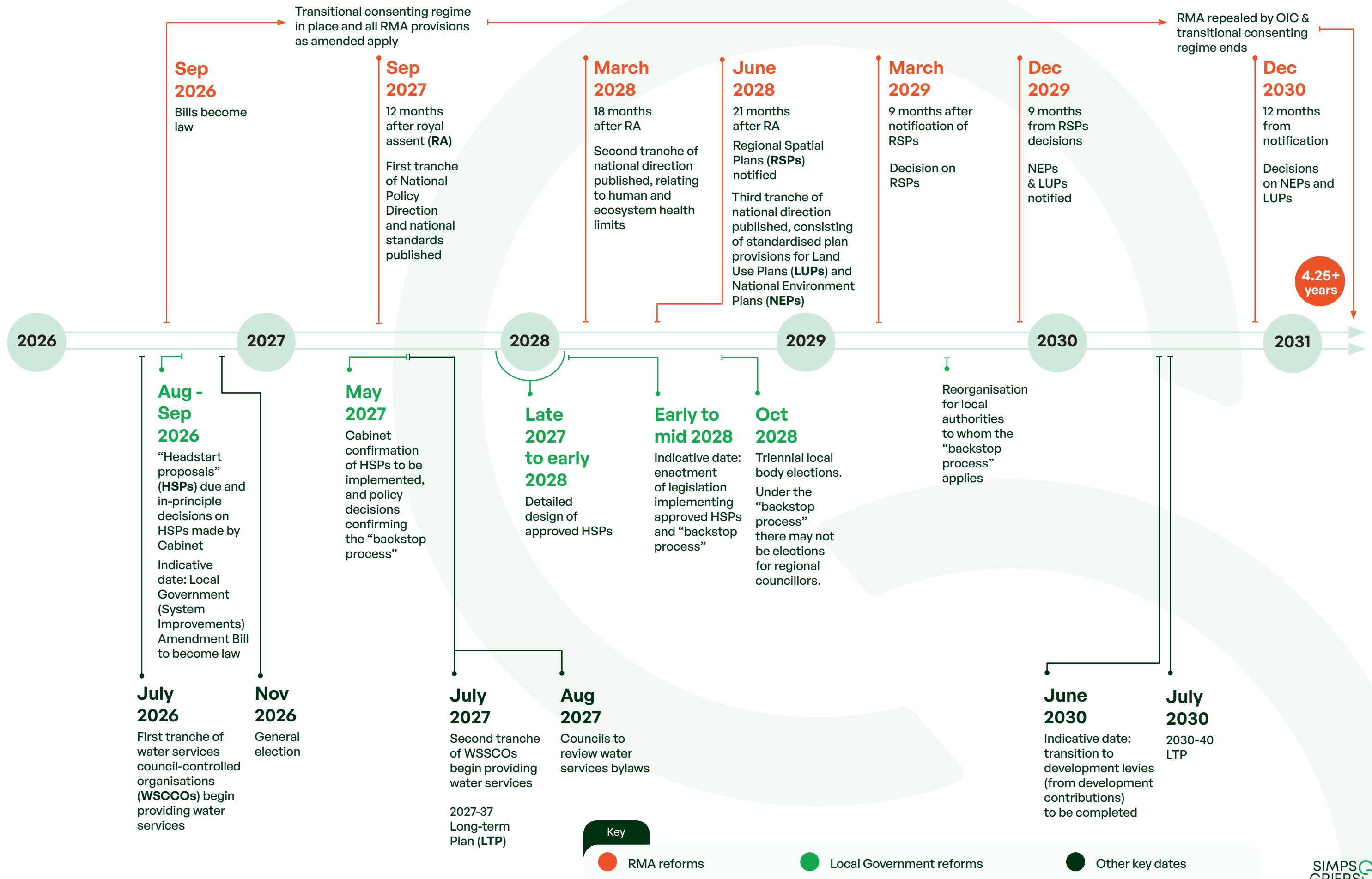
Assuming Council receives some indication about its Head Start proposal, Council may wish to consider how to work with other councils that may be part of the amalgamation process

during the LTP development. This is because the determination of an indicative rates price for an amalgamated Council would have impact on rates and levels of service for the new Council and for local communities of interest, and Councils may benefit from thinking long term as to how best to align as part of its LTP2027/37 development. .

References (as hyperlinks)

- [Local Government \(Rates Capping\) Amendment Bill](#)
 - [Submissions on the Bill \(due 1 December 2026\)](#)
- [MCERT Guidance](#)
- [Minister's Statement](#)
- [Simpson Grierson commentary](#)
- [Buddle Findlay commentary](#)

Timeline for RMA & Local Government Reforms



Long Term Plan 2027/37 Workshop

Workshop Topic	Overheads Model
Workshop Date	10 September 2026
Session Number	2
Author	Sharon Jenkinson – Finance and Policy GM
M-Files Ref	1054109

SUMMARY

To provide an overview of the current overhead calculation, consider issues and provide direction on principles for review.

PROPOSED WORKSHOP OUTCOMES/DIRECTIONS

- 1. Council considers the current overhead model and provides direction on principles for review**

REPORT

1. Current Position

1.1 Background

This report provides elected members with an overview of how the current overhead allocation method works and summarises the residual costs for Council to consider following the transition of water services to the Southern Water CCO.

Historically Council has used a mix of operational costs and staff numbers to calculate the percentage split of overheads to end users.

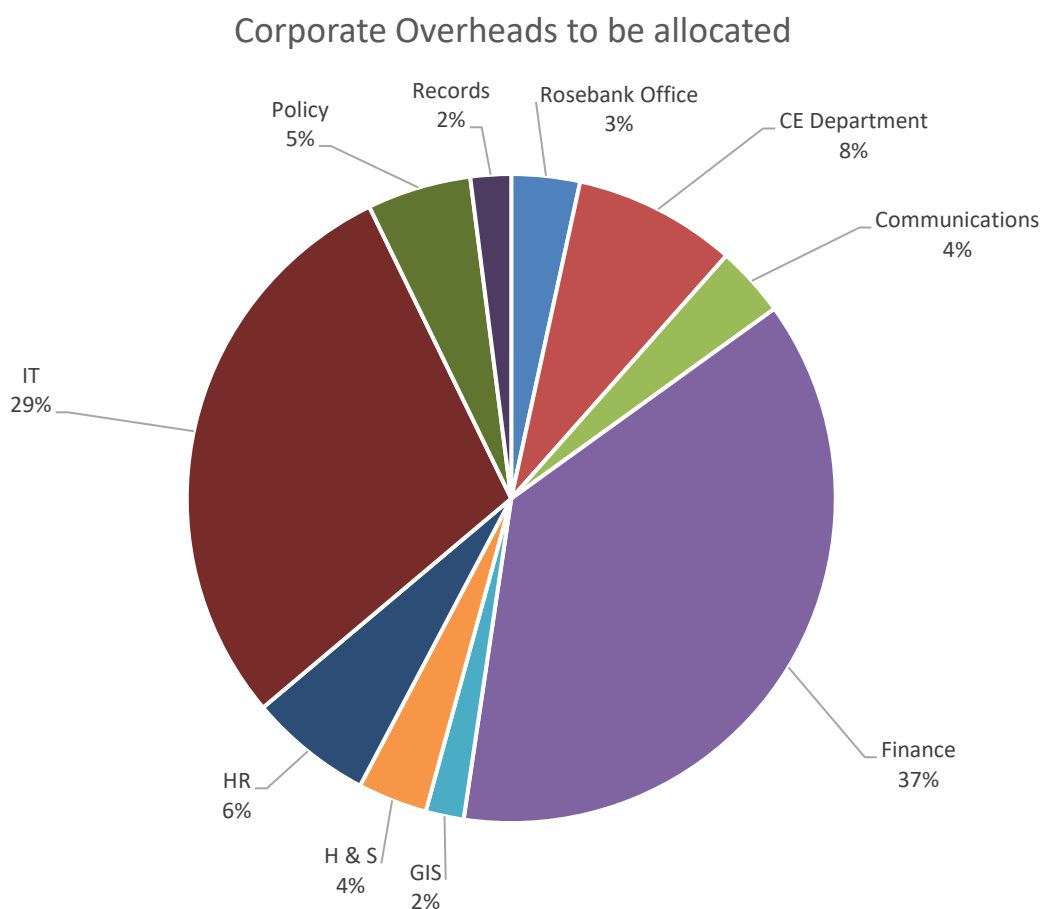
The first step is to allocate the Corporate overheads.

Corporate overheads are defined as those that benefit the whole Organisation and include:

- The Rosebank Office
- Chief Executive Department
- Communications
- Finance
- Geographic Information System (GIS)
- Health & Safety (H&S)
- Human Resources (HR)
- Information Technology (IT)

- Policy
- Records Management

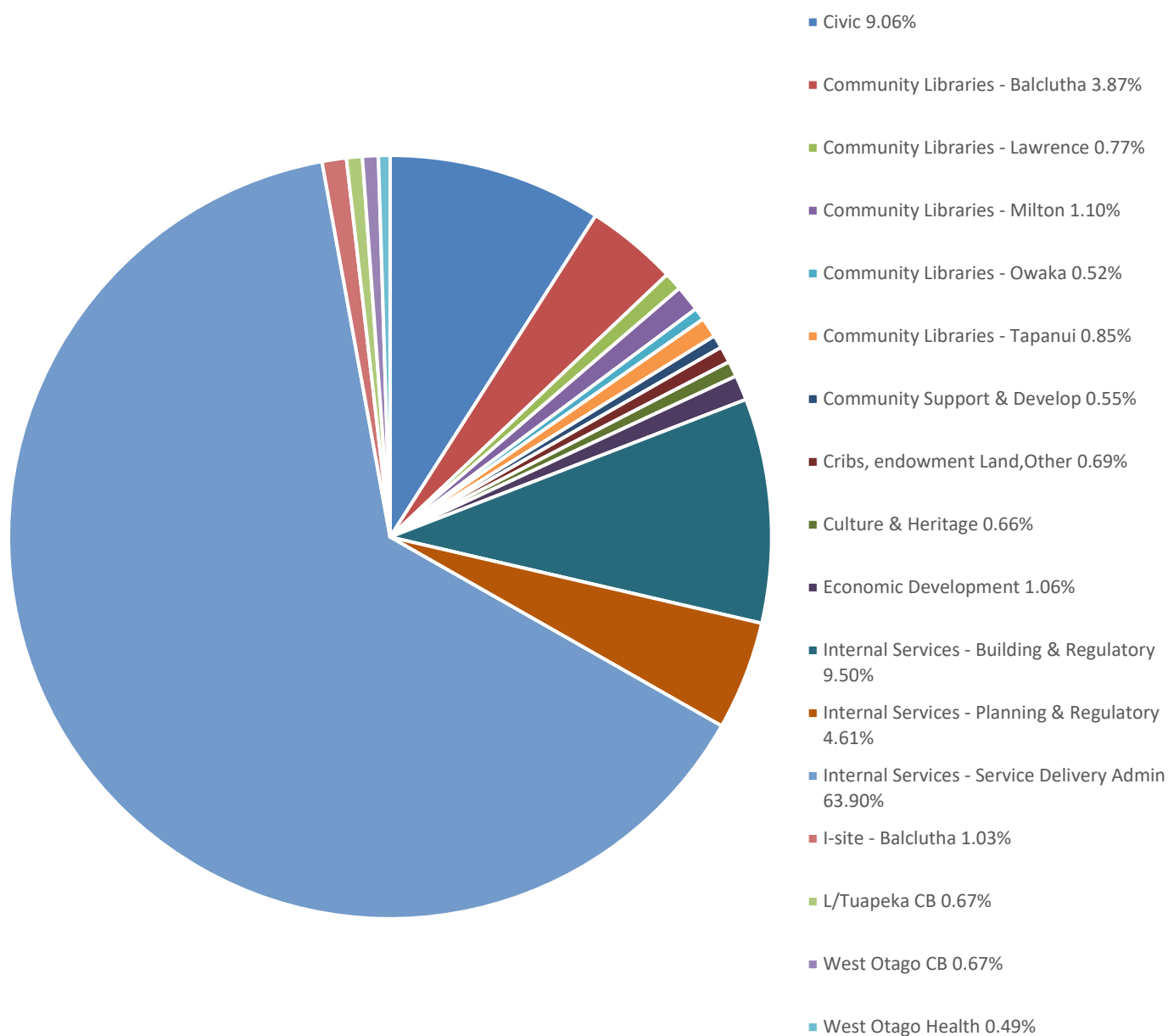
In the current rolled forward starting position for 2027/28 for the draft LTP 2027/37 these costs total \$9,427,610 and are made up as below.



1.2 Corporate Overheads:

These overheads are then allocated to a mix of end users where there are no additional overhead costs and some business units where there are additional area specific overheads added to then be allocated to end users.

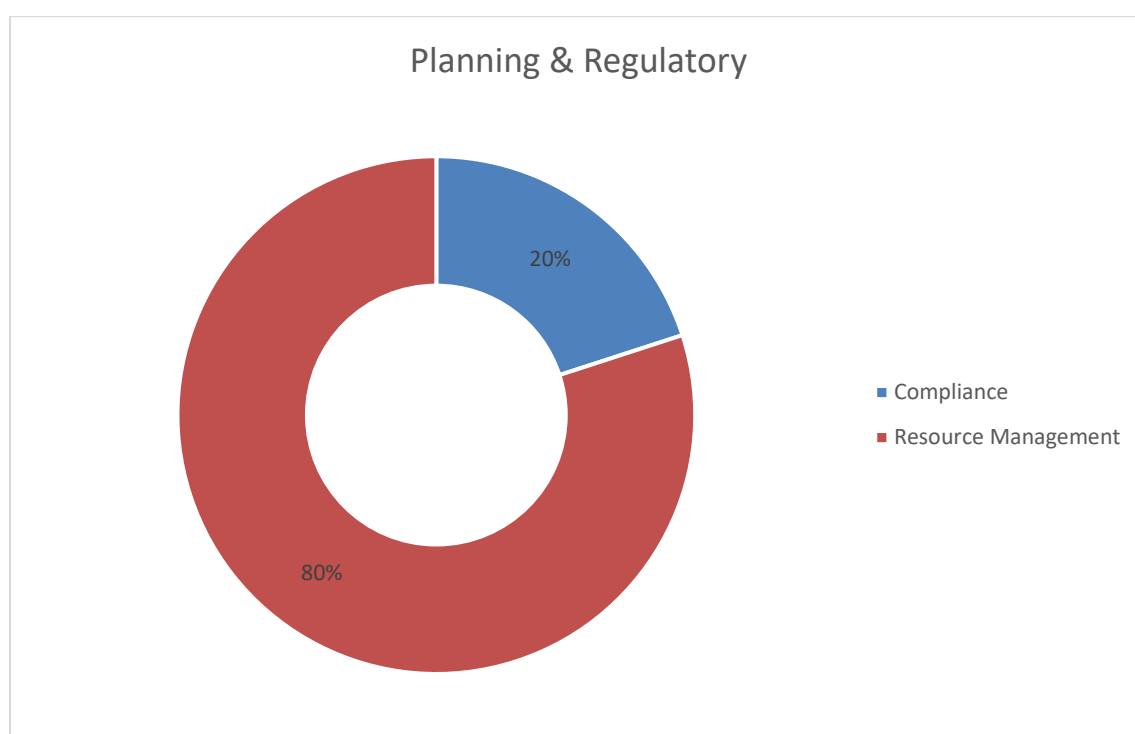
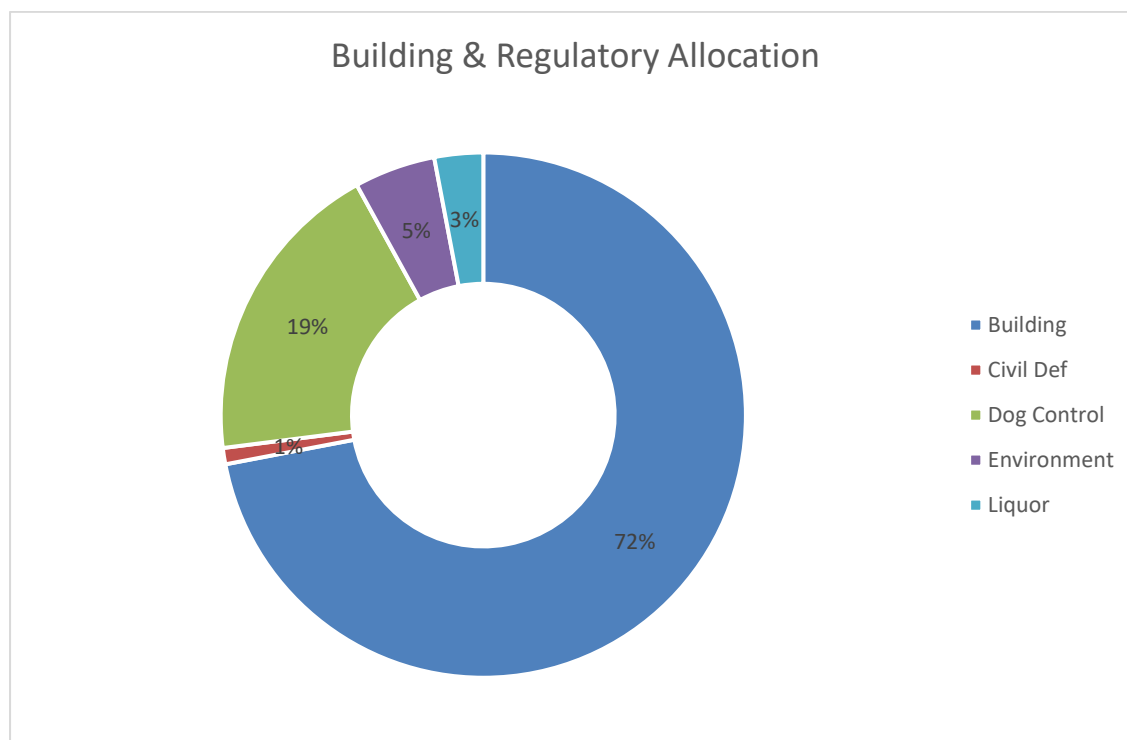
Corporate Overheads are allocated to



The internal Services allocations have the additional area specific overheads added to them and are allocated as follows.

