



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

14 May 2025

Council draft Budget on exhibition for public comment

At an extraordinary meeting held on May 14 the Central Darling Shire Council adopted the draft budget (2025 -2026) to be placed on exhibition for public comment.

The total 2025-2026 budgeted operating expenditure will be \$25.458 million. Capital expenditure will be \$17.691 million. The draft budget identifies total revenue of 36.015 million. This includes grant and contributions funding of \$27.569 million. The 2025-26 draft operating budget indicates an operating deficit (after capital grants) of \$992,000.

Ordinary rates would increase by the approved IPART rate peg of 5.3 per cent. This increase has been applied to water, sewerage, and waste collection. An increase in line with inflation has been applied to general draft fees and charges other than statutory fees.

The proposed capital works include \$5.992 million for Local and Regional Roads.

Regional Roads funding will be spent on maintenance, resealing works and signage upgrades. Local Roads funding will be spent on reshaping and gravel re-sheeting, initial road sealing works at White Cliffs (Johnston Street and The blocks) and initial road sealing works at Menindee (Racecourse Road).

There is also \$9.250 million for water infrastructure including \$8.800 million for water treatment plants at Wilcannia and Ivanhoe. The identified capital works also include \$360,000 for sport and recreation upgrades.

The Draft Operational Plan for 2025-2026 continues the key focus areas of Council's updated Community Strategic Plan. New programs to be further assessed and refined throughout 2025-2026 include housing, water security, employment, telecommunications and electricity infrastructure.

The draft documents (listed below) are available on Council's website under Public Notices: <https://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/Public-notice> and can be viewed at Council offices.

- Draft Operational Plan (2025-2026)
- Draft Fees and Charges (2025-2026)
- Draft Operational Budget (2025-2026)
- Draft Delivery Program (2022-2026)
- Draft Long-Term Financial Plan (2026-2035)
- Draft Workforce Management Plan

Submissions must be made in writing to: The General Manager, Central Darling Shire Council, PO Box 165, Wilcannia NSW 2836 Or by email to:

council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au Submissions will not be accepted via social media.

Submissions must be received by 4pm, Wednesday 11 June 2025.

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