

# COUNCIL CEO SOUGHT WAGE INCREASE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

In October 2025, WDRC CEO filed a submission to the Local Government Remuneration Commission seeking the re-classification of the Council from Category C1 to C2. This would have resulted in a remuneration increase of up to **25% for elected officials** had the submission been successful. At the same time, negotiations for the Council workforce commenced. The CEO has offered **only an 11% increase over three years to Council employees**. The negotiations have now reached an impasse. It's time the CEO and elected officials value the contribution employees make to their local community.

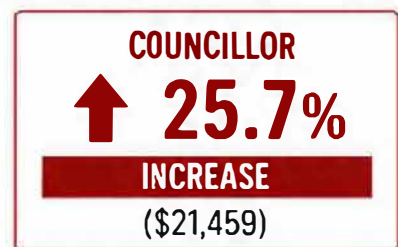
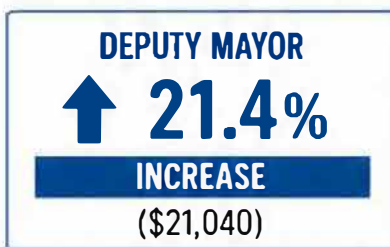
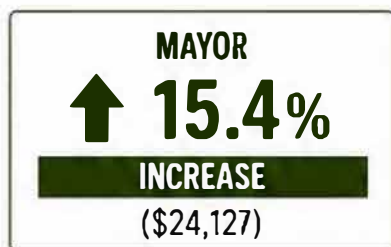
Below is the remuneration difference between a C1 and C2 Council.

Category	Councils in each category	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
<b>C1</b>	Central Highlands Regional Council	\$157,010	\$98,130	\$83,409
	Western Downs Regional Council			
<b>C2</b>	Gladstone Regional Council	\$181,137	\$119,170	\$104,868
	Rockhampton Regional Council			



## SUMMARY OF COUNCILS SUBMISSION

Council seeks reclassification from C1 to C2, citing increased councillor workload, responsibilities and regional clean-energy development. The change would have increased remuneration by approximately:



Based on proposed move from C1 to C2