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SPILL THE TEA



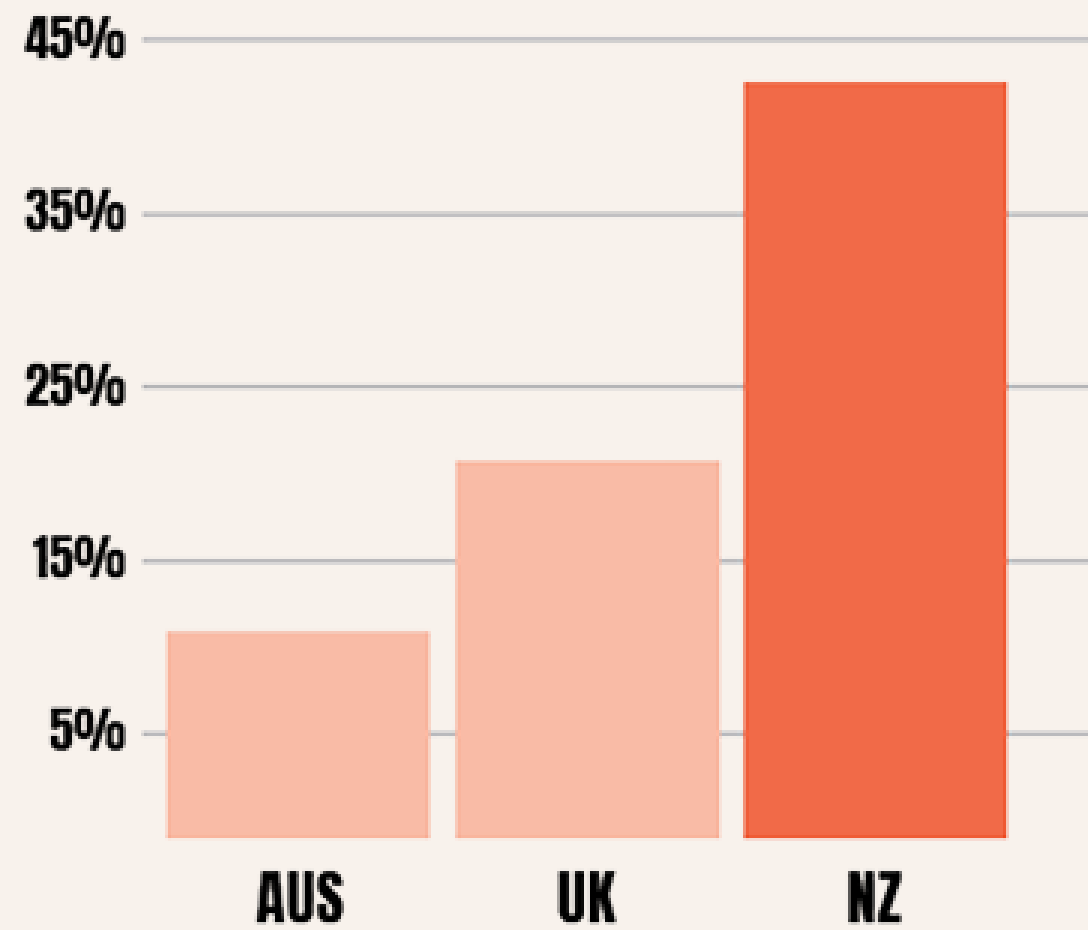
Summary of rates capping – a layman’s perspective

Potential waste related impacts of rates capping for councils in Aotearoa

Approaches to achieving diversion from landfill within your rates cap

Key takeaways

Rates Increase since 2022



What is rates capping?

What does rates capping mean for councils?

Impact of Rates Capping on Council Services



Lower Infrastructure Standards

- Delayed maintenance and aging assets.



Slower Response Times

- Longer waits for services.



Cuts to Community Services

- Higher Fees & Charges.