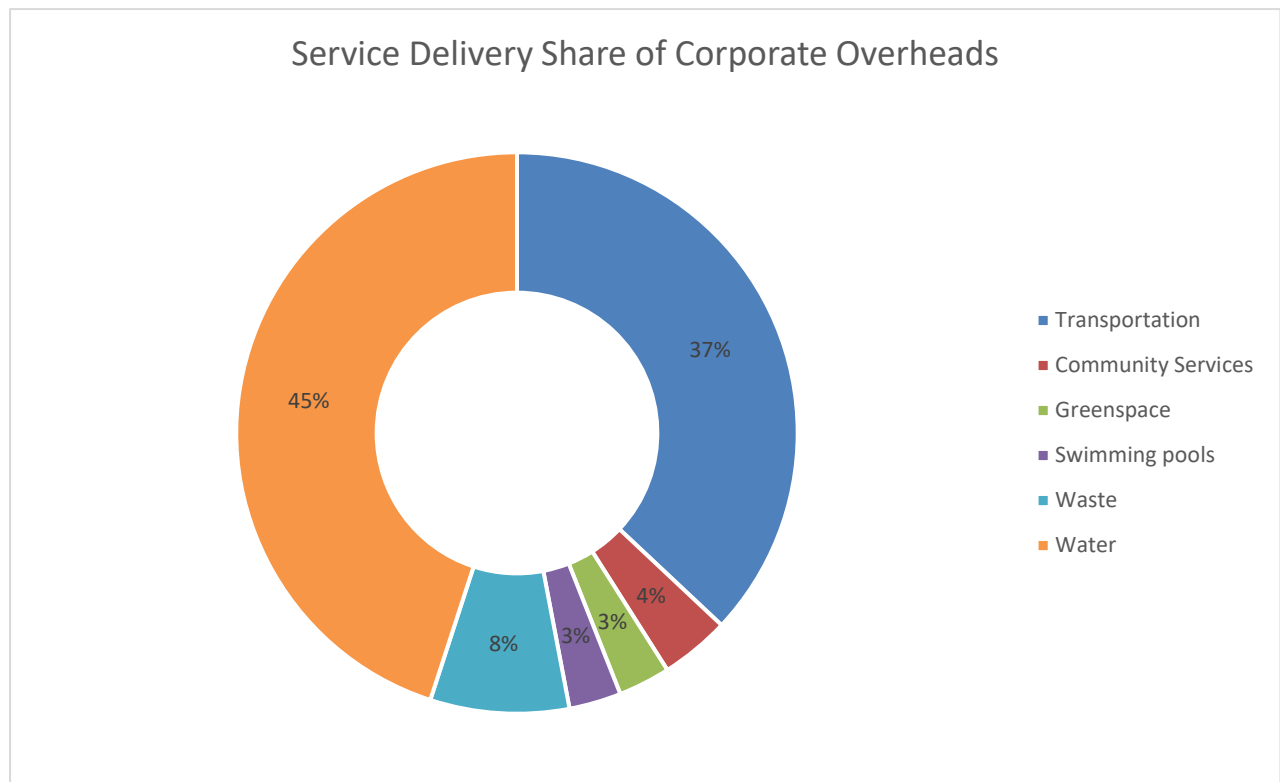
1.3 Building & Regulatory internal Services & Planning & Regulatory internal services:

Building & Regulatory internal services and Planning and Regulatory internal services have additional costs directly related to their activity added to the corporate overheads and total \$1,230,200. These are then allocated to their end users as follows:



1.4 Service Delivery Admin internal services:

Service Delivery Admin internal services totals \$6,024,243 and is split into 6 categories, Transportation, Community Services, Greenspace, Swimming Pools, Waste and Waters. Each of these categories then has additional costs directly relating to them added before being allocated to end user business units.



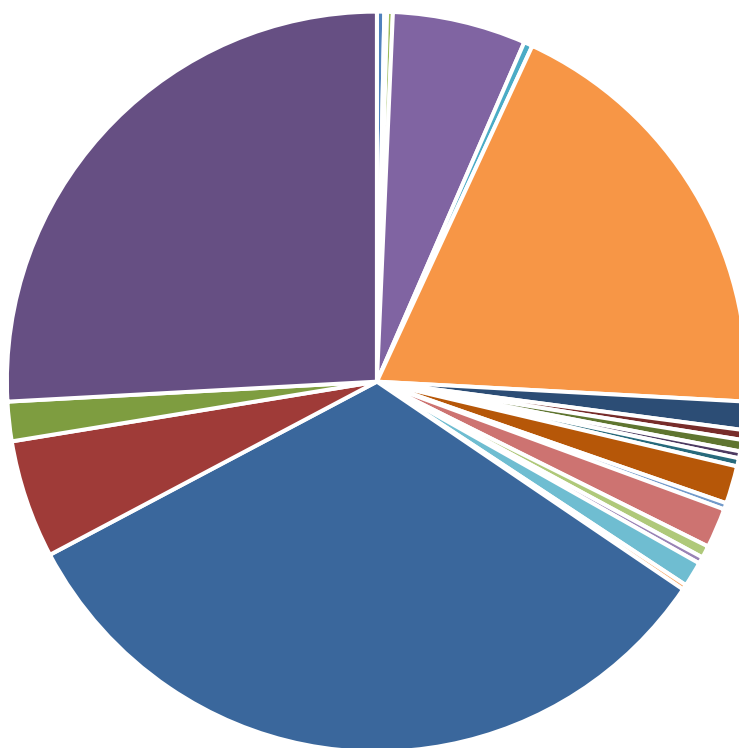
1.5 Transportation:

Transportation is allocated 100% to Financially Assisted Roading and totals \$3,907,955.

1.6 Community Services:

Community Services totals \$662,586 and is allocated as follow:

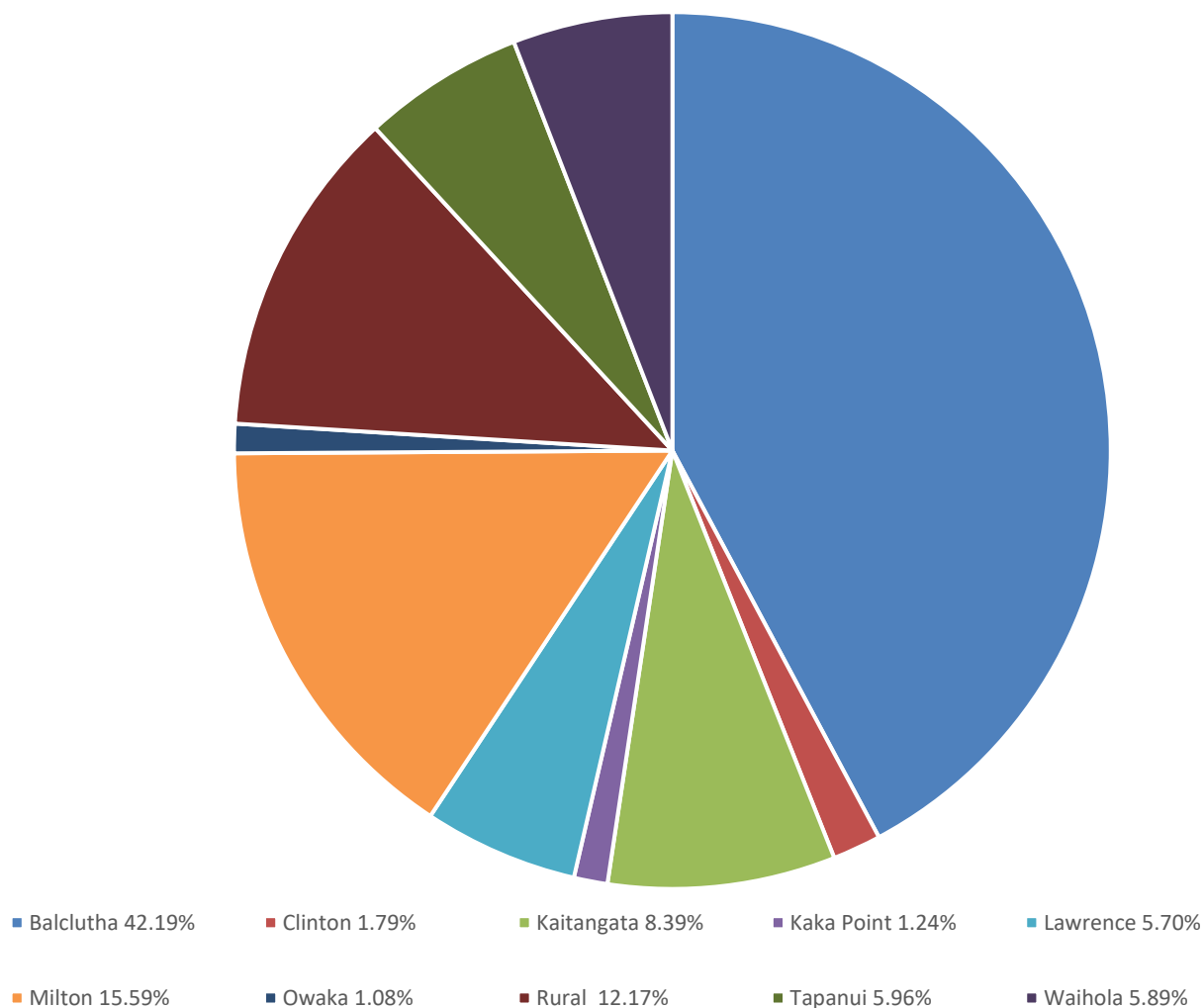
Community Services



1.7 Greenspace:

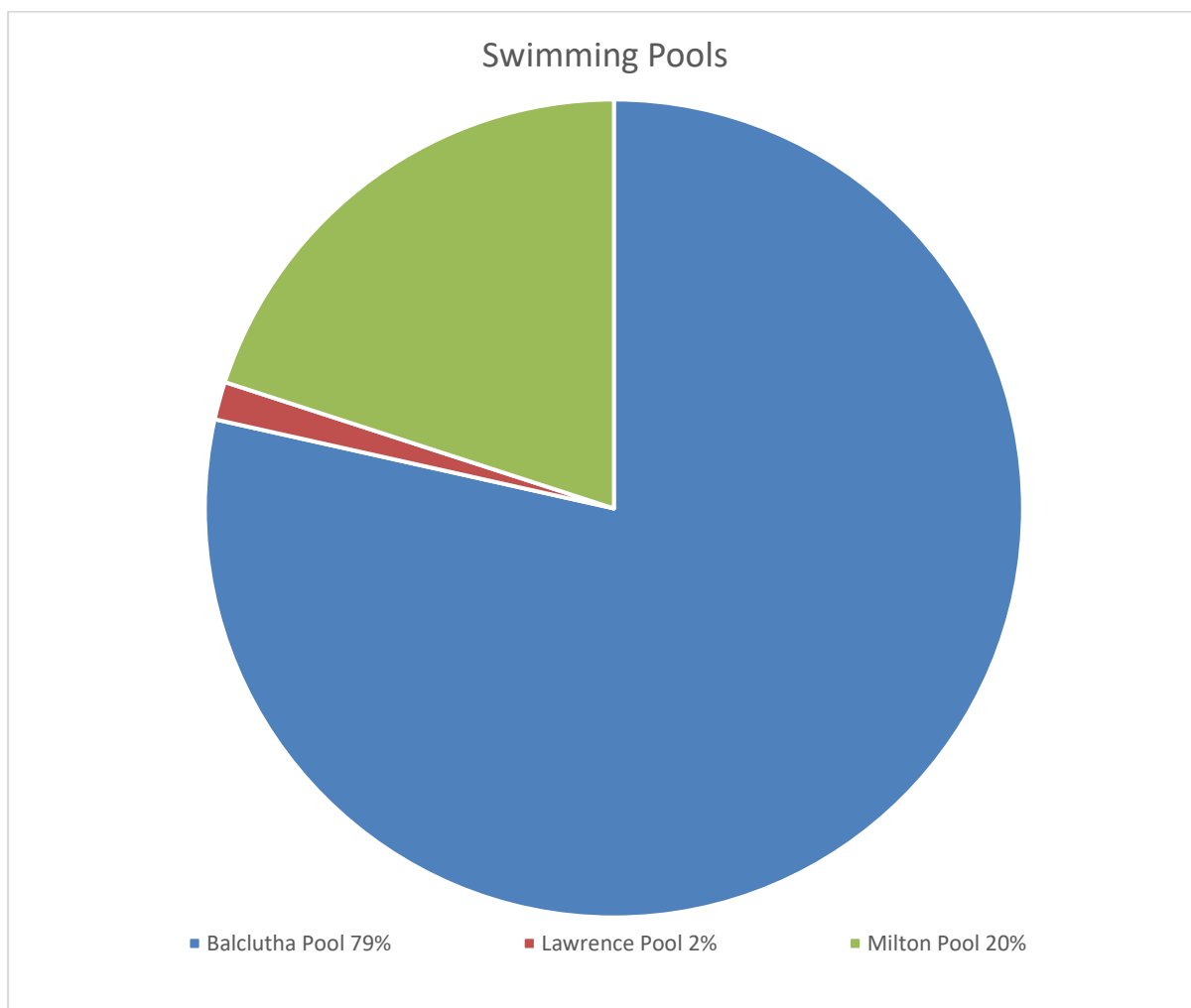
Greenspace overheads total \$432,507 and are allocated to Parks as follows:

Greenspace (Parks)



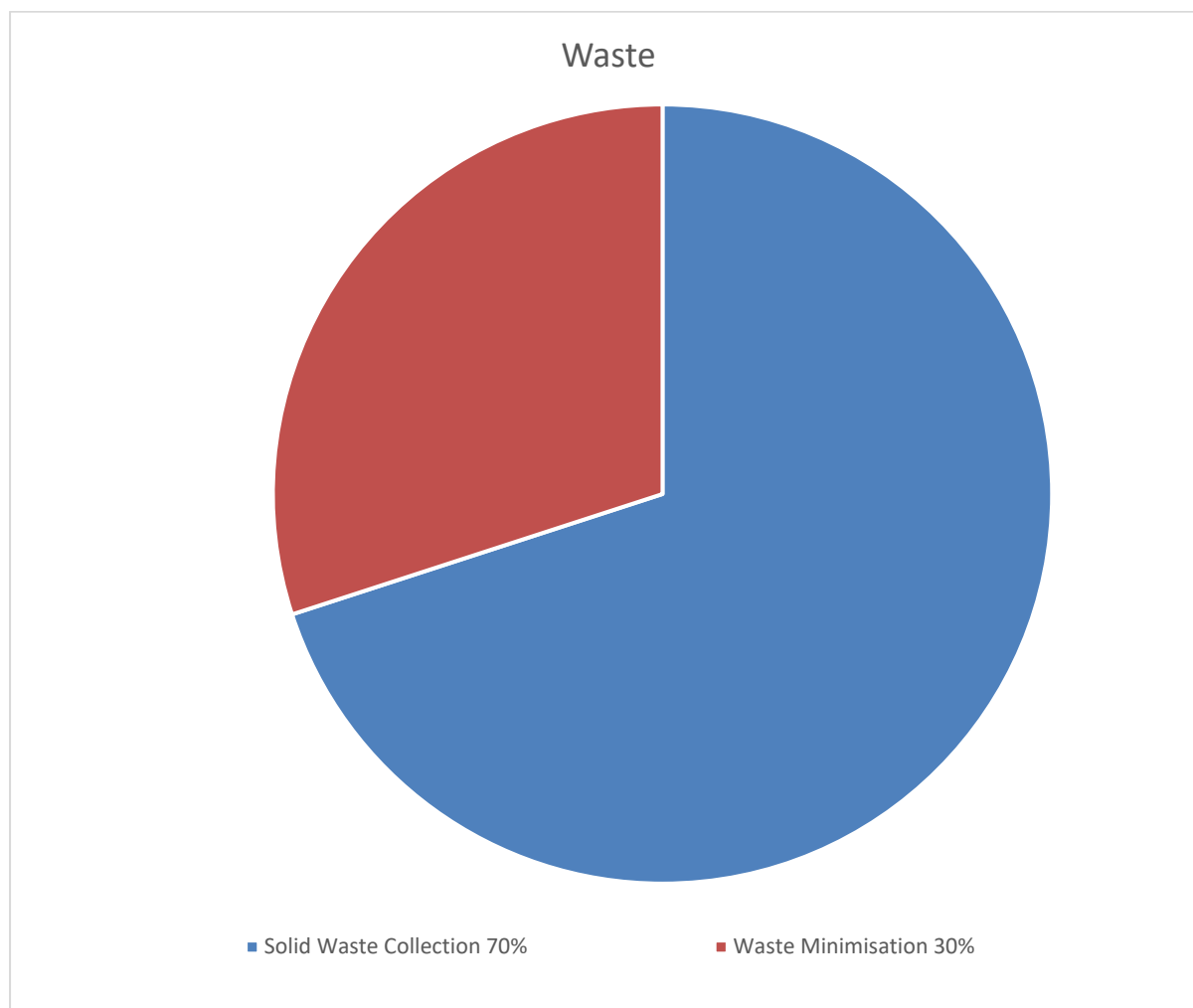
1.8 Swimming Pools:

Swimming Pool overheads total \$530,096 and are allocated as follows:



1.9 Waste:

Waste overheads total \$908,091 and are allocated as follows:



1.10 Water:

The overheads allocated to the water activity, our residual costs for the 2027/28 in the current draft total \$3,541,084. These costs previously filtered out to the various different water business units. These costs now need to be considered and reallocated in some way.

2 Possible Directions

There will be a verbal discussion and a powerpoint presentation on possible alternative options for overhead modelling.

3 Council Direction Sought:

- Provide direction on how Council would like to see overheads allocations modelled
- Provide direction on any activities Council would like to see rating options modelled for

Long Term Plan 2027/37 Workshop

Workshop Topic	Annual Residents Survey 2026 – Implications for the LTP
Workshop Date	10 September 2026
Session Number	3
Author	Peter Staffod – Strategic Planning and Policy Manager
M-Files Ref	1055113

SUMMARY

The purpose this report is to support Council to consider and provide direction on the use of Annual Residents Survey 2026 for the development LTP 2027/37.

PROPOSED WORKSHOP OUTCOMES/DIRECTIONS

- 1. Council provide direction on the use of Annual Residents Survey 2026 for the development LTP 2027/37**

REPORT

Executive summary

The 2026 Residents Survey does not indicate a need for a major change in strategic direction for the Long Term Plan 2027-37. It does, however, provide a clear evidence base for a stronger focus on core infrastructure, affordability, maintenance of existing assets, and community engagement.

A central implication is for Council to consider the need for one or more of roads, footpaths and water quality while managing rates affordability, demonstrating value for money, and maintaining community trust.

Key implications for the LTP 2027-37

1 Roads and footpaths

Survey evidence. Residents continue to identify roading as a high priority, followed by footpaths. Satisfaction is 68% for sealed roads, 53% for unsealed roads and 53% for footpaths¹. Footpath satisfaction remains below the current 80% target.

Possible LTP responses:

¹ Annual Residents Survey 2026 p22

- Review the level of investment in roading maintenance, grading, pothole repairs and footpath renewals.
- Test whether current performance measures and targets remain appropriate and affordable.
- Clearly present the trade-offs between maintaining existing assets and funding discretionary or new projects.

2 Affordability and value for money

Survey evidence. 37% of residents are satisfied with value for money from rates². Rates affordability and financial management also feature among the main areas residents want Council to improve.

Possible LTP response:

- Apply an explicit affordability lens to all LTP options and recommendations.
- Use transparent prioritisation criteria and clearly explain regulatory, infrastructure and cost drivers.
- Present staged delivery, deferral, funding and service-level options where choices are material.

3 Water quality and reliability

Survey evidence. Satisfaction with water taste and clarity improved from 51% in 2025 to 58% in 2026³, but remains below the 70% target. Reliability improved to 70%⁴, with particularly notable gains among rural water scheme users.

