

## CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

The two previous public consultation/surveys were undertaken in accordance with Council's policy and were based upon the SUPP Steering Committees standard questions. Furthermore, the consultation packs were numbered and entered against the property to prevent duplication to ensure the integrity of the survey results.

### Further Ratepayer Survey – June 2015:

A further consultation pack was distributed to ratepayers on 11 June 2015 and at the close of consultation, on 26 June 2015, a total of 70 responses (61.4%) were received with 44 respondents (63%) against the proposal and with 26 respondents (37%) in favour of the proposal.

**Note:** On 3 July a further 12 late submissions were received (82 responses in total). Five of these were in favour with seven against (as reflected in the following table).

### Comparison with previous surveys:

Underground Power Survey Results	October 2013	April 2014	June 2015
Number of properties	115	115	114
Number of owners	130	130	129
No of Responses	69	88	<del>70</del> 82
% response rate	53%	67.7%	<del>54.3%</del> 63.6%
<b>Of those who responded.</b>			
In favour	50 (73%)	47 (53%)	<del>26 (37%)</del> 31 (38%)
Against	19 (27%)	41 (47%)	<del>44 (63%)</del> 51 (62%)

## LEGAL/POLICY:

Policy No: 2.2.2 Undergrounding of Power, under funding, states:

2.2 *The funding model for all future State Underground Power Localised Enhancement Projects will be based upon a maximum State Government and Western Power contribution of \$500,000\* per project, with the City's contribution to be recouped from property owners in the project area*

Note:\* The Brookman Street and Moir Street project is a Round 4 State Underground Power Project where Western Power's minimum contribution was \$250,000. The policy was amended when the Western Power contribution was increased to a minimum of \$500,000 for Round 5 projects onwards.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

**Low:** In respect of infrastructure, the power network is owned and operated by Western Power Corporation and therefore it is of low risk to the City should the proposal proceed or not.

However the City may be exposed to a low level of financial risk if a property owner were to default on payment of their contribution as the City would have effectively pre-paid for the works.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with the City's *Strategic Plan 2013-2023* Objective 1 states:

“1.1: *Improve and maintain the natural and built environment and infrastructure.*

1.1.4 *Enhance and maintain the City's infrastructure, assets and community facilities to provide a safe, sustainable and functional environment.*

(d) *Pursue options and funding for undergrounding of power throughout the City.”*