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The Financial Sustainability of Existing Financial and Infrastructure Policies, Largest 100 NSW Councils, 2006/07

As assessed by:



larger NSW councils	financial sustainability rating of existing policies ^(a)
METROPOLITAN: INNER	
Ashfield Municipal Council	Unsustainable
Botany Bay City Council	n.a.
Burwood Council	Unsustainable
Canada Bay City Council	Unsustainable
Canterbury City Council	Sustainable
Hurstville City Council	Sustainable
Kogarah Municipal Council	Sustainable
Lane Cove Municipal Council	Sustainable
Leichhardt Municipal Council	Sustainable
Manly Council	Vulnerable
Marrickville Council	Unsustainable
Mosman Municipal Council	Unsustainable
North Sydney Council	Sustainable
Randwick City Council	Vulnerable
Rockdale City Council	Sustainable
Strathfield Municipal Council	Sustainable
Sydney City Council	Sustainable
Waverley Council	Sustainable
Willoughby City Council	Vulnerable
Woolahra Municipal Council	Sustainable
METROPOLITAN: OUTER	
Auburn Council	Unsustainable
Bankstown City Council	Sustainable
Baulkham Hills Shire Council	Sustainable
Blacktown City Council	Sustainable
Blue Mountains City Council	Unsustainable
Camden Council	Unsustainable
Campbelltown City Council	Vulnerable
Fairfield City Council	Sustainable
Gosford City Council	Unsustainable
Hawkesbury City Council	Unsustainable
Holroyd City Council	Sustainable
Hornsby Shire Council	Sustainable
Ku-ring-gai Council	Vulnerable
Liverpool City Council	Unsustainable
Parramatta City Council	Vulnerable
Penrith City Council	Unsustainable
Pittwater Council	Sustainable
Ryde City Council	Sustainable
Sutherland Shire Council	Sustainable
Warringah Council	Sustainable
Wollondilly Shire Council	Unsustainable
Wyong Shire Council	Vulnerable

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REGIONAL: COASTAL URBAN	
Ballina Shire Council	Unsustainable
Bega Valley Shire Council	Sustainable
Byron Shire Council	Unsustainable
Coffs Harbour City Council	Vulnerable
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Vulnerable
Great Lakes Council	Unsustainable
Greater Taree City Council	Unsustainable
Kempsey Shire Council	Unsustainable
Kiama Municipal Council	Unsustainable
Lake Macquarie City Council	Sustainable
Newcastle City Council	Unsustainable
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Unsustainable
Port Stephens Council	Vulnerable
Richmond Valley Council	Unsustainable
Shellharbour City Council	Vulnerable
Shoalhaven City Council	Sustainable
Tweed Shire Council	Unsustainable
Wollongong City Council	Unsustainable
REGIONAL: INLAND URBAN	
Albury City Council	Sustainable
Armidale Dumaresq Council	Unsustainable
Bathurst Regional Council	Vulnerable
Broken Hill City Council	Unsustainable
Cessnock City Council	Unsustainable
Dubbo City Council	Vulnerable
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Sustainable
Griffith City Council	Unsustainable
Lismore City Council	Unsustainable
Lithgow City Council	Vulnerable
Maitland City Council	Sustainable
Orange City Council	Sustainable
Queanbeyan City Council	Sustainable
Singleton Shire Council	Vulnerable
Tamworth Regional Council	Vulnerable
Wagga Wagga City Council	Sustainable
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Unsustainable
REGIONAL: RURAL	
Bellingen Shire Council	Unsustainable
Cabonne Shire Council	Unsustainable
Clarence Valley Council	Unsustainable
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	Sustainable
Cowra Shire Council	Sustainable
Forbes Shire Council	Sustainable
Gunnedah Shire Council	Sustainable
Gwydir Shire Council	n.a.
Leeton Shire Council	Sustainable
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Vulnerable
Inverell Shire Council	Sustainable
Mid-Western Regional Council	Sustainable
Moree Plains Shire Council	Vulnerable
Muswellbrook Shire Council	Unsustainable
Nambucca Shire Council	Unsustainable
Narrabri Shire Council	Sustainable
Parkes Shire Council	Sustainable
Temora Shire Council	Sustainable
Tumut Shire Council	Sustainable
Upper Hunter Shire Council	Sustainable
Upper Lachlan Council	Vulnerable
Wellington Council	n.a.
Young Shire Council	Sustainable

Note: All assessments exclude a council's water & sewerage operations.

Explanatory notes:

^(a) Assessment of the financial sustainability of a council's existing financial and infrastructure policies is based on the council's most recent statutory financial reports, focussing on its operating deficit, debt level and infrastructure backlog - each as reported by the council. n.a. = not assessed (the full statutory financial reports for 2005/06 and 2006/07 are not on the council's website), only three councils (Botany Bay, Gwydir and Wellington) do not publish all their financials on the internet.

A council's existing financial and infrastructure policies are assessed as financially 'unsustainable' where substantial revenue (or expenditure) adjustments over the next few years seem unavoidable. The financial solvency of such councils is not being called into question. Rather, it is continuation of a council's present revenue-raising and spending that is financially unsustainable. In the absence of increased grants funding, the substantial rates increases and/or spending cutbacks necessary if these councils are to achieve financial and infrastructure conditions that are prudent and responsible will impose a considerable cost on ratepayers and the communities they serve.

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