Possible implications:

Whilst water matters will not be addressed directly in the LTP 2027-37 with the transition to the Southern Water CCO, the residents survey results give Council as a shareholder of the CCO information to inform its future expectations for the CCO.

- Continue the water quality and reliability investment programme where supported by asset, compliance and affordability evidence.
- Use the survey trend to demonstrate where previous investment is producing visible benefits.
- Retain clear measures for reliability, taste and clarity, supported by operational measures and complaints data.

4 Waste services

Survey evidence. Refuse and recycling satisfaction remains high at 92%⁵, above the current LTP target of 80%. Satisfaction with Mt Cooee landfill is also high at 90%⁶.

Possible LTP response:

- Treat current satisfaction as evidence that existing delivery is generally meeting expectations.

² Ibid p37.

³ Ibid p19

⁴ Ibid p17

⁵ Ibid p26

⁶ Ibid p26

- Focus future changes on statutory requirements, cost-effectiveness, waste minimisation and long-term infrastructure decisions.
- Avoid assuming that high satisfaction alone supports service expansion.

5 Community facilities

Survey evidence. Most individual facilities continue to receive high satisfaction ratings⁷, although the weighted community facilities measure did not meet the current LTP target. Declines were recorded for some parks, reserves, sportsgrounds and playgrounds.

Possible LTP response:

- Prioritise targeted maintenance and renewal of existing facilities before expansion.
- Require clear evidence of demand, utilisation, condition, whole-of-life cost and affordability for upgrades or new facilities.
- Review whether the weighted measure provides sufficiently useful information for decision-making.

6 Governance, communication and trust

Survey evidence. Satisfaction is 60% for decision-making, planning and leadership, 50% for the ability to have a say, and 57% for overall Council performance⁸. These results remain below the current LTP aspiration, although some measures improved from 2025.

Possible LTP response:

- Make engagement and communication a defined LTP development workstream.
- Explain how community feedback influences options, decisions and final priorities.
- Consider measures of engagement effectiveness, community understanding and transparency.

7 Living and Working in Clutha

Survey evidence. The survey records 66% satisfaction with Council's goal to promote growth, living and working in the Clutha District⁹. This supports retaining the broad growth, housing and economic development direction, subject to affordability and demonstrated outcomes.

Possible LTP response:

- Retain the Living and Working in Clutha framework as a strategic foundation.
- Connect growth initiatives directly to housing, jobs, infrastructure capacity, rating-base impacts and measurable outcomes.
- Apply business-case and affordability tests before committing rates funding.

⁷ Ibid p29

⁸ Ibid p29

⁹ Ibid p37

Strategic framing – suggested key elements

Priority	Survey evidence	Suggested LTP response
Affordability	37% satisfied with value for money	Apply a strong affordability lens and make trade-offs visible.
Roads and footpaths	Highest improvement priorities; 53% footpath satisfaction	Prioritise maintenance and renewals, and review targets.
Water quality	Improving, but taste and clarity remains below target	Continue evidence-based improvements and show benefits.
Community trust	60% leadership; 50% ability to have a say	Strengthen engagement, communication and transparency.
Community facilities	High individual ratings but weighted target not met	Focus on condition, utilisation and renewals before expansion.
Growth and housing	66% support for promoting growth, living and working	Retain the strategic direction with clear outcome and affordability tests.

Recommended next steps for LTP development

1. Each activity manager to consider residents survey results as an input to activity management plan and level-of-service reviews.
2. Assets managers to prepare an evidence matrix linking each material survey issue to proposed LTP responses, budgets, performance measures and consultation topics.
3. Test roads, footpaths, water quality, value for money and participation as potential workshop themes.
4. Use the survey as one source of evidence alongside asset condition, compliance requirements, demand, service requests, financial forecasts and targeted engagement.

Conclusion

The strongest implication for the LTP 2027-37 is not a wholesale change of direction. It is a need to sharpen priorities and demonstrate the connection between community feedback, service levels, investment and affordability. Roads, footpaths, water quality, value for money and trust should be visible in the LTP evidence base and workshop programme, while high-performing services and the broad Living and Working direction can generally be retained.

ATTACHMENTS

A: Residents Survey 2026 (*For reference only*).

Preparation Note: This paper was prepared with the assistance of Gen-AI (MS Copilot) and reviewed by Peter Stafford, Strategic Planning and Policy Manager. Source documents used included the following

- Council Residents Survey 2026 Report 20 Aug 25 (ID 1044965)
- Council Residents Survey 2026 (ID 1044969)
- CDC Long Term Plan 2024-34

Clutha District Council

Resident Satisfaction Survey 2026

Research report
July 2026



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Section 1

Key Messages



Council Services

**85%**satisfied with district **wastewater systems****77%**satisfied with **stormwater services****53%**satisfied with the **maintenance of unsealed roads****68%**satisfied with the **maintenance of sealed roads****53%**satisfied with **footpaths****92%**satisfied with the **wheelie bin service****90%**satisfied with **Mt Cooee landfill**

Council Facilities


97%

 satisfied with **Clutha iSite Visitor Information Centre**


94%

 satisfied with **community centres or community halls**


81%

 satisfied with **public toilets**


93%

 satisfied with **community libraries**


94%

 satisfied with **cemeteries**


87%

 satisfied with **district parks and reserves**


83%

 satisfied with **playgrounds**


93%

 satisfied with **Balclutha Sportsground**


89%

 satisfied with **Balclutha Pool**


86%

 satisfied with **Milton Sportsground**


81%

 satisfied with **Milton Pool**

Elected Members and Council


67%

satisfied with **the helpfulness and advice from Council staff**


66%

satisfied with Council's goal to **promote growth, living, and working in the Clutha District**


57%

satisfied with the **overall performance of the Clutha District Council**


50%

satisfied with being able to **have a say in Council decision-making and planning**


60%

satisfied with **decision making, planning and leadership of elected members**


37%

satisfied with **value for money from rates**

Section 2

Research Design



Context

Clutha District Council commissions an annual residents' survey to gather feedback about the services the Council offers and how well residents think those services are being provided (either directly by Council or via its contractors).

This survey is one tool that Council uses to gauge whether the projects, programmes, or changes it makes alter residents' perceptions about the services. The survey also offers an opportunity to assess how residents feel about the District and the opportunities it provides.

The key service areas tested in the 2026 residents' survey were:

- Council services and facilities.
- Elected members and Council.

This year's survey was conducted amidst concerns around rising rates and infrastructure costs, long-term service sustainability and local government reform. The fieldwork was completed prior to the Clutha District Council formally adopting the 2026/27 Annual Plan on the 25th June.

Method

The 2026 survey had a dual method approach:

1. The core research was conducted via telephone interviews to mobile phone and landline numbers, with the option to complete online.
2. An additional online survey was offered to allow wider engagement with residents across the District.

PHONE SURVEY WITH ONLINE COMPLETION OPTION

The data produced from the phone survey element is the result of random sampling and is therefore free from self-selection bias; it can be considered statistically robust, and levels of statistical confidence can be applied to the data.

An online channel for the phone survey was introduced in 2016. The online completion option is important as it helps to minimise non-response error by increasing the response rate. From 2016, those respondents who were unwilling or unable to complete the survey by phone have been directed to the online survey.

STAND-ALONE ONLINE SURVEY

An additional online version of the survey was added in 2018 to enable more inclusive engagement. This provides an option for those with a preference for online completion or not invited to take part as part of the random telephone sample, to participate.

However, the online sample is self-selecting and is essentially different from that provided through the telephone approach (based on random sampling) where respondents are invited to take part. Self-selecting respondents are likely to have characteristics and opinions that are not consistent with the general population. The sample from the online survey should not be viewed as representative of the District's population. A comparison of results provided from the two different samples is provided in Appendix Two.

Communications to promote the online survey across the district were handled by Clutha District Council. Responses to the online residents' survey this year were lower than in recent years.

Given the low number of responses to the online version of this survey in 2026, the results from this should be treated with extreme caution.

NOTES ON THE ANALYSIS

The telephone survey provides a sample of 300 respondents that is representative of the District's population. An additional 28 residents chose to give their feedback through the online survey (down notably from 142 in 2025).

In line with previous reports, responses for 6-point scale satisfaction questions have been grouped as follows:

On a scale of 1 to 6, where 6 is very satisfied and 1 is very dissatisfied, how would you rate your stormwater services during the last 12 months?

Very dissatisfied		Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied		Don't know N/A
1	2	3	4	5	6	98

Trend analysis and performance against Key Performance Indicators have also been included. Targets are either internal Council measures or formal Long Term Plan 2024/34 (LTP) targets. LTP measures have been identified in the text. For these measures, the proportion of respondents that stated that they were satisfied (4–6), are shown.

It should be noted that all "don't know" responses have been excluded from the results. It should also be noted that, in this report, figures have been rounded to whole numbers. Due to this rounding, some charts, tables, and summary measures may not add up precisely to the totals provided or to 100 per cent.

Sampling

Following a pilot testing phase, telephone data collection took place between the 9th and 24th June using a randomised database of telephone numbers covering the Clutha District.

Data collection was randomised within each household to ensure the sample included a range of respondents based on age, location, and gender, with a quota system being used to ensure the sample was representative of the population as per Census 2023 statistics.

In 2026 it was more difficult to secure engagement from younger residents. The number of residents aged 16 – 29 who took part in the survey was below the targets set for representation. A weighting has therefore been applied to the data by the age break down.

A full demographic breakdown of the sample is shown in Appendix One.

Overall data is accurate to a maximum error margin of +/- 5.6% at the 95% confidence level (if 50% of respondents stated they were satisfied with a Council facility, then we could be 95% sure that between 44.4% and 55.6% of the entire population also feel this way).

The online survey was also available from the 9th through to the 24th of June.

Section 3

Use of, and Visits to, Council Facilities



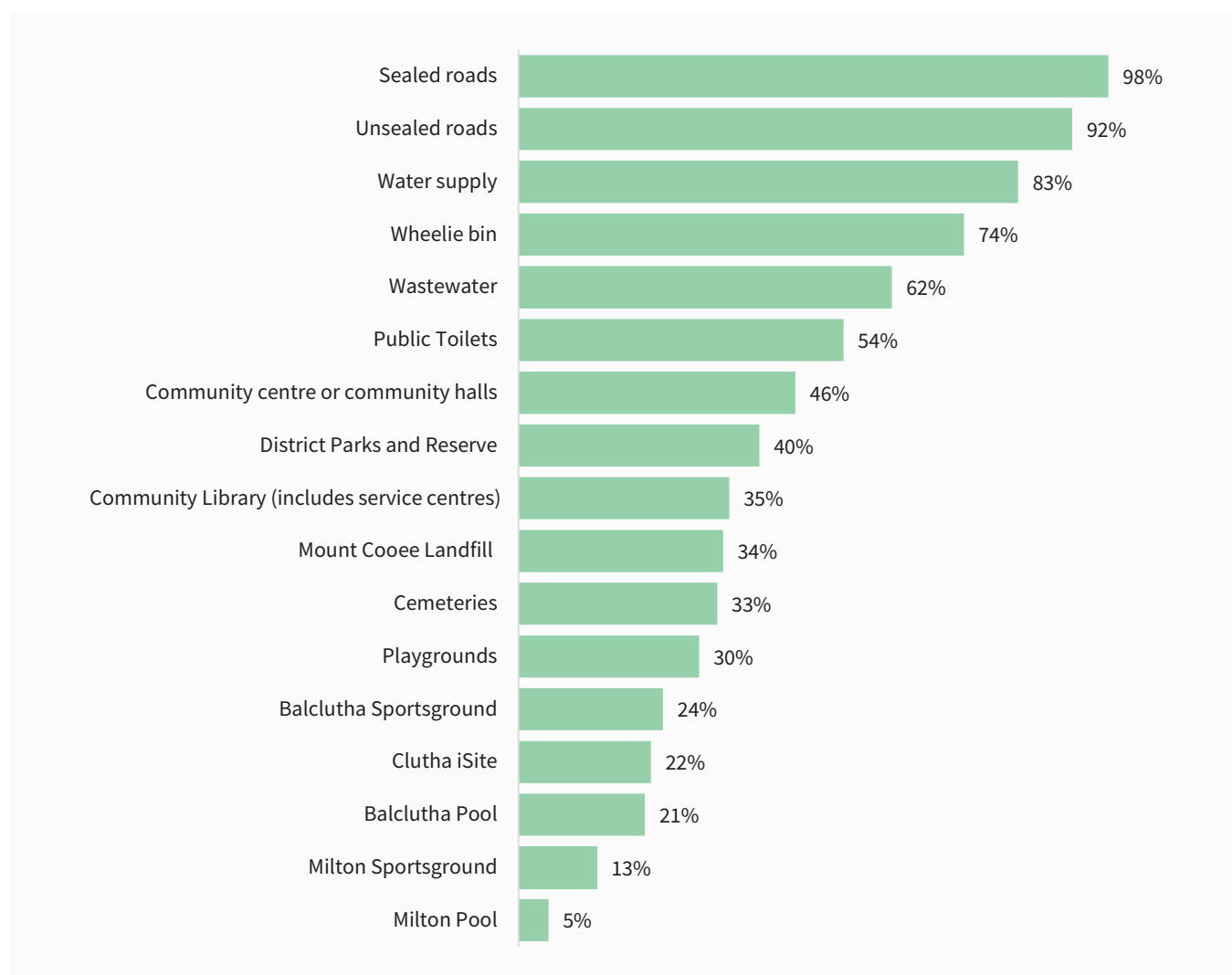
Clutha residents were asked to confirm whether they had visited or used specified Council facilities in the past 12 months.

The most widely used Council facilities remain consistent in usage in comparison with last year. Over 60 per cent of Clutha residents continue to use sealed / unsealed roads, water supply, wheelie bin and wastewater services.

There has been a reported decline in usage across other Council facilities. The most notable declines were seen for district parks and reserves (13 per cent decrease), playgrounds (12 per cent decrease) and libraries (11 per cent decrease).

On average residents had used 7.6 facilities in 2026 compared to 8.3 in 2025.

Figure 3.1 Visits and usage of Council facilities



Section 4

Wastewater & Stormwater



Wastewater

Eighty-five per cent of residents with properties connected to one of the district's wastewater systems stated that they were satisfied with the service:

✓ **Performance target met (2025/26 aim: ≥85%)**

Performance in this area is consistent with the 2025 results. However, the 2026 results continue a very gradual downward trend since 2022. Analysis of residents' feedback did not highlight any specific issues to flag.

Figure 4.1 Satisfaction with District wastewater systems

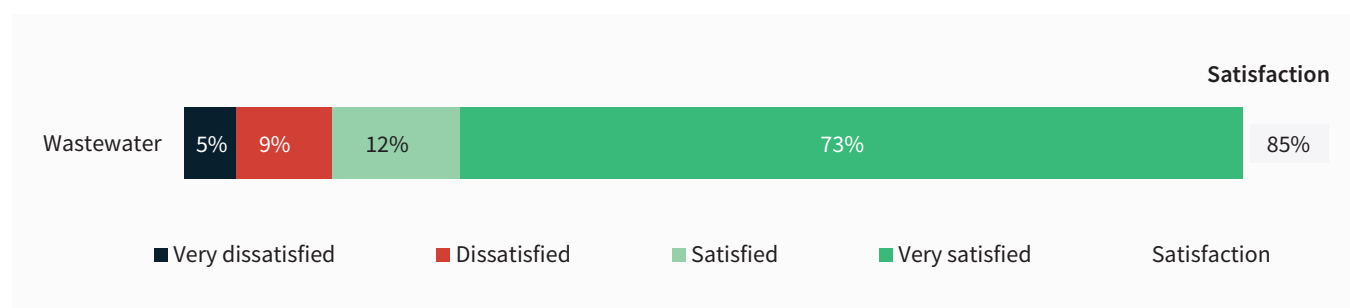
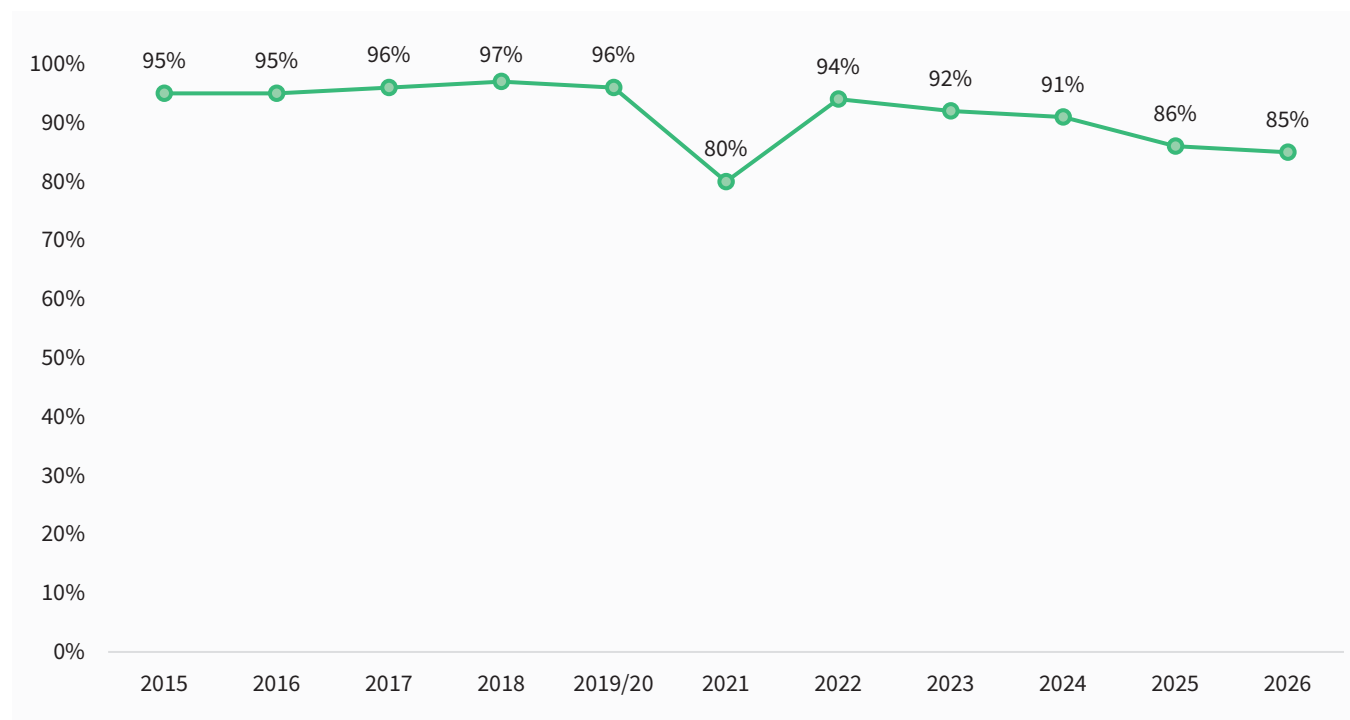


Figure 4.2 Satisfaction with wastewater systems, over time



Stormwater

Residents connected to the district's wastewater systems were also asked to rate satisfaction with stormwater services.