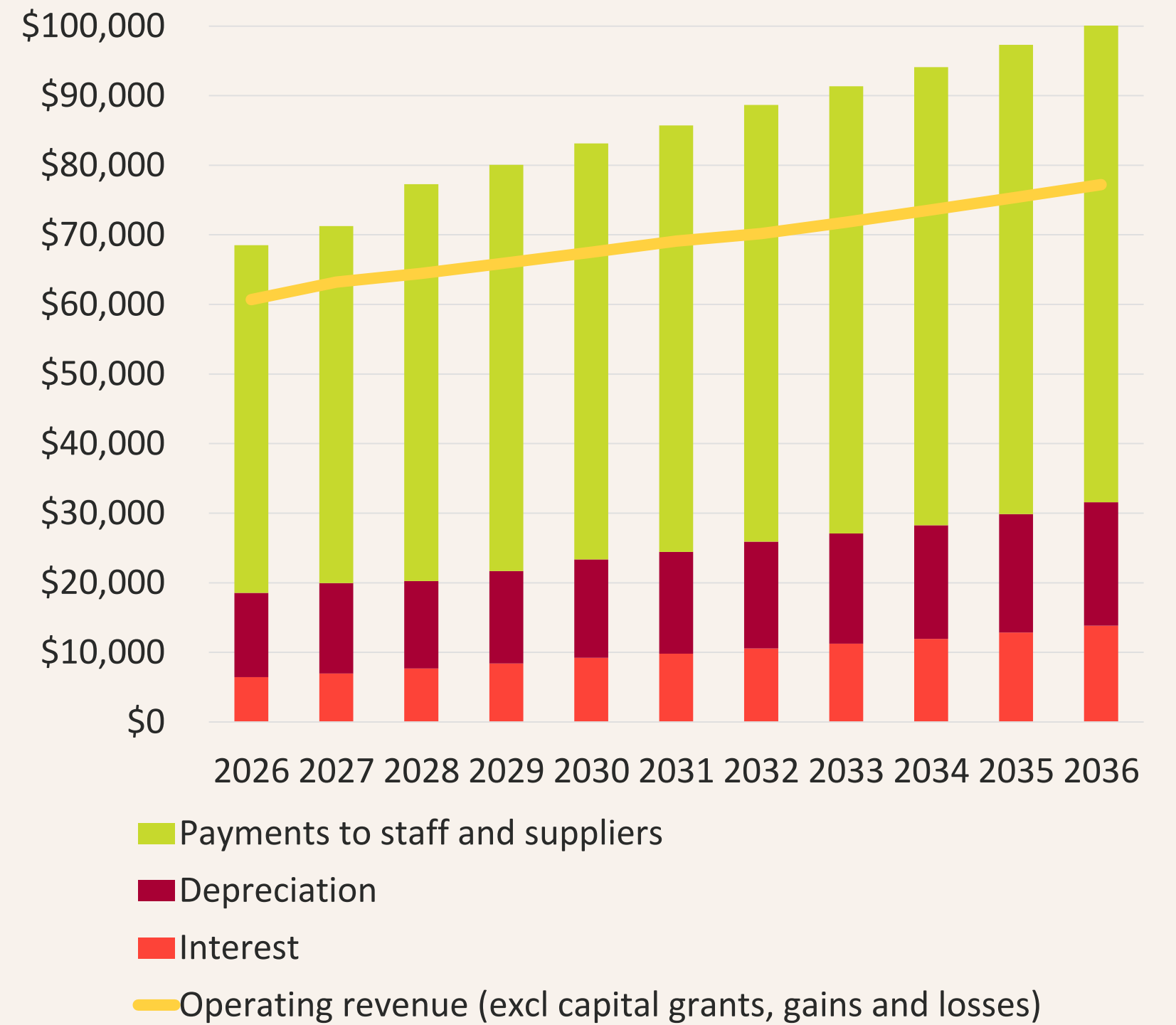
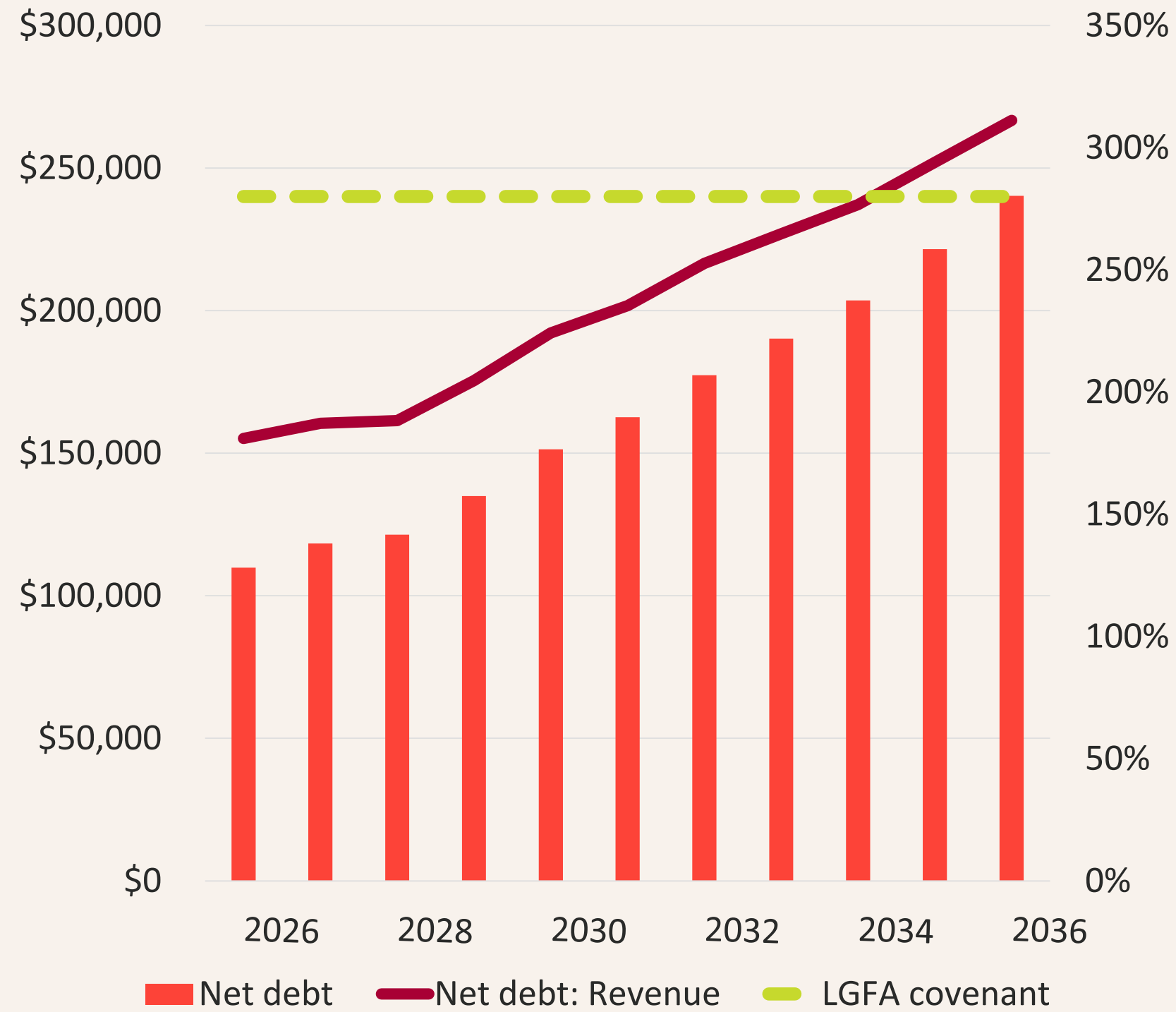
Fewer Capital Projects

- Reduced Staff Levels.



Basic services only: Less, Slower, Lower Quality.

What does it mean financially?



What does this mean for council waste teams?

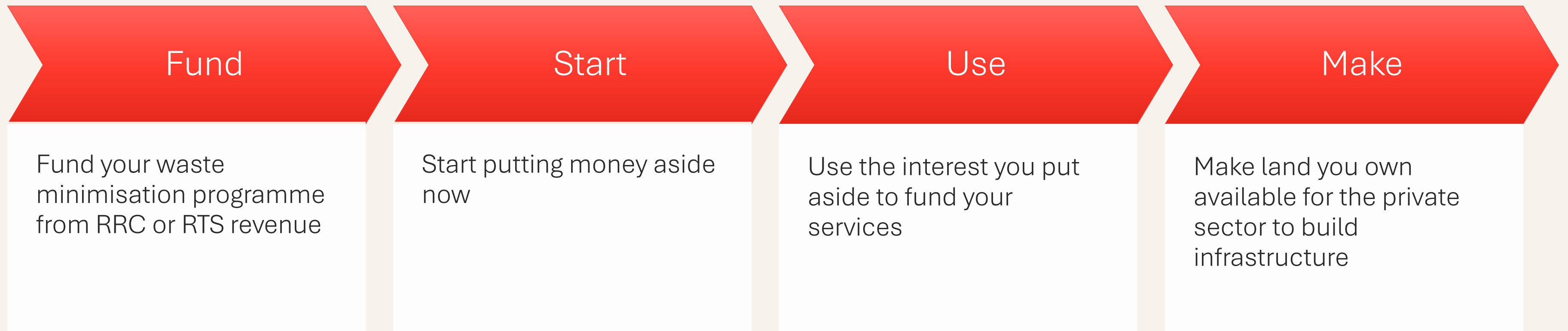
- Less funding
- Inability to meet WMMP
- Smaller teams
- Reduced service levels



What could happen to waste levy payments if rates capping is introduced?