- 77% of these residents stated that they were satisfied with the service.

✓ **Performance target met (2025/26 aim: $\geq 75\%$)**

Satisfaction with stormwater services shows a trend that is volatile, with satisfaction in 2026 recovering to similar levels in 2024 after a notable decline in 2025. This volatility is likely to relate to weather patterns where severe weather events have tested the stormwater systems. Prior to July 2026, by which time interviewing for this survey was complete, the district had not experienced the same degree of significant weather events seen in 2025.

Figure 4.3 Satisfaction with stormwater services

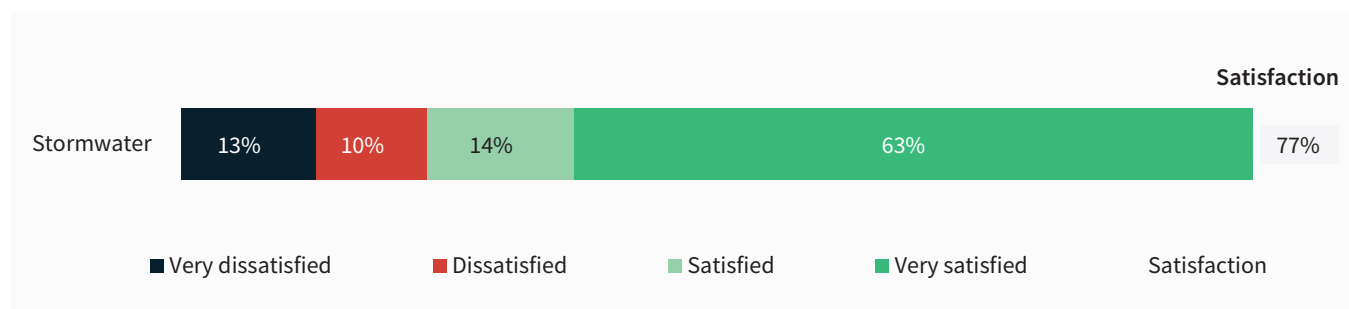
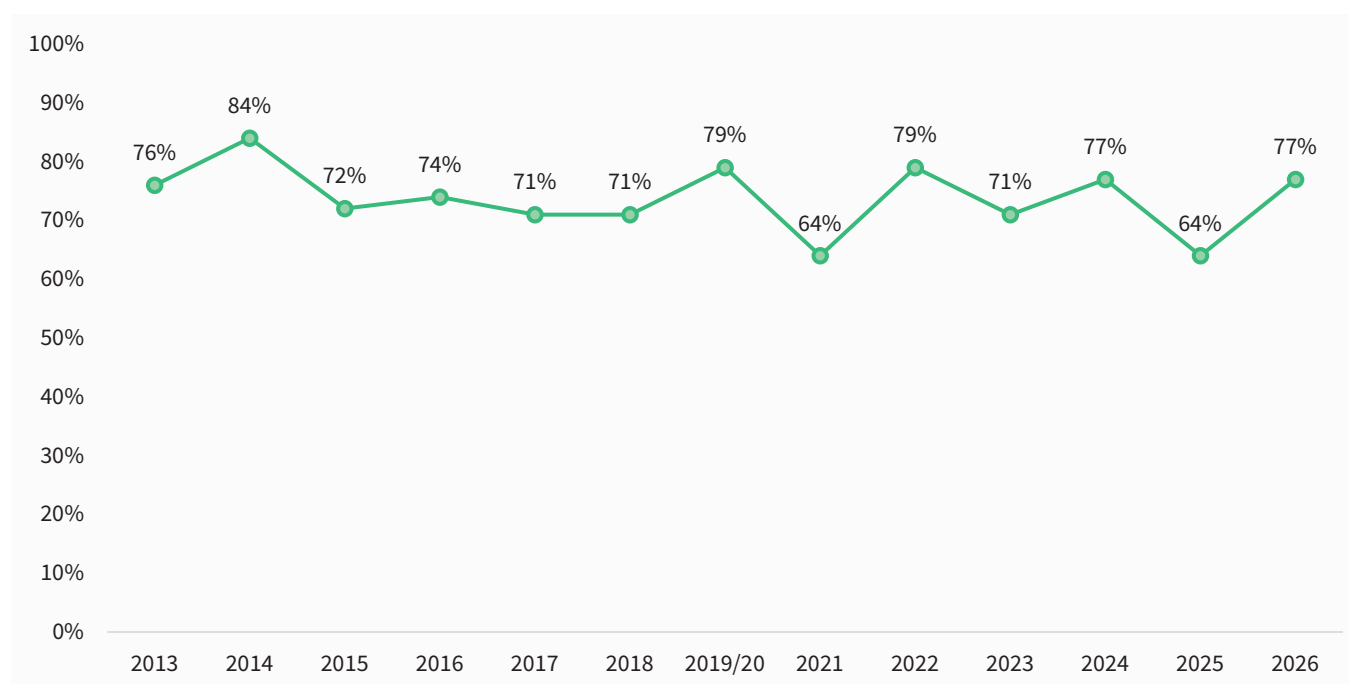


Figure 4.4 Satisfaction with stormwater services, over time



Section 5

Water Supply



Eighty-three per cent of respondents were connected to the town water supply or a rural water scheme.

Figure 5.1 Water supply

	%	Number of respondents
Town water supply	56%	170
Rural water scheme	25%	74
Both, Council (town) or rural scheme, and own supply of water	2%	6
Own supply of water (e.g., roof water or bore source)	16%	47
Don't know	2%	3
Total	100%	300

Respondents with access to the town water supply or a rural water scheme were asked to rate the reliability, taste, and clarity of the supplies.

RELIABILITY

Overall, 70 per cent stated that they were satisfied with the reliability of the water supply in the last 12 months. This is a slight improvement on 67 per cent in 2025.

Improvements in satisfaction with the reliability of the water supply have been seen for both residents on the town water supply and the rural water scheme. Although those on the town water supply continue to have higher levels of satisfaction, the gap in satisfaction levels has decreased.

Figure 5.2 Satisfaction with the reliability of water supply

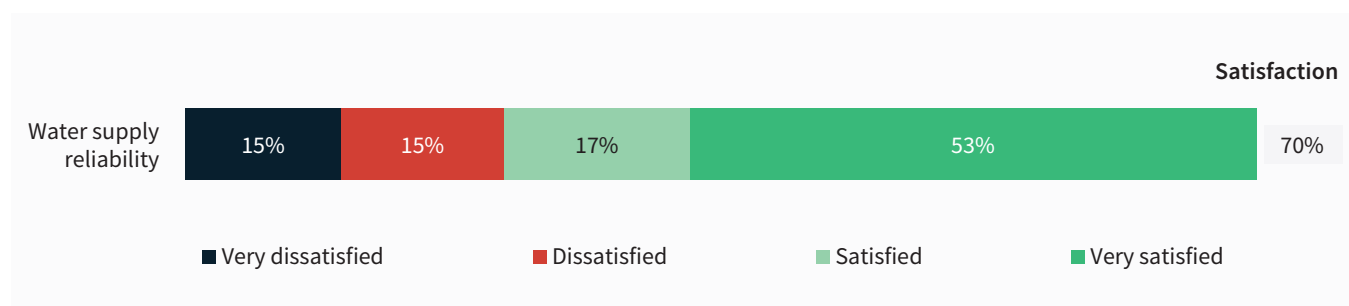
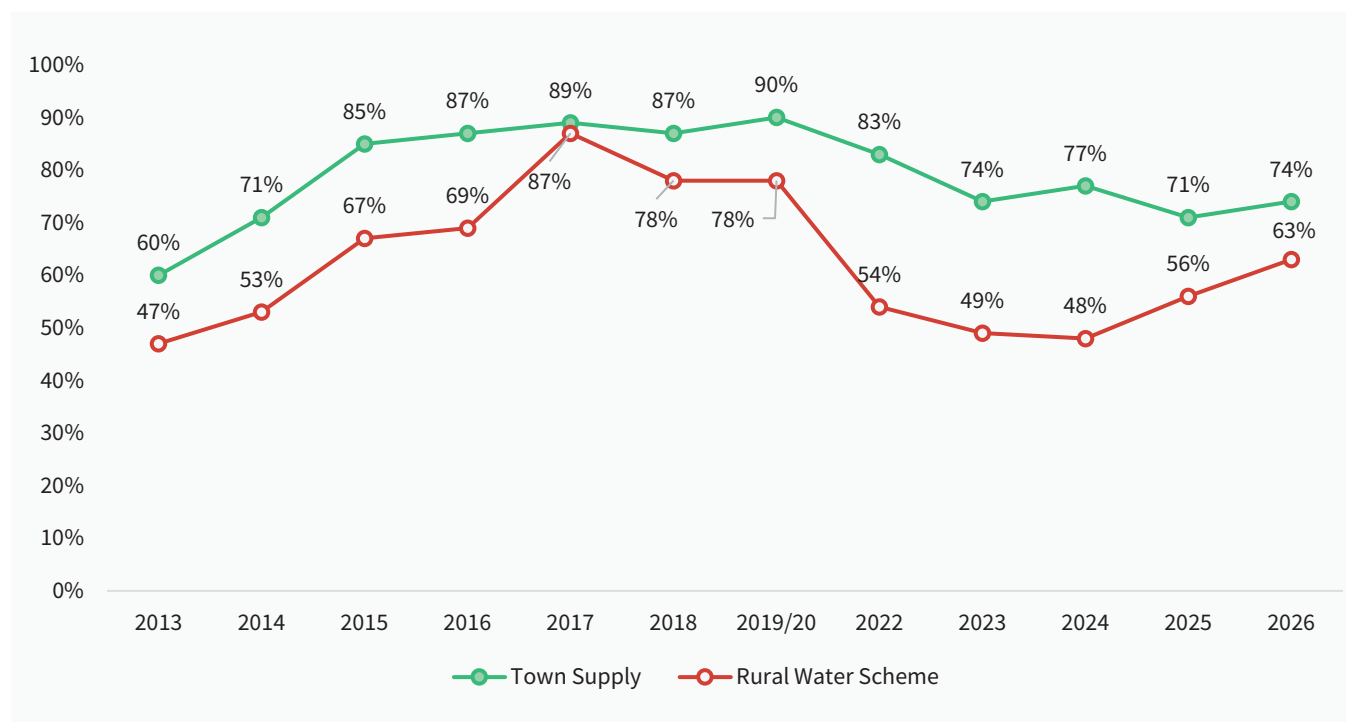


Figure 5.3 Satisfaction with the reliability of water supply, over time¹



2026 Town supply n=170, Rural water scheme n=74

TASTE AND CLARITY

Just over half (58 per cent) indicated that they were satisfied with the taste and clarity of their water supply. This represents an improvement of 7 per cent on 2025 results but does not meet the performance target.

✖ **Performance target not met $\geq 70\%$.**

While satisfaction with the taste and clarity of the water supply has improved among both town-supply and rural water scheme users, the most significant gains have been recorded among rural scheme users. As a result, the gap in satisfaction between the two groups has narrowed to its smallest level since 2018.

¹ Satisfaction with reliability of water supply was not asked in the 2020/2021 survey.

Figure 5.4 Satisfaction with the taste and clarity of water supply

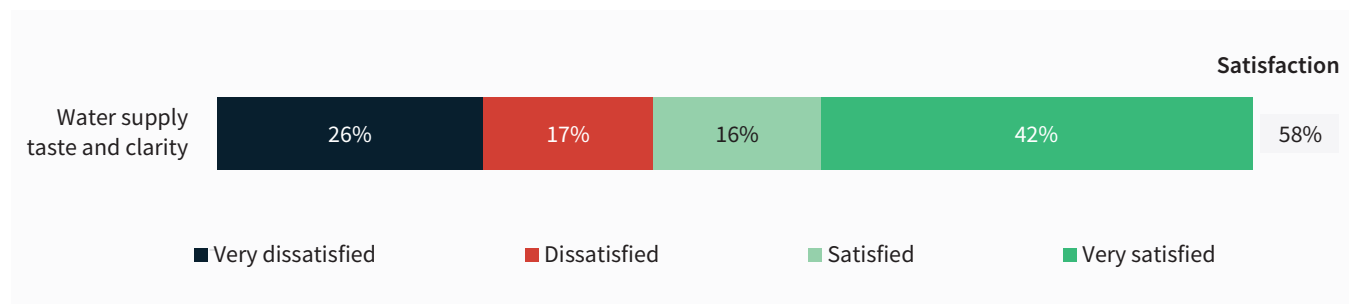
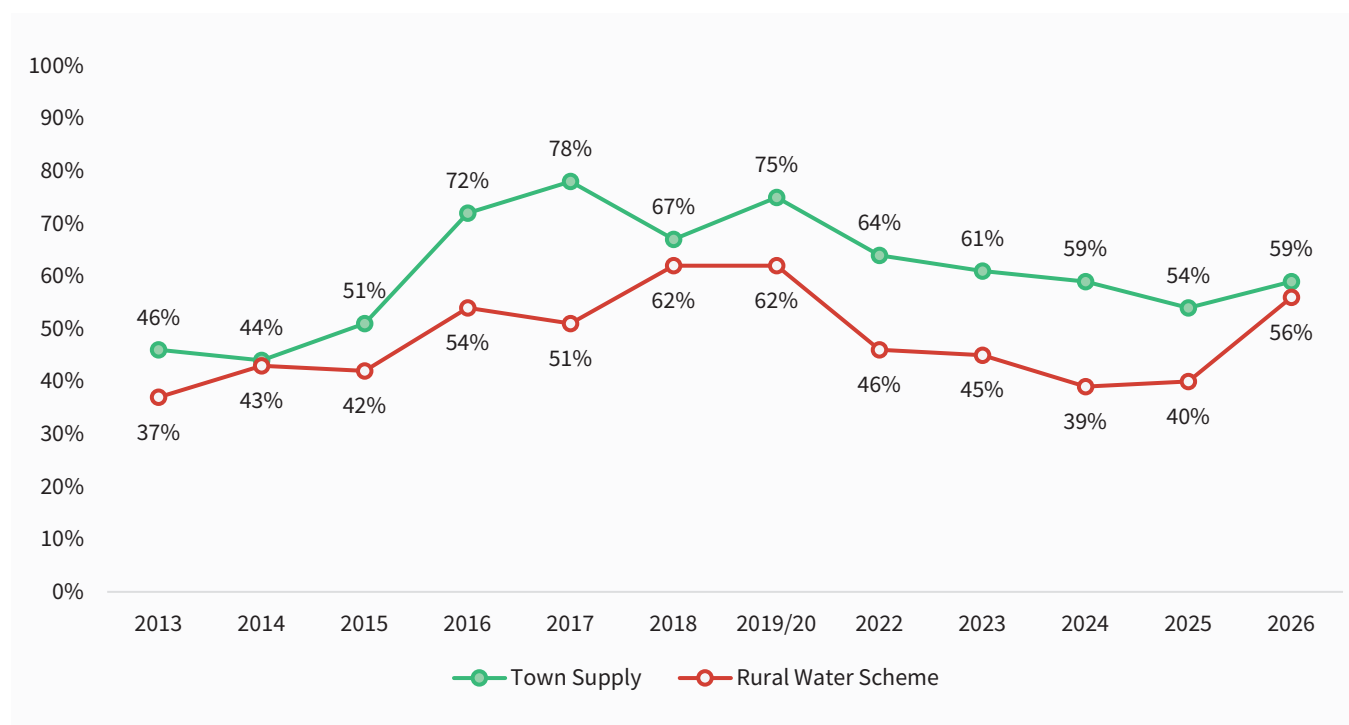


Figure 5.5 Satisfaction with the taste and clarity of water supply, over time²



2026 Town supply n=166, Rural water scheme n=72

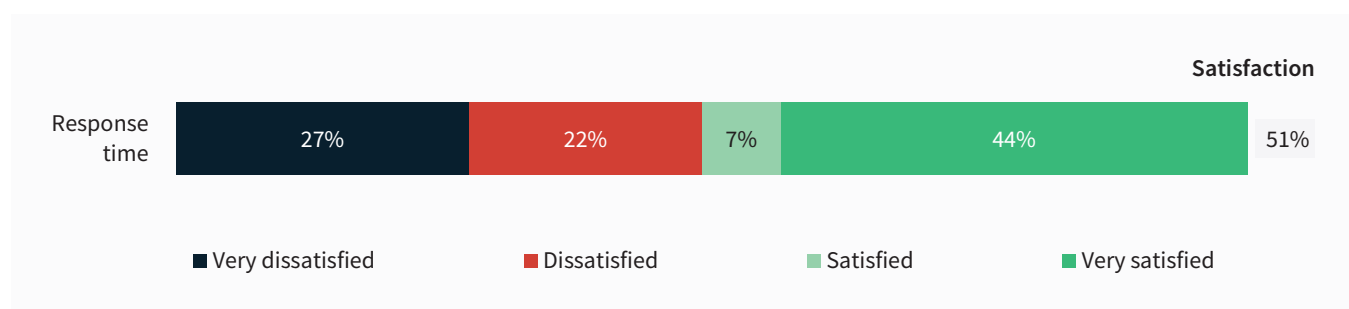
² Satisfaction with taste and clarity of water supply was not asked in the 2020/2021 survey.

REPAIR OF WATER LEAK OR SEWER BLOCKAGE

In 2026, additional questions were added to gather residents' feedback on their experience when reporting a water leak or sewer blockage.

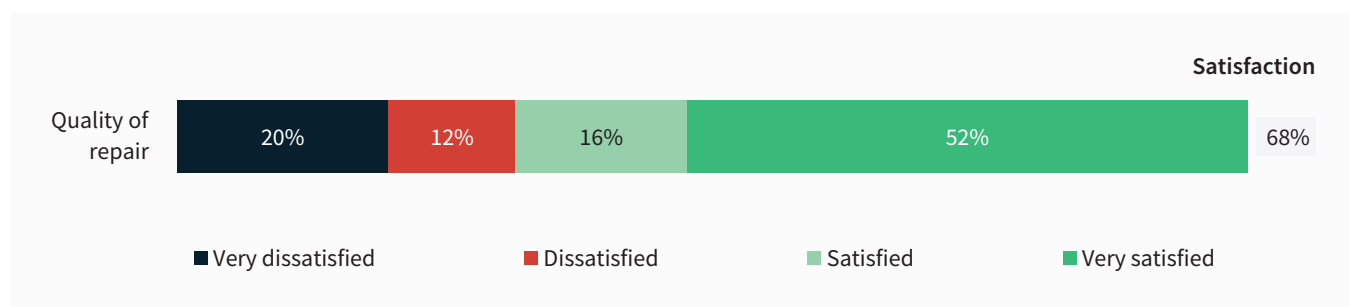
21 per cent of residents had reported a water leak or sewer blockage that required repair in the last 12 months. Residents were more satisfied with the quality of the repair (68 per cent) than the response time for the repair (51 per cent).

Figure 5.6 Satisfaction with response time



2026 n=62

Figure 5.7 Satisfaction with quality of repair



2026 n=59

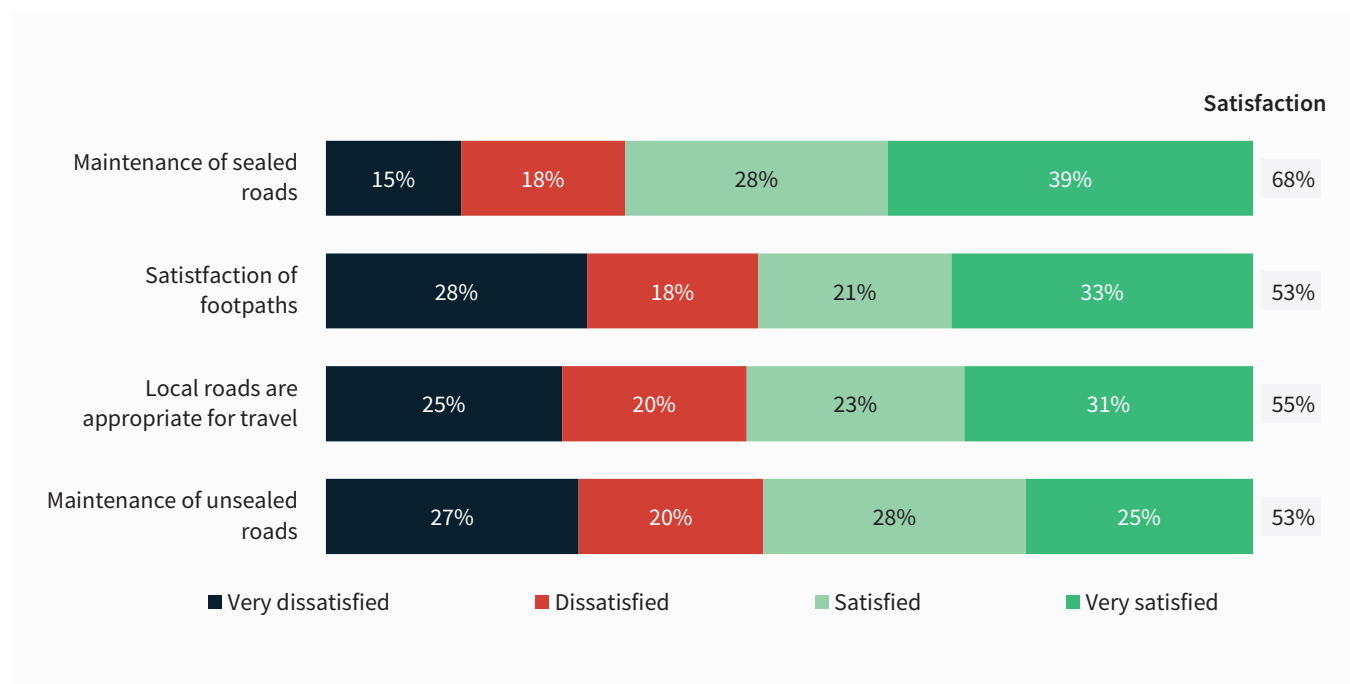
Section 6

Roading



More than half of the respondents (55 per cent) were satisfied that local roads are appropriate for their travel needs. This is consistent with the 2025 result. Urban residents had notably higher levels of satisfaction than rural residents (59 per cent compared with 49 per cent)

Figure 6.1 Satisfaction with roading and footpaths



Sealed roads

- 68 per cent of respondents were satisfied with the maintenance of sealed roads.

✗ **Performance target not met (2025/26 aim $\geq 70\%$)**

- Rural residents had higher levels of satisfaction with the maintenance of sealed roads (71 per cent) compared to urban residents (64 per cent).
- The average speed respondents felt safe travelling at on unsealed roads was 92 km/hr.

✓ **Performance target met (2025/26 aim 80–90 km/hr)**

Unsealed roads

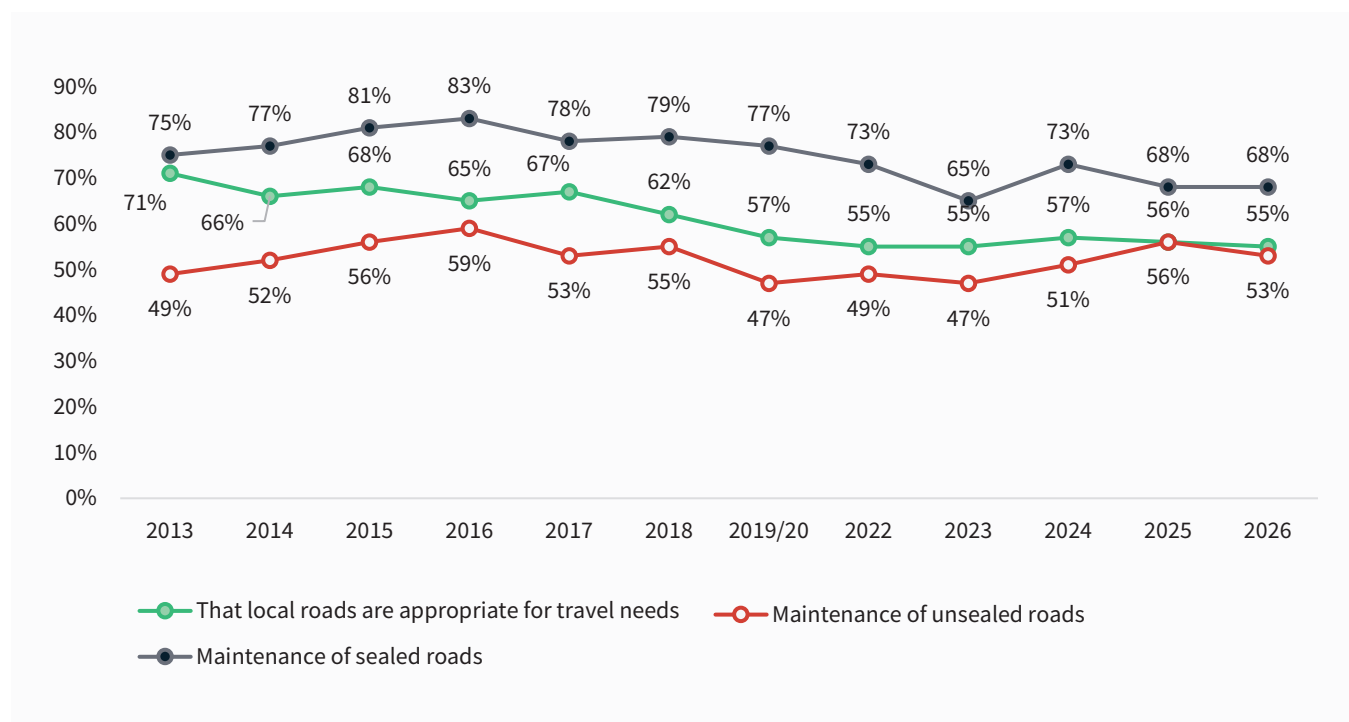
- Over half of respondents (53 per cent) were satisfied with maintenance of unsealed roads.

✓ **Performance target met (2025/26 aim $\geq 52\%$)**

- The average speed respondents felt safe travelling at on unsealed roads was 68 km/hr.

✓ **Performance target met (2025/26 aim 60–70 km/hr)**

Figure 6.2 Satisfaction with roads over time³



3 Satisfaction with roads was not measured in the 2020/2021 survey.

Footpaths

- 53 per cent of residents were satisfied with footpaths in the district. This is an improvement on 2025's results but still lower than in recent years.
- Improvements suggested by residents in this area relate to both maintenance and surfacing.

✖ **Performance target not met (2025/26 aim $\geq 80\%$).**

Figure 6.3 Satisfaction with footpaths over time

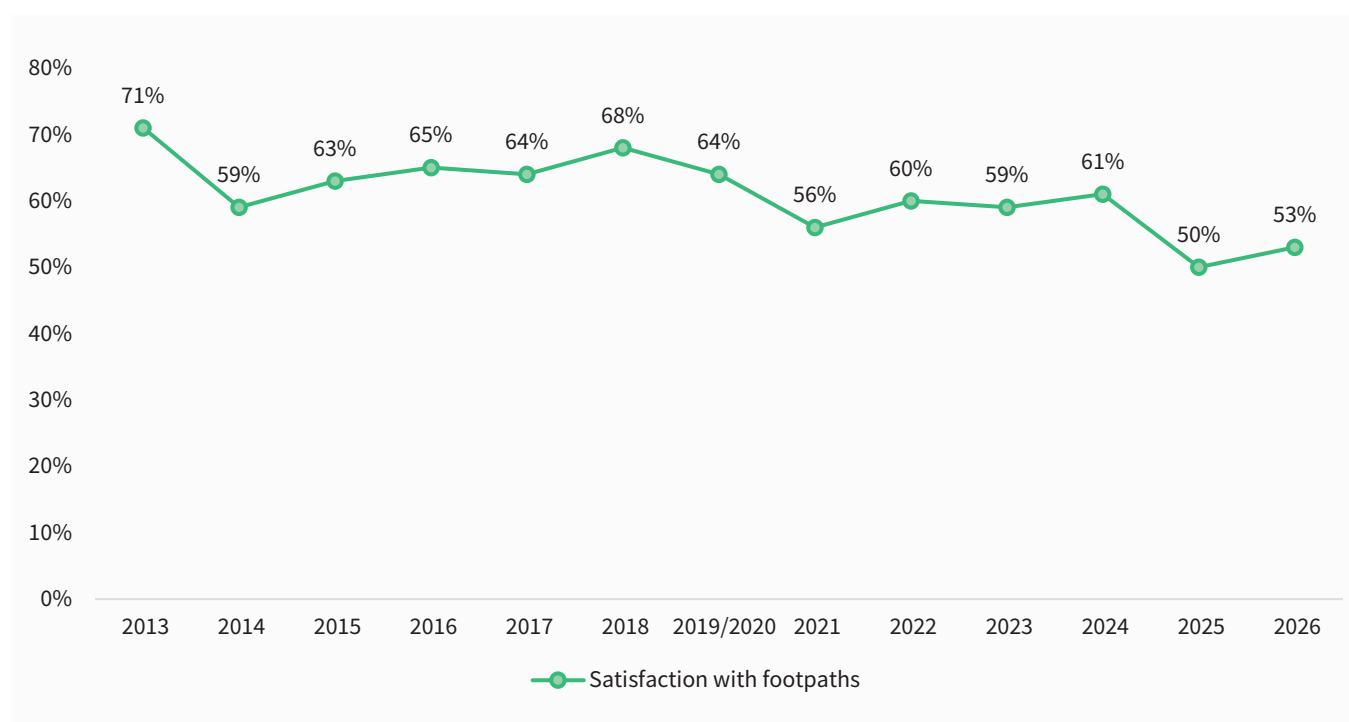


Figure 6.4 Satisfaction with roading and footpaths, by location

	Rural	Urban
Local roads are appropriate for travel needs	49%	59%
Maintenance of unsealed roads	49%	56%
Maintenance of sealed roads	71%	64%
Satisfaction with footpaths	53%	54%

Section 7

Solid Waste Services



Mt Cooee landfill

Thirty-four per cent of respondents had used the Mt Cooee landfill over the last 12 months.

- Of those that had used the service, 90 per cent were satisfied.

✓ **This meets the 2025/26 performance target for this area of $\geq 75\%$.**

Use levels and satisfaction with Mt Cooee landfill have remained stable compared with 2025.

WHEELIE BINS

Seventy-four per cent of respondents stated that they had used the wheelie bin service in the district in the last 12 months.

- Of those that had used the service, 92 per cent were satisfied.

✓ **This meets the LTP 2024-34 performance target for this area of $\geq 80\%$.**

Use levels and satisfaction with the wheelie bin service have also remained consistent with 2025 levels.

Figure 7.1 Satisfaction with solid waste services

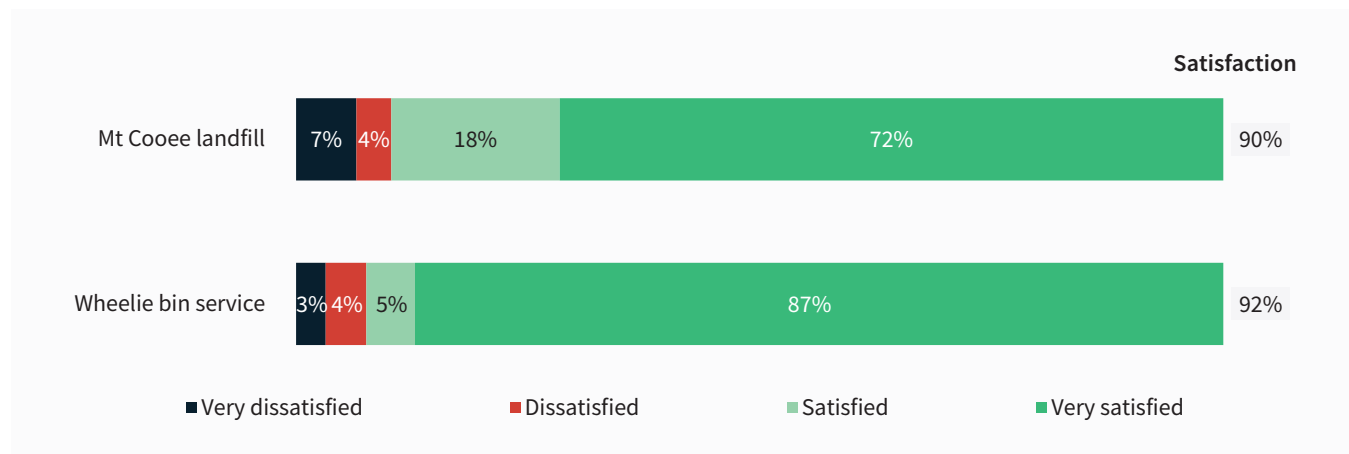
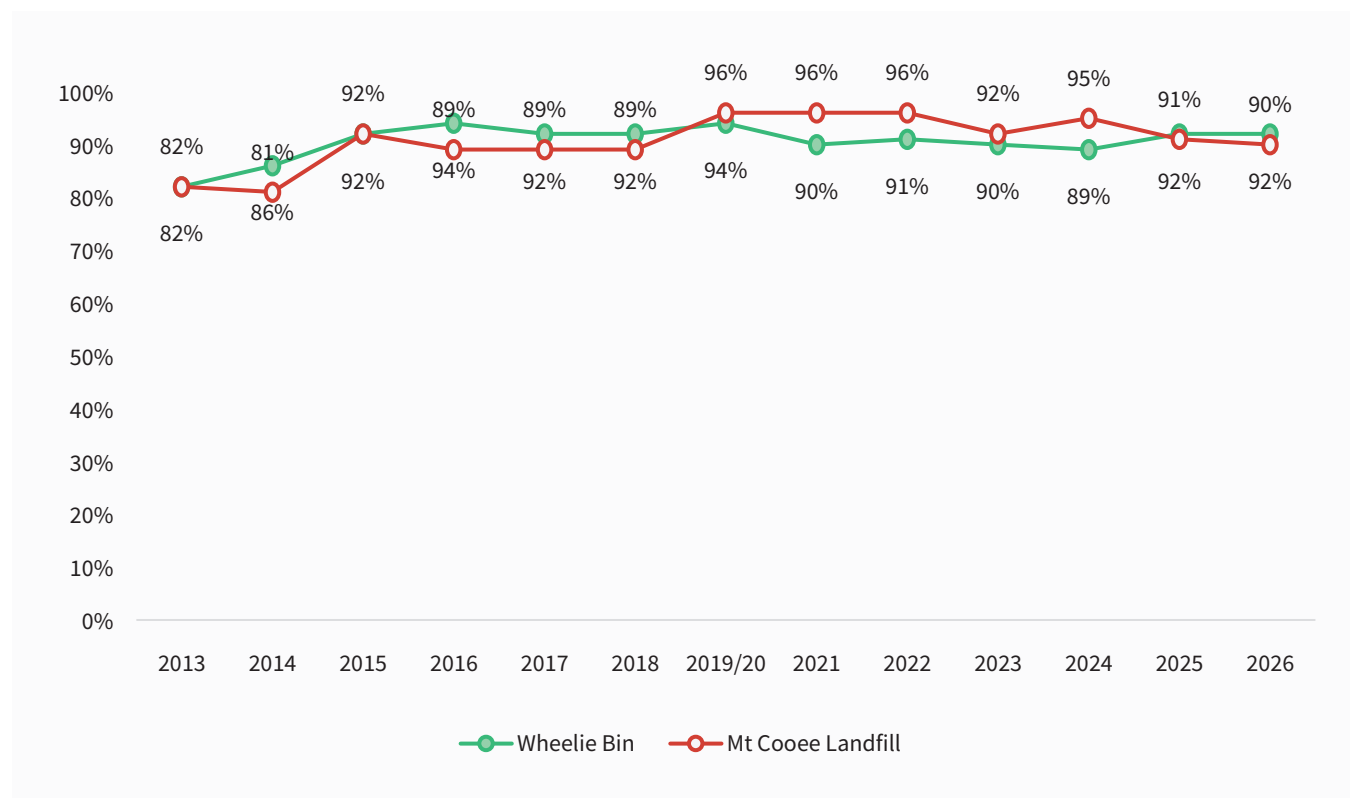


Figure 7.2 Satisfaction with solid waste services, over time



Section 8

Community Services



All community services that were part of the survey met their performance target in 2026.

Most respondents (86 per cent) had visited at least one facility in the last 12 months.

Satisfaction with most Council-provided facilities was high:

- Satisfaction with Cemeteries, Balclutha Sportsground, Community libraries, Community Centres or halls, and the service at Clutha iSite Visitor Information Centre were all above 90 per cent.
- Satisfaction has increased for Cemeteries, Milton Pool and the service at Clutha iSite Visitor Centre since 2025.
- Although all community services met their performance target in 2026, there were some declines in satisfaction level when compared with last year. Most notably Milton Sportsground, District Parks and Reserves, Balclutha Pool and Playgrounds all dropped below 90%. Open feedback from residents on these services relate to maintenance needs and desires for upgrades and expanded facilities.

✗ **The weighted average of satisfaction with community facilities does not meet the LTP 2024-34 performance target of ≥90%.**

Figure 8.1 Overall satisfaction with community services

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	% Satisfied	Performance target	Number of respondents
Milton Sportsground*	7%	7%	36%	49%	86%	≥80%	40
Cemeteries	3%	4%	15%	78%	94%	≥80%	94
Balclutha Sportsground	4%	3%	16%	77%	93%	≥80%	74
Community Libraries	4%	3%	14%	79%	93%	≥80%	112
District Parks and Reserves	4%	9%	18%	68%	87%	≥80%	119
Community centre or community halls	1%	5%	15%	79%	94%	≥80%	136
Balclutha Pool	2%	10%	12%	77%	89%	≥80%	61
Playgrounds	5%	12%	17%	66%	83%	≥80%	89
Public Toilets	5%	14%	20%	62%	81%	≥80%	168
Milton Pool*	6%	12%	36%	46%	81%	≥80%	15
Clutha iSite Visitor Information Centre	3%	0%	8%	89%	97%	≥80%	71

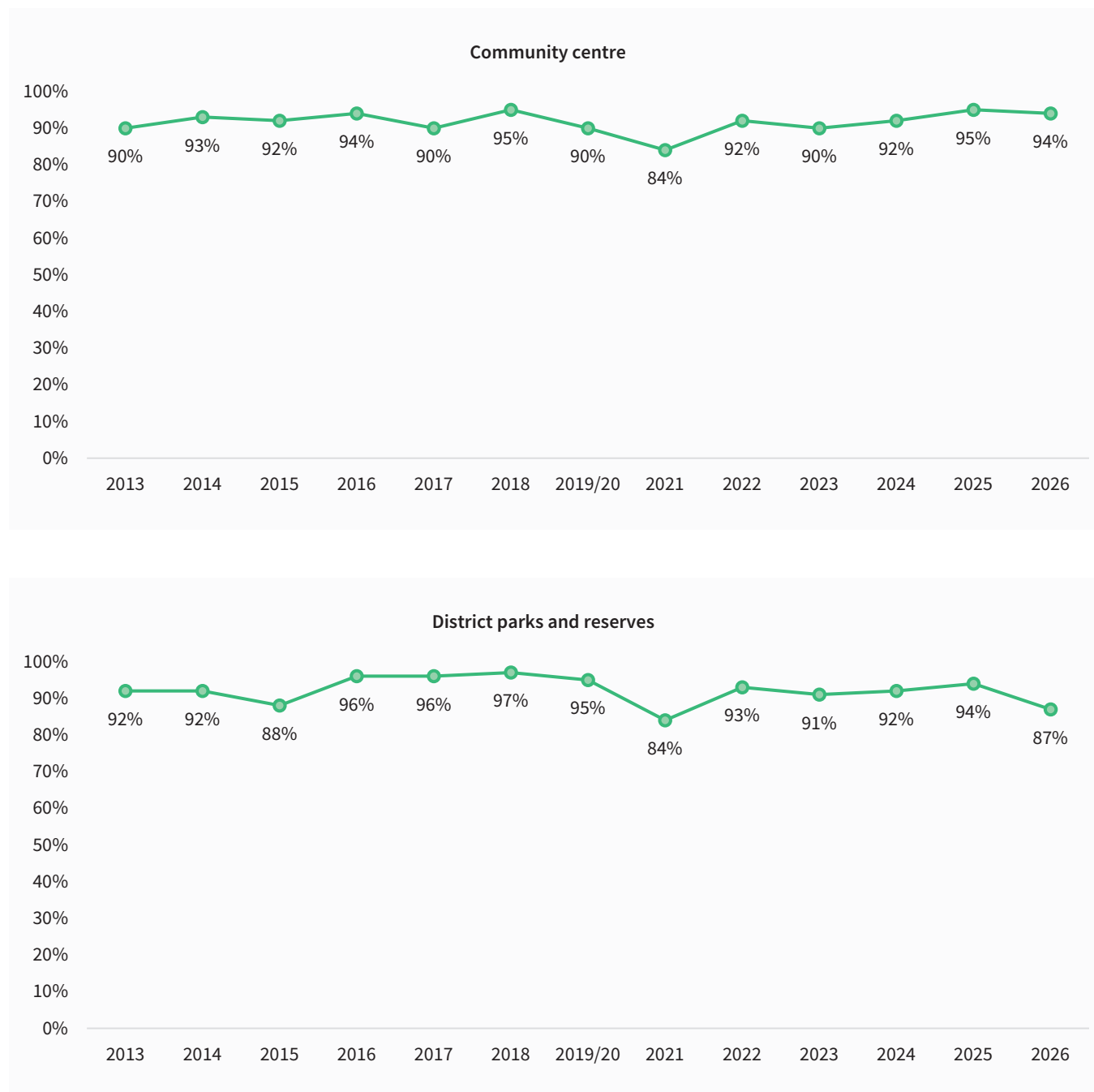
*Caution: small sample size

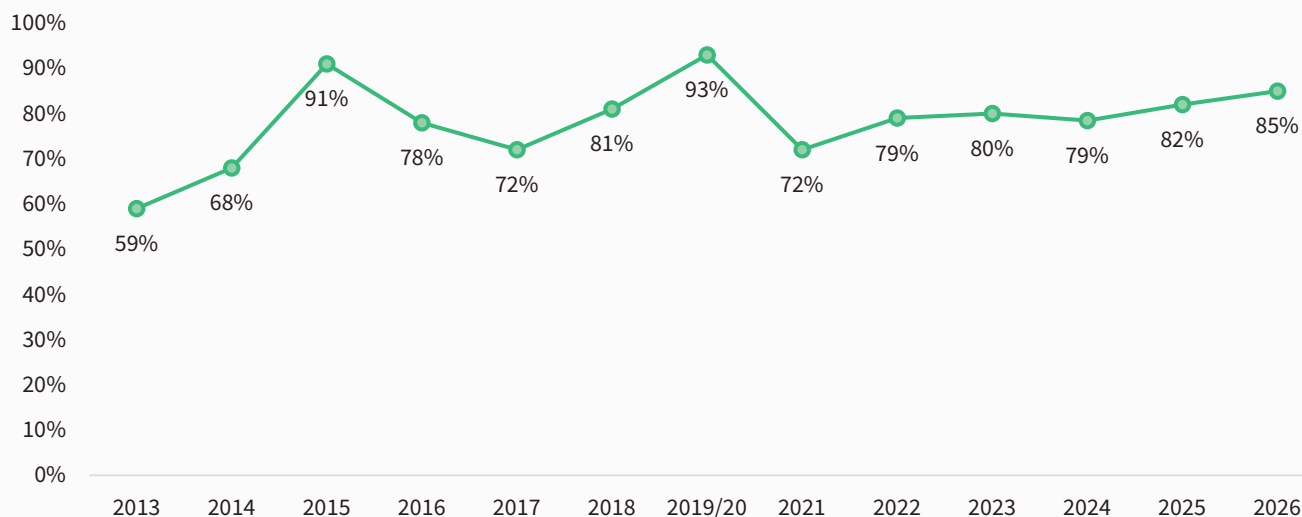
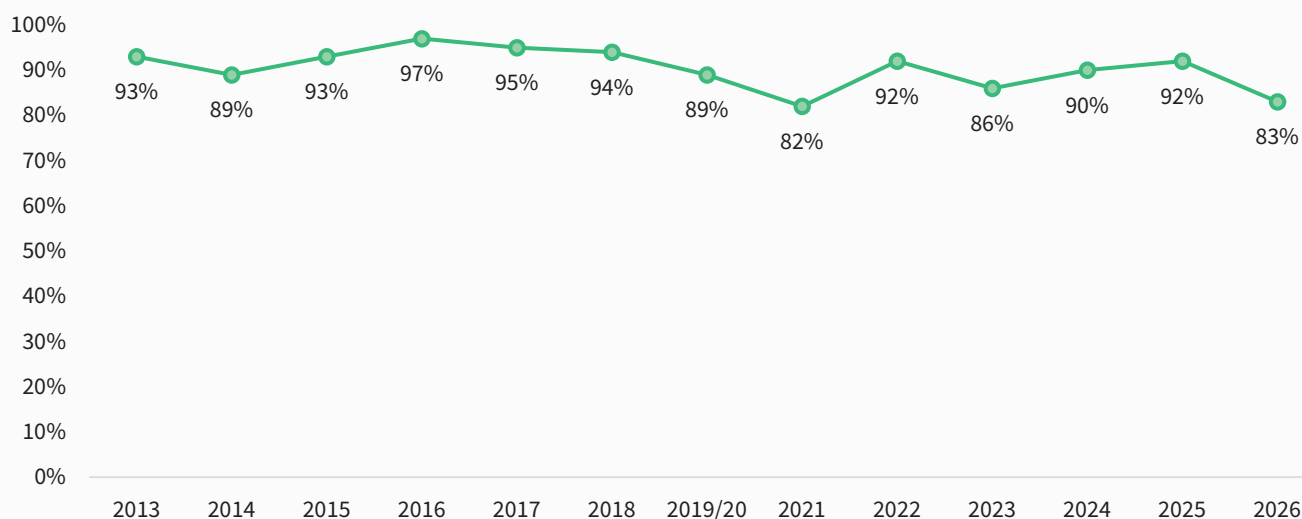
Figure 8.2 Satisfaction with community services by sub-group

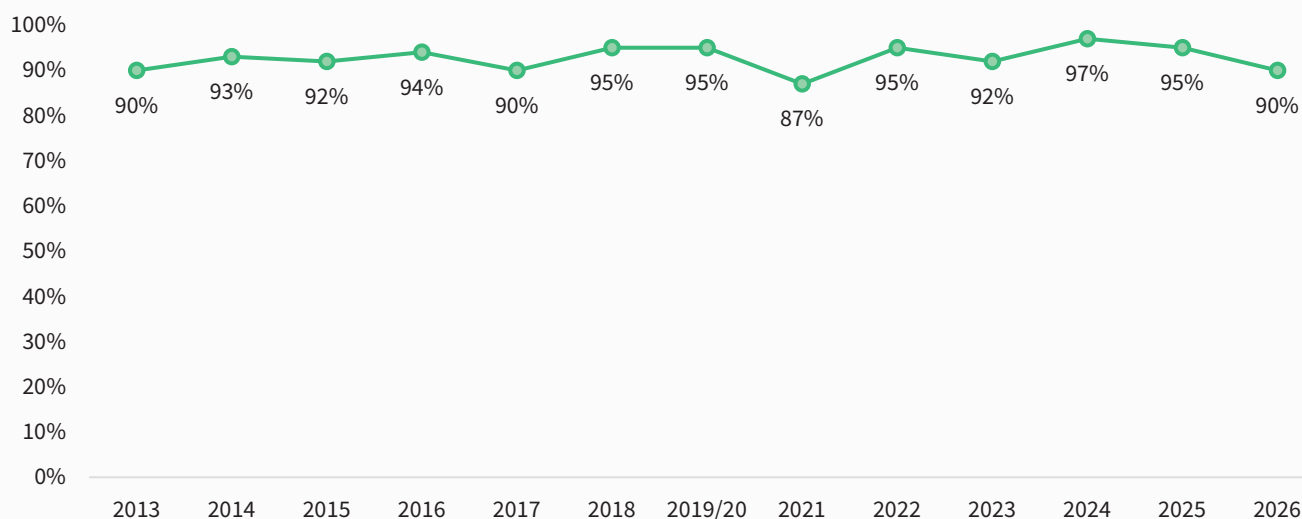
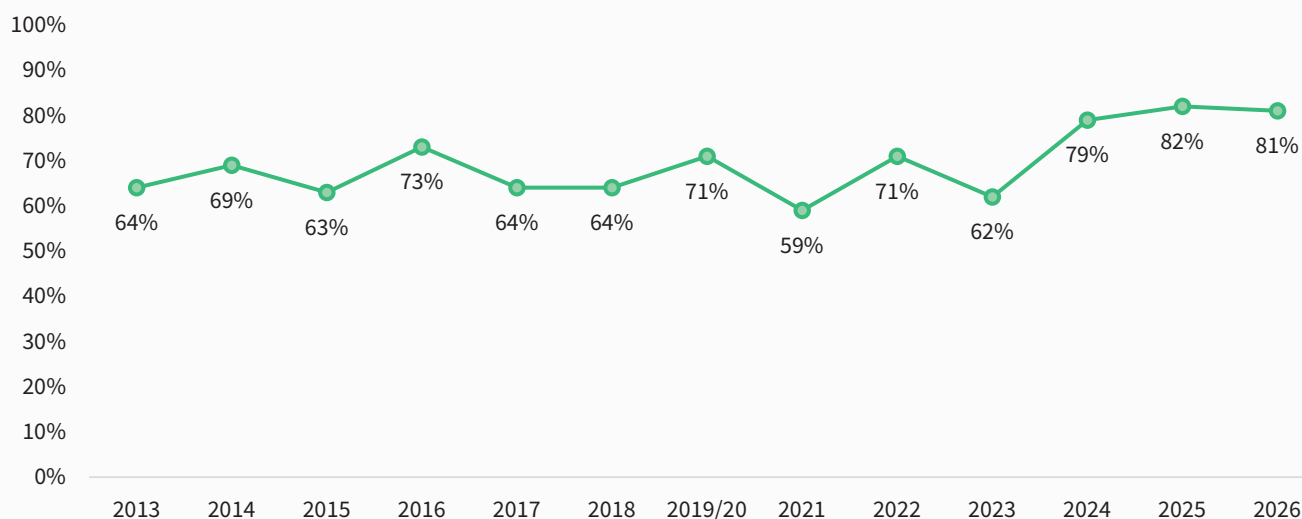
	All Respondents	Rural	Town (Urban)	16 –29 years	30 –49 years	50 –64 years	65+ years	Male	Female
Milton Sportsground	40	85%	86%	100%	86%	75%	89%	90%	81%
Cemeteries	94	94%	93%	100%	81%	100%	94%	99%	88%
Balclutha Sportsground	74	88%	97%	100%	88%	100%	88%	93%	92%
Community Libraries	112	95%	91%	100%	91%	91%	93%	91%	94%
District Parks and Reserves	119	86%	87%	88%	87%	85%	88%	86%	87%
Community centre or community halls	136	92%	97%	100%	92%	97%	91%	94%	95%
Balclutha Pool	61	92%	86%	100%	90%	81%	80%	87%	91%
Playgrounds	89	73%	91%	83%	79%	88%	85%	85%	81%
Public Toilets	168	73%	90%	88%	66%	83%	94%	83%	80%
Milton Pool*	15	21%	100%	100%	60%	80%	100%	79%	85%
Clutha iSite Visitor Information Centre	71	97%	97%	100%	91%	100%	100%	97%	97%
n	300	149	179	22	102	99	104	165	162

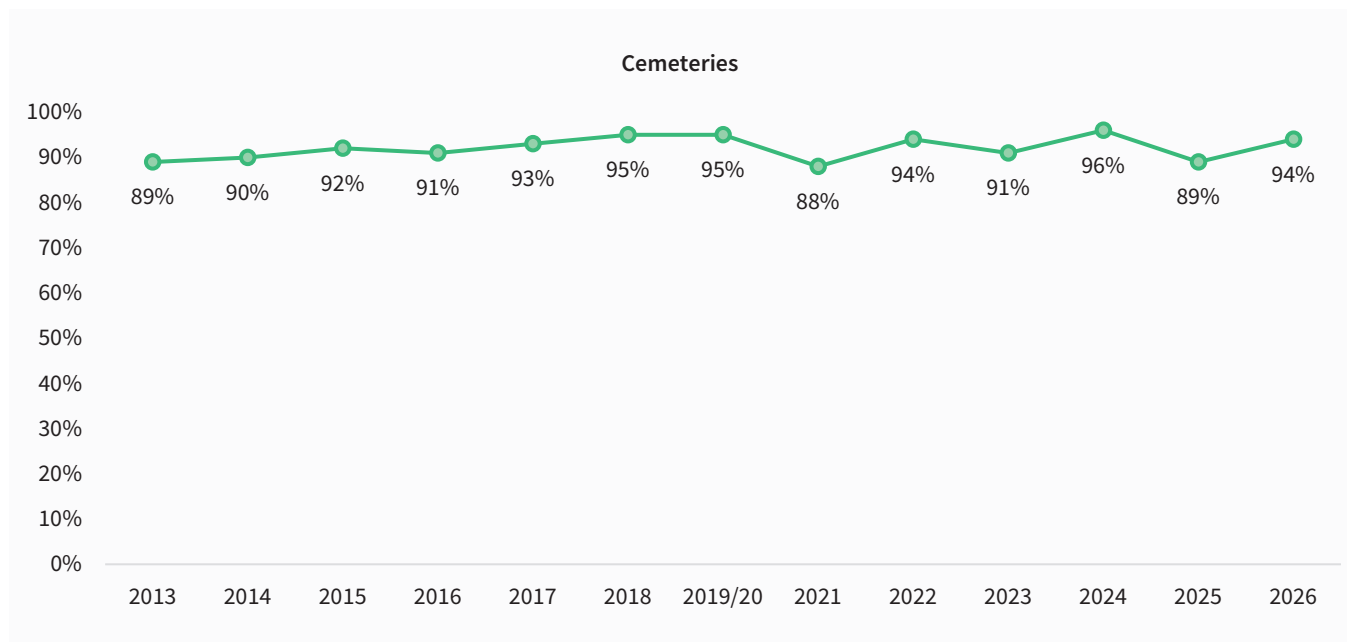
Note: All respondents n = 300. The samples sizes for each service or facility by each location, age or gender category will vary depending on utilisation. This data should be treated with caution due to low samples sizes at individual sub-group level.

Figure 8.3 Satisfaction with facilities – trend analysis



Pools**Playgrounds**

Sportsgrounds

Public toilets




Section 9

Elected Members and Council



Satisfaction with elected members

To understand residents' satisfaction with their elected members and the Council overall, we asked residents about:

- two areas that focus on elected members and Council staff and
- three areas that reflect on the performance of the Council as a whole.

Additionally, residents were asked about their satisfaction with the value for money they feel they get from their rates paid to Clutha District Council.

In 2026 all measures were rated by residents above average (>50%) with the exception of value for money. The Council is viewed as doing well (all above 60 per cent) when it comes to:

- The helpfulness and advice from Council staff.
- Achieving its goal of promoting growth, living, and working in the Clutha District.
- Decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members

Improvements were seen in comparison to 2025 in the following three areas:

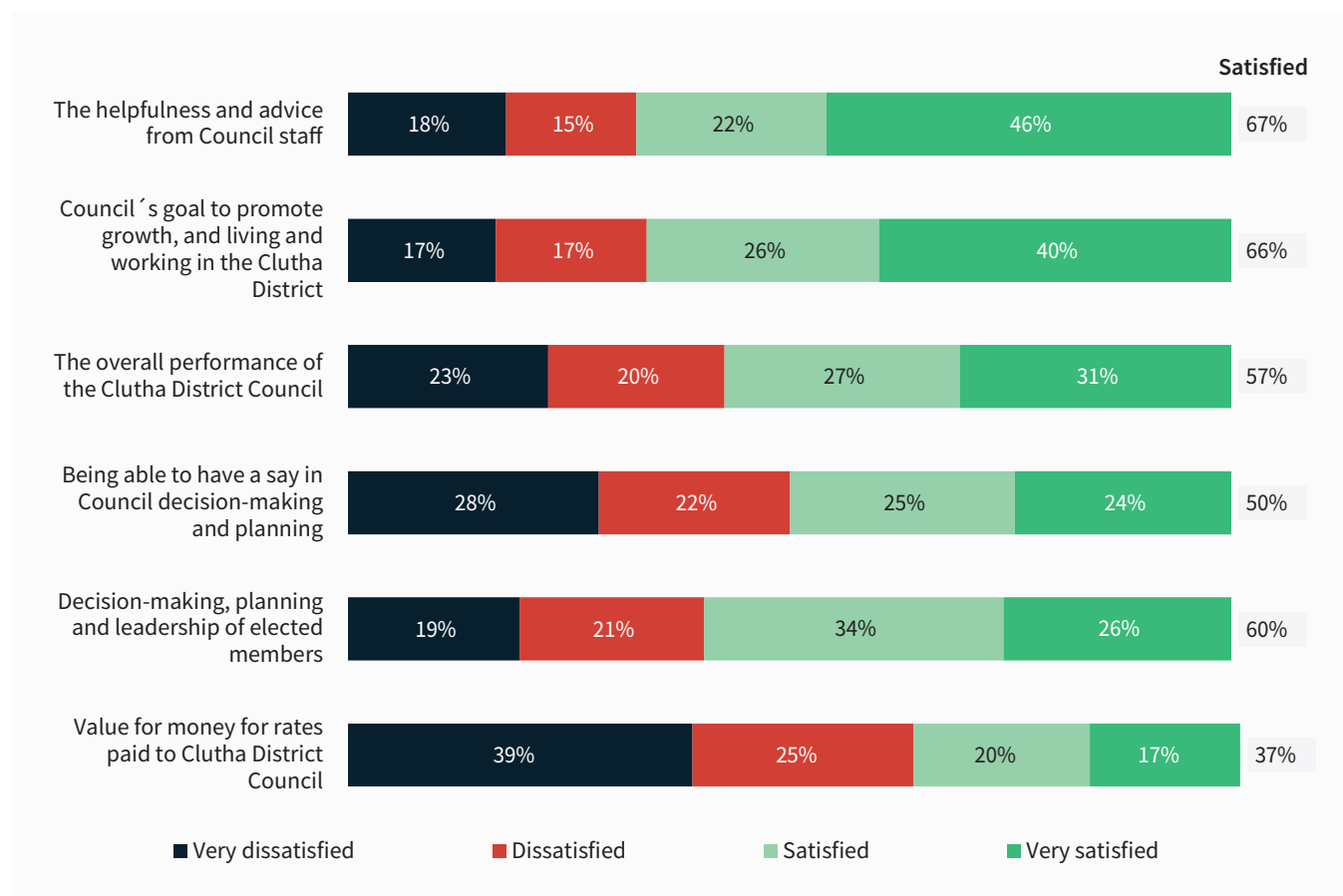
- Achieving its goal of promoting growth, living, and working in the Clutha District.
- Decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members
- Being able to have a say in Council decision-making and planning

Satisfaction with value for money from rates paid to Clutha District Council has remained stable in comparison with the last two years but satisfaction continues to be notably lower than the levels seen for the other performance measurements.

However, satisfaction with overall performance was slightly lower than seen in 2025 (3 per cent decrease). When residents were given the opportunity to provide any additional feedback, many of these comments related to concerns about rates rises. This issue is likely driving perceptions of overall performance.

The target for perceptions of the decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members was not met:

✗ **LTP 2024-34 performance target not met (2025/26 aim ≥80%).**

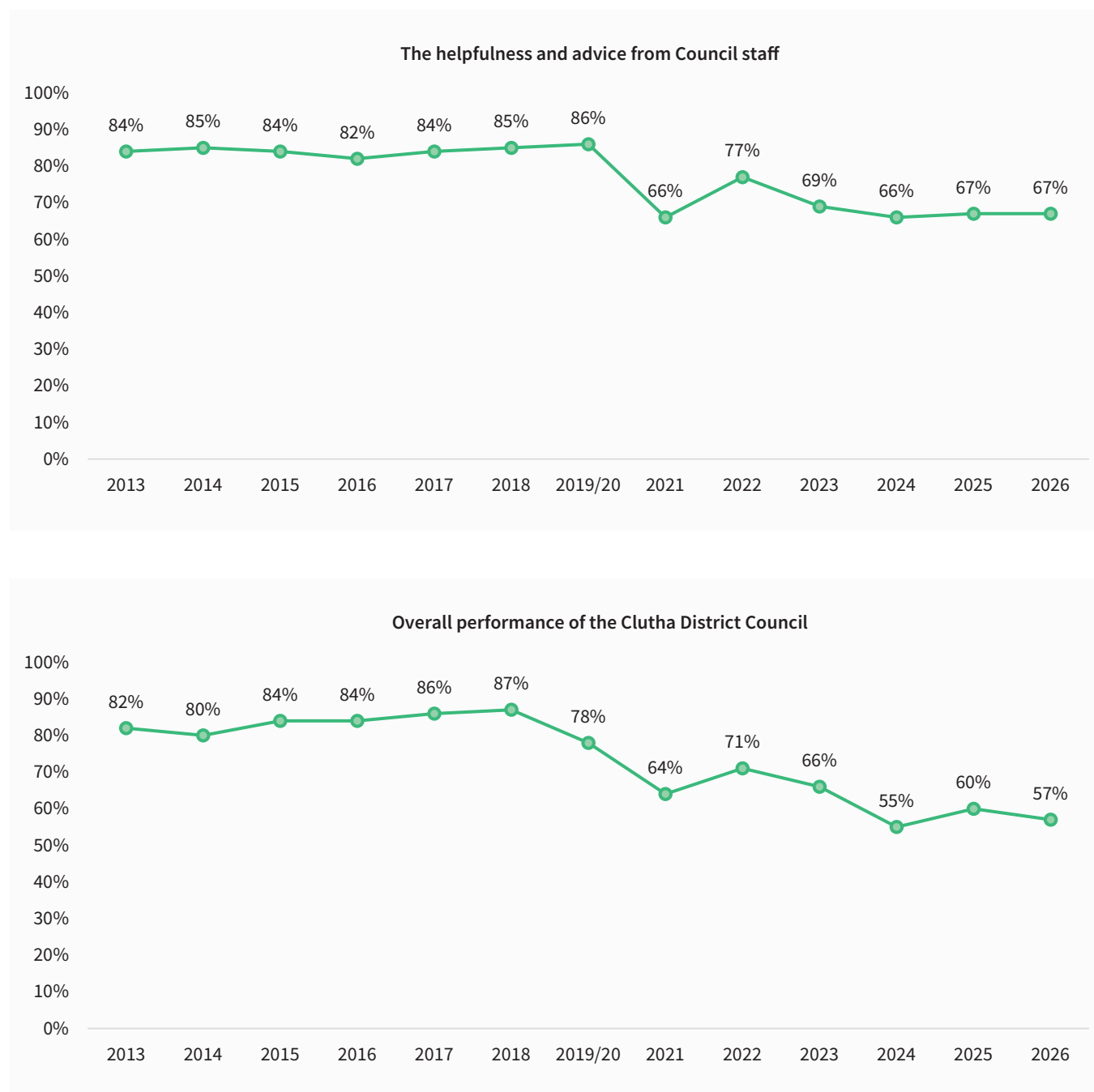
Figure 9.1 Satisfaction with elected members and Council

Figure 9.2 Satisfaction with elected members and Council – sub-group analysis

	All respondents	Rural	Urban	16 – 29 years	30 – 49 years	50 – 64 years	65+ years
Decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members	60%	62%	58%	55%	55%	58%	71%
Council's goal to promote growth, living, and working in the Clutha District	66%	64%	68%	75%	60%	58%	75%
Being able to have a say in Council decision-making and planning	50%	48%	52%	57%	42%	44%	60%
The helpfulness and advice from Council staff	67%	62%	72%	80%	53%	64%	78%
The overall performance of the Clutha District Council	57%	52%	62%	60%	49%	54%	69%
Value for money for rates paid to Clutha District Council	37%	32%	42%	54%	22%	33%	47%

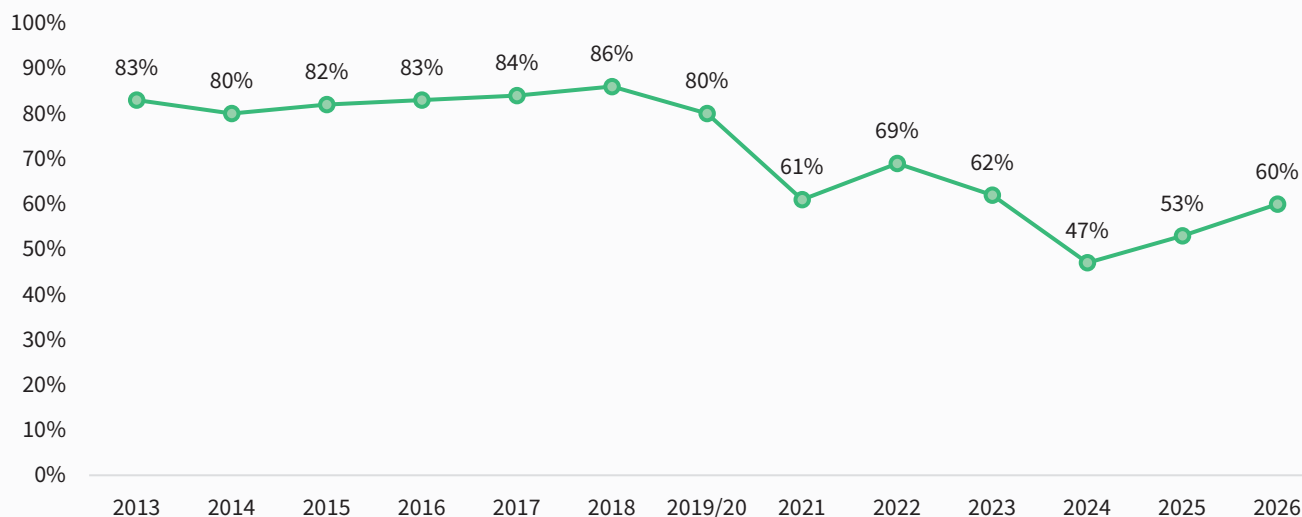
Figure 9.3 Satisfaction with elected members and Council – trend analysis

		2015	2016	2017	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members	Satisfied	82%	83%	84%	86%	80%	61%	69%	62%	47%	53%	60%
	Very satisfied	50%	48%	55%	56%	46%	27%	37%	32%	26%	25%	26%
Council's goal to promote growth, living, and working in the Clutha District	Satisfied	89%	82%	84%	86%	82%	67%	75%	70%	56%	60%	66%
	Very satisfied	61%	62%	63%	64%	51%	36%	50%	42%	31%	34%	40%
Being able to have a say in Council decision-making and planning	Satisfied	71%	73%	73%	77%	72%	56%	59%	52%	51%	46%	50%
	Very satisfied	40%	45%	46%	47%	43%	24%	35%	33%	23%	25%	24%
The helpfulness and advice from Council staff	Satisfied	84%	82%	84%	85%	86%	66%	77%	69%	66%	67%	67%
	Very satisfied	58%	59%	60%	65%	62%	37%	56%	48%	49%	48%	46%
The overall performance of the Clutha District Council	Satisfied	84%	84%	86%	87%	78%	64%	71%	66%	55%	60%	57%
	Very satisfied	56%	56%	56%	61%	50%	36%	44%	38%	31%	29%	31%
Value for money for rates paid to Clutha District Council	Satisfied							54%	46%	39%	38%	37%
	Very satisfied							23%	24%	19%	14%	17%

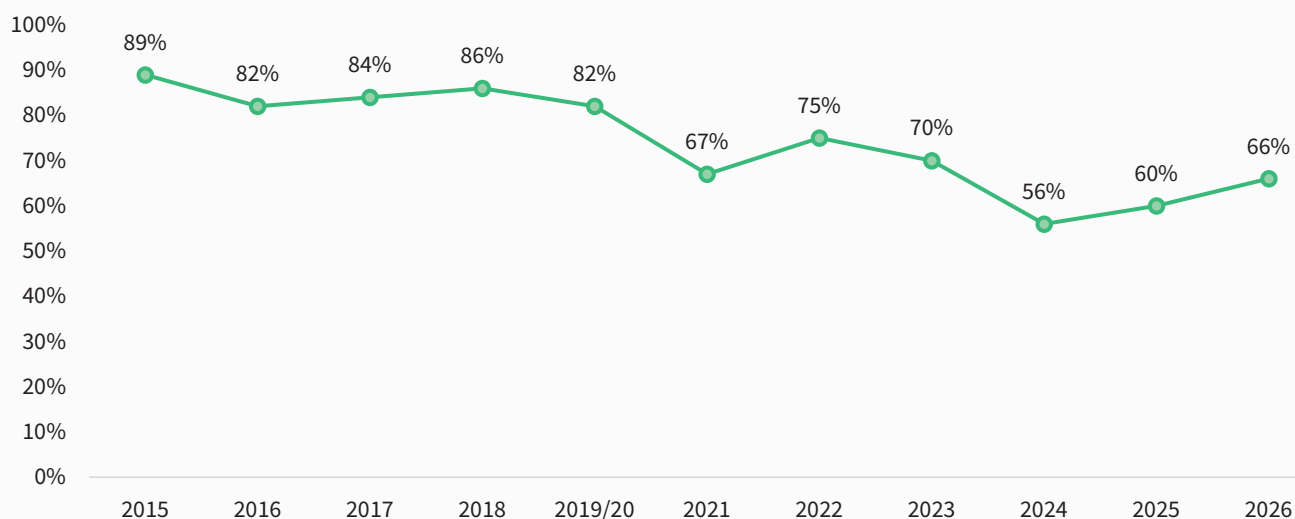
Figure 9.4 Satisfaction with elected members and Council, over time

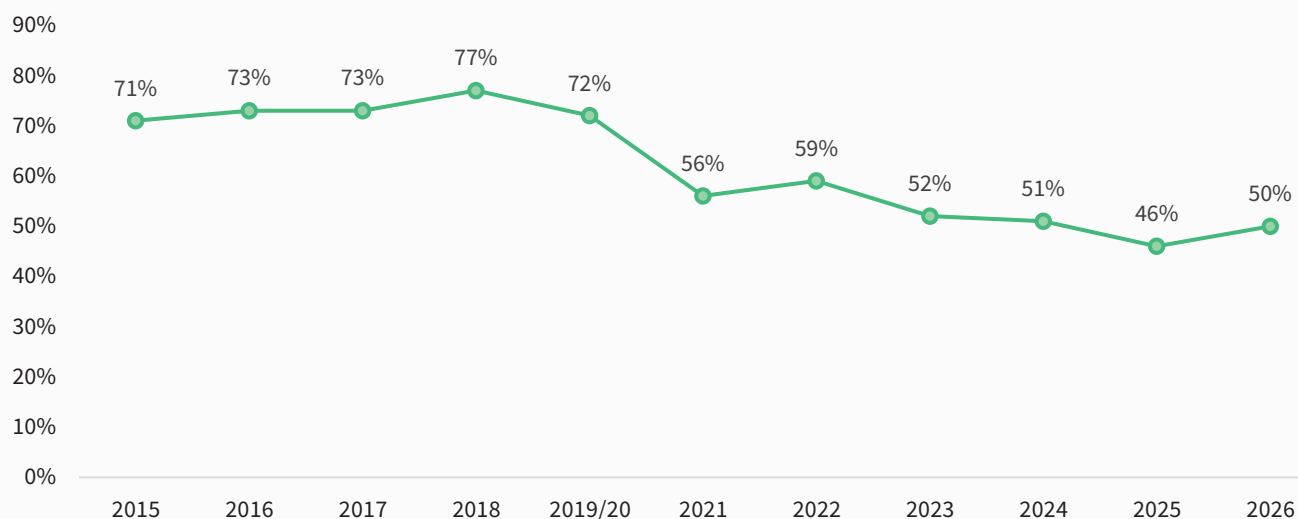
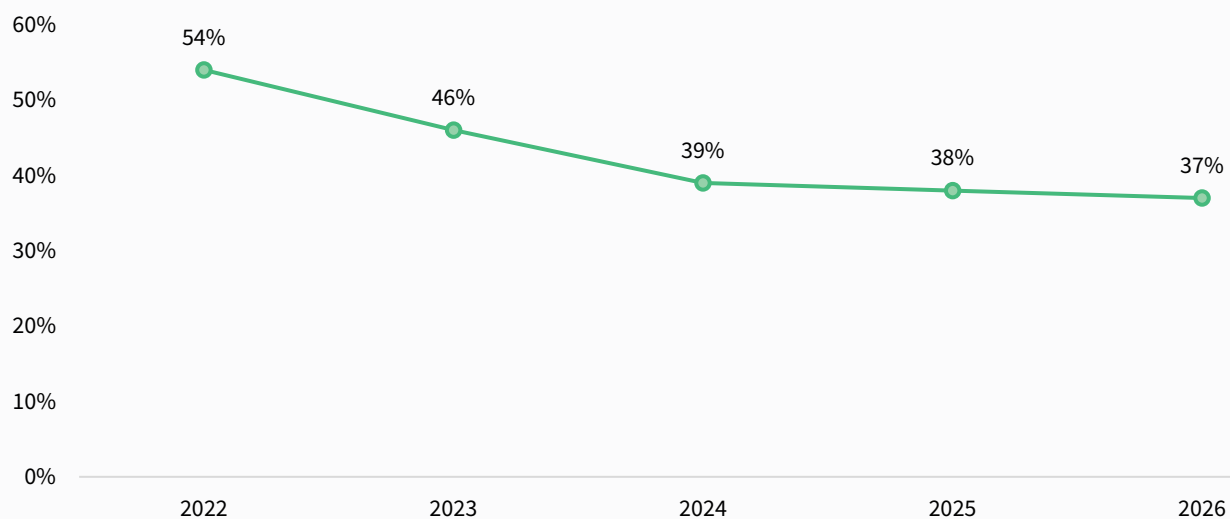


Decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members



Council's goal to promote growth, living, and working in the Clutha District



Being able to have a say in Council decision-making and planning**Value for money for rates paid to Clutha District Council**

Section 10

Areas for Council Improvement



When asked what services or facilities the Council needed to make improvements on, bearing in mind the potential impact on rates and/or user charges, residents have consistently recognised roading as the key priority. The figures below show a comparison of improvements listed between 2023 and 2026.

The highest proportions of residents in 2026 advocated for improvements to:

- Roading – particularly grading and addressing potholes
- Footpath maintenance and surfacing
- Financial management – advocating for cautious spending with a focus on essential projects and efficiency
- Rates / rates affordability

Water quality, which was at a high of 13 per cent last year, has declined to just 2 per cent of mentions. This aligns with improvements seen in satisfaction levels with both reliability and taste and clarity of water supply.

The proportion of residents stating that Council does not need to make any improvements has risen to 20 per cent in 2026. This the highest level recorded since the beginning of measurement in 2023.

Figure 10.1 Other Council improvements

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Roads	23%	20%	16%	22%
Council does not need to make any improvements to services or facilities	9%	11%	13%	20%
Footpath maintenance	12%	8%	14%	15%
Financial management	3%	11%	13%	9%
Rates / rates affordability	3%	6%	5%	7%
Water – general	15%	3%	8%	5%
Listening to/communicating with public	4%	6%	9%	4%
Waste management/ recycling	7%	6%	8%	4%
Water supply	4%	2%	2%	4%
Public toilets	4%	5%	2%	3%
Water management	1%	7%	8%	2%
Swimming pools	2%	4%	3%	2%
Water quality	3%	7%	13%	2%
Halls and community centres	1%	1%	1%	2%
Policies/ processes	2%	2%	3%	1%
Stormwater	4%	2%	2%	1%

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Libraries		2%	2%	1%
Elected members and council	2%	1%	1%	1%
Playgrounds		1%	1%	1%
Parks and reserves	3%	2%	1%	1%
Traffic management (e.g. pedestrian crossings, signage)			1%	1%
Main street			1%	1%
Eliminate urban-rural divide/ less focus on Balclutha		1%	1%	1%
Other	4%	3%	1%	6%
Cost of Mt Cooee landfill		1%	2%	0%
Planning/Direction		2%	1%	0%
Parking		1%	1%	0%
Wastewater / sewerage	3%	2%	1%	0%
Community Facilities - General		2%	1%	0%

Section 11

Appendix One: Demographic Profile



Figure 11.1 – Place of residence

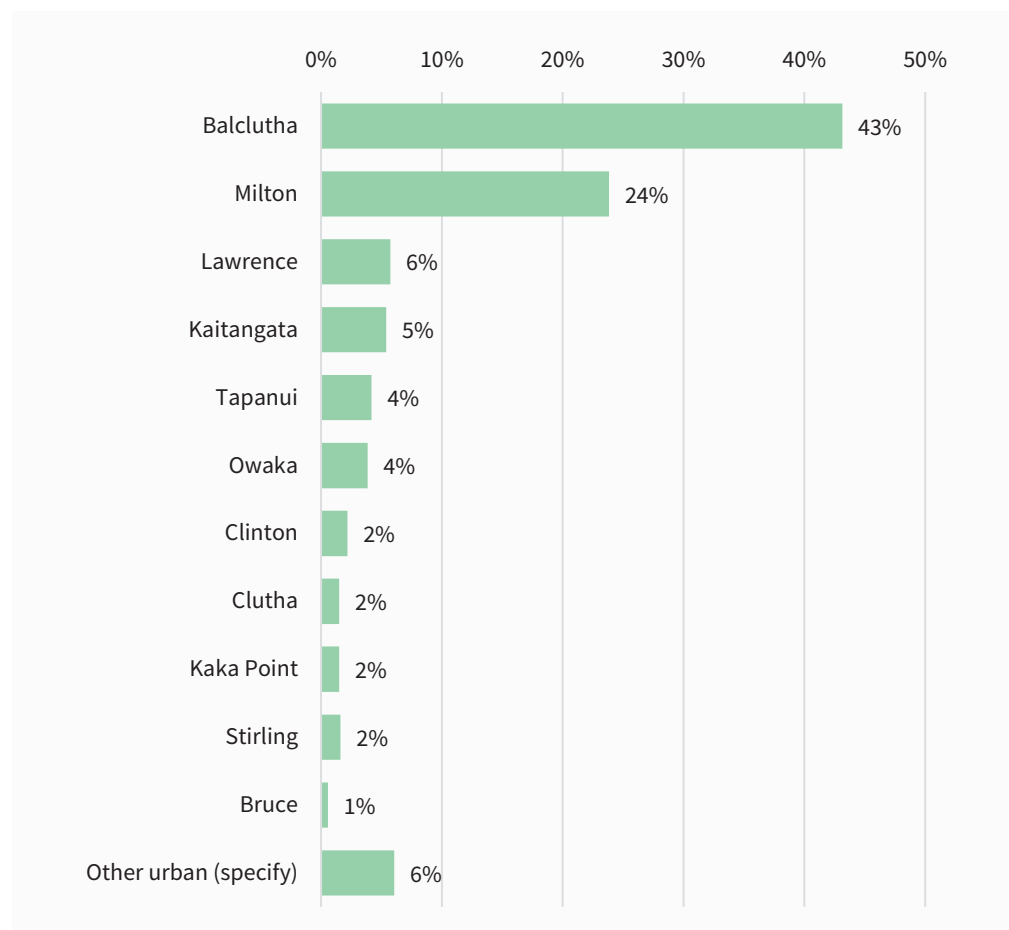


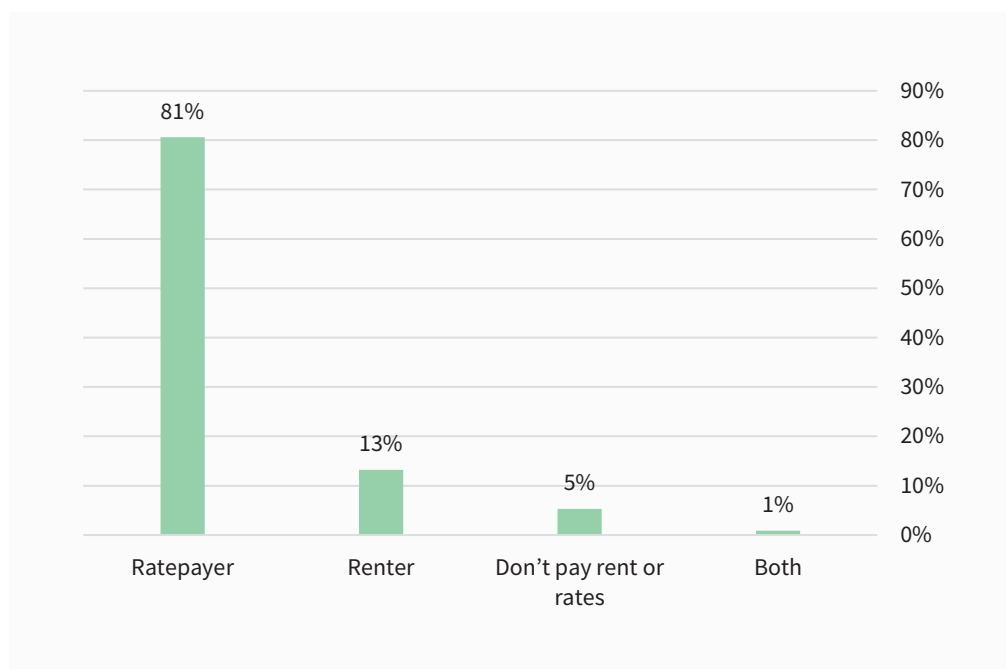
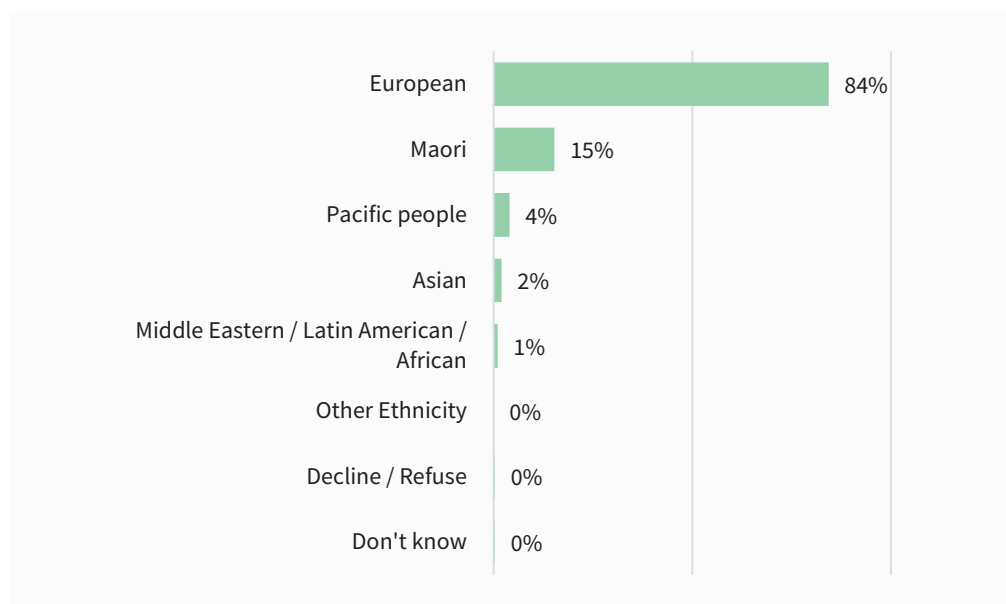
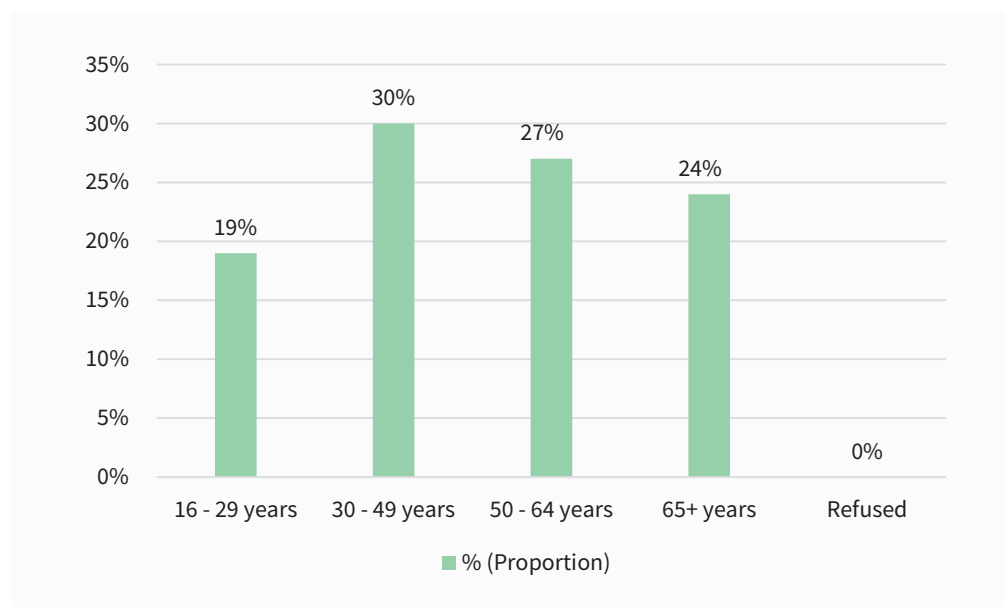
Figure 11.2 – Ratepayer status**Figure 11.3 – Ethnicity**

Figure 11.4 – Age ⁽¹⁾ spread (weighted)


⁽¹⁾ Age spread (unweighted): 16-29 yrs 7%, 30-49 32%, 50-64 29%, 65+ 32%

Figure 11.5 – Rural/urban split

	Responses	Frequency
Rural	140	47%
Town (Urban)	160	53%
Total	300	100%

Figure 11.6 – Gender split

	Responses	Frequency
Male	156	53%
Female	144	47%
Gender diverse	0	0%
Prefer not to specify	0	0%
Total	300	100%

Section 12

Appendix Two: Online Survey Respondents



The online survey was open for completion to all residents between the 9th and 24th June. The survey link was promoted by Clutha District Council. At the time the survey was live, Council was also asking residents to participate in its Local Government Amalgamation Survey and had recently sought feedback from some residents in relation to housing. The consultation period for the Draft Annual Plan closed on the 28th April, prior, but still close to this survey period.

28 residents chose to complete the survey online this year. Given the small base size for this group of residents, all data from this survey source should be treated with caution and as indicative of differences only.

NOTE ON ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS.

The 28 residents that chose to complete the online survey self-selected to participate and, therefore, should not be viewed as a representative sample of the Clutha District population.

The results from the two survey samples are shown in the following tables. Statistically significant differences between the two groups are highlighted by red and green font in the tables.

Note: Due to small base sizes in 2026, there are relatively fewer differences observed between the survey types than seen in previous years.

Satisfaction with wastewater service

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	15%	27%
	31	4
Very satisfied or satisfied	85%	73%
	154	11

Satisfaction with the stormwater system

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	23%	35%
	41	6
Very satisfied or satisfied	77%	65%
	141	11

Reliability of water supply

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	30%	54%
	70	14
Very satisfied or satisfied	70%	46%
	180	12

Taste and clarity of water supply

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	42%	69%
	101	18
Very satisfied or satisfied	58%	31%
	142	8

Local roads appropriate for travel

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	45%	54%
	135	15
Very satisfied or satisfied	55%	46%
	163	13

Maintenance – local gravel roads

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	47%	56%
	136	15
Very satisfied or satisfied	53%	44%
	149	12

Maintenance – local sealed roads

	Random sample – phone survey	Self-selecting sample – online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	32%	57%
	94	16
Very satisfied or satisfied	68%	43%
	203	12

Footpaths

	Random sample – phone survey	Self-selecting sample – online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	47%	83%
	127	19
Very satisfied or satisfied	53%	17%
	136	4

Wheelie bin service

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	8%	24%
	19	6
Very satisfied or satisfied	92%	76%
	205	19

Mount Cooe landfill

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	10%	27%
	11	3
Very satisfied or satisfied	90%	73%
	87	8

Satisfaction with Council facilities

	Random sample – phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
District parks and reserves	87%	73%
	103	8
Balclutha Sportsground	93%	50%
	68	2
Milton Sportsground	86%	n/a
	34	n/a
Playgrounds	83%	43%
	74	3
Cemeteries	94%	78%
	87	7
Community Libraries	93%	100%
	103	10
Clutha iSite Visitor Information Centre	97%	100%
	69	5
Public toilets	81%	53%
	137	8
Balclutha Pool	89%	100%
	53	3
Milton Pool	81%	50%
	12	1
Community centre or community halls	94%	100%
	127	10

Satisfaction with Council

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Decision-making, planning and leadership of elected members	60%	28%
	160	7
Council's goal to promote growth, living, and working in the Clutha District	66%	42%
	178	10
Being able to have a say in Council decision-making and planning	50%	21%
	129	5
The helpfulness and advice from Council staff	67%	43%
	174	10
The overall performance of the Clutha District Council	57%	31%
	164	8

Value for money

	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	63%	84%
	153	21
Very satisfied or satisfied	37%	16%
	84	4

Sample profile

Age	Random sample – phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
16–29	19%	4%
	21	1
30–49	30%	21%
	96	6
50–64	27%	39%
	88	11
65+	24%	32%
	95	9
Refused	0%	4%
	0	1
Total sample	300	28

Gender	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Male	53%	32%
	156	9
Female	47%	64%
	144	18
Gender diverse	0%	0%
	0	0
Prefer not to say	0%	4%
	0	1
Total sample	300	28

Ratepayer status	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Ratepayer	81%	86%
	249	24
Renter	13%	7%
	36	2
Both	1%	4%
	3	1
Do not pay rent or rates	5%	4%
	12	1
Other	0%	0%
	0	0
Refused	0%	0%
	0	0
Total sample	300	28

Location	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Rural	47%	46%
	140	13
Urban	53%	54%
	160	15
Total sample	300	28

Area	Random sample –phone survey	Self-selecting sample –online survey
Balclutha	43%	20%
	72	3
Milton	24%	20%
	36	3
Kaitangata	5%	7%
	10	1
Tapanui	4%	47%
	8	7
Lawrence	6%	7%
	9	1
Kaka Point	2%	0%
	3	0
Stirling	2%	0%
	3	0
Clinton	2%	0%
	4	0
Owaka	4%	0%
	5	0
Clutha	2%	0%
	3	0
Benhar	0%	0%
	1	0
Bruce	1%	0%
	1	0
Other urban (specify)	6%	0%
	9	0
Total respondents	164	15



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Clutha District Council Long Term Plan Workshop

Item for DECISION

Report	Reasons to Move to Public Excluded Workshop Session
Meeting Date	10 September 2026
Item Number	4
Prepared By	Donna McArthur – Infrastructure Strategy & Delivery Group Manager
File Reference	1055112

REPORT SUMMARY

The Council may upon resolution or upon motion being made, exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting,

Grounds to exclude the public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are contained in Appendix 1 of the Clutha District Council's Standing Orders as attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council receives the 'Reasons to Move to Public Excluded Session' report.
2. That Council agrees to adjourn the public workshop until such time a Public Excluded Workshop Session has been completed.
3. That Council agrees to allow '*specified*' persons to remain as they possess the following knowledge relating to *Item X*: **(IF REQUIRED)**.
4. That if required, Council excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this workshop meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 namely:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Mt Cooee Procurement	The information contained in the report is commercially sensitive.	A2 (h) Enable any Council holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown after each item.

Appendix 1: Grounds to exclude the public

A local authority may, by resolution, exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the following grounds:

- A1** That good reason exists for excluding the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting as the public disclosure of information would be likely:
 - (a) To prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial; or
 - (b) To endanger the safety of any person.
- A2** That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to:
 - (a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; or
 - (b) Protect information where the making available of the information would:
 - i. Disclose a trade secret; or
 - ii. Be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
 - (ba) In the case only of an application for a resource consent, or water conservation order, or a requirement for a designation or heritage order, under the Resource Management Act 1991, to avoid serious offence to tikanga Māori, or to avoid the disclosure of the location of waahi tapu; or
 - (c) Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would:
 - i. Be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
 - ii. Be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.
 - (d) Avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; or
 - (e) Avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public; or
 - (f) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through –the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment; or
 - (g) Maintain legal professional privilege; or
 - (h) Enable any Council holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or

- (i) Enable any Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or
- (j) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

See s.7 LGOIMA 1987.

Where A2 of this Appendix applies the public may be excluded unless, in the circumstances of a particular case, the exclusion of the public is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable and in the public interest, that the public is not excluded.

- A3** That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information, the public disclosure of which would:
 - (a) Be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment; or
 - (b) Constitute contempt of Court or of the House of Representatives.
- A4** That the purpose of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is to consider a recommendation made to that Council by an Ombudsman under section 30(1) or section 38(3) of this Act (in the case of a Council named or specified in Schedule 1 to this Act).
- A5** That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in:
 - (a) Any proceedings before a Council where:
 - i. A right of appeal lies to any Court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in those proceedings.
 - ii. The Council is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings; and
 - iii. Proceedings of a local authority exist in relation to any application or objection under the Marine Farming Act 1971.

See s. 48 LGOIMA.

48 Right of local authorities to exclude public

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds:
 - (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist,—
 - (i) where the local authority is named or specified in [Schedule 1](#), under [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) (except section 7(2)(f)(i)):
 - (ii) where the local authority is named or specified in [Schedule 2](#) of this Act, under [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) or [section 9](#) (except section 9(2)(g)(i)) of the Official Information Act 1982:
 - (b) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information the public disclosure of which would—

- (i) be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment; or
- (ii) constitute contempt of court or of the House of Representatives:

(c) that the purpose of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is to consider a recommendation made to that local authority by an Ombudsman under [section 30\(1\)](#) or [section 38\(3\)](#) of this Act (in the case of a local authority named or specified in [Schedule 1](#)) or under [section 30\(1\)](#) or [section 35\(2\)](#) of the Official Information Act 1982 (in the case of a local authority named or specified in [Schedule 2](#) of this Act):

(c) that the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings to which this paragraph applies.

See s. 48 LGOIMA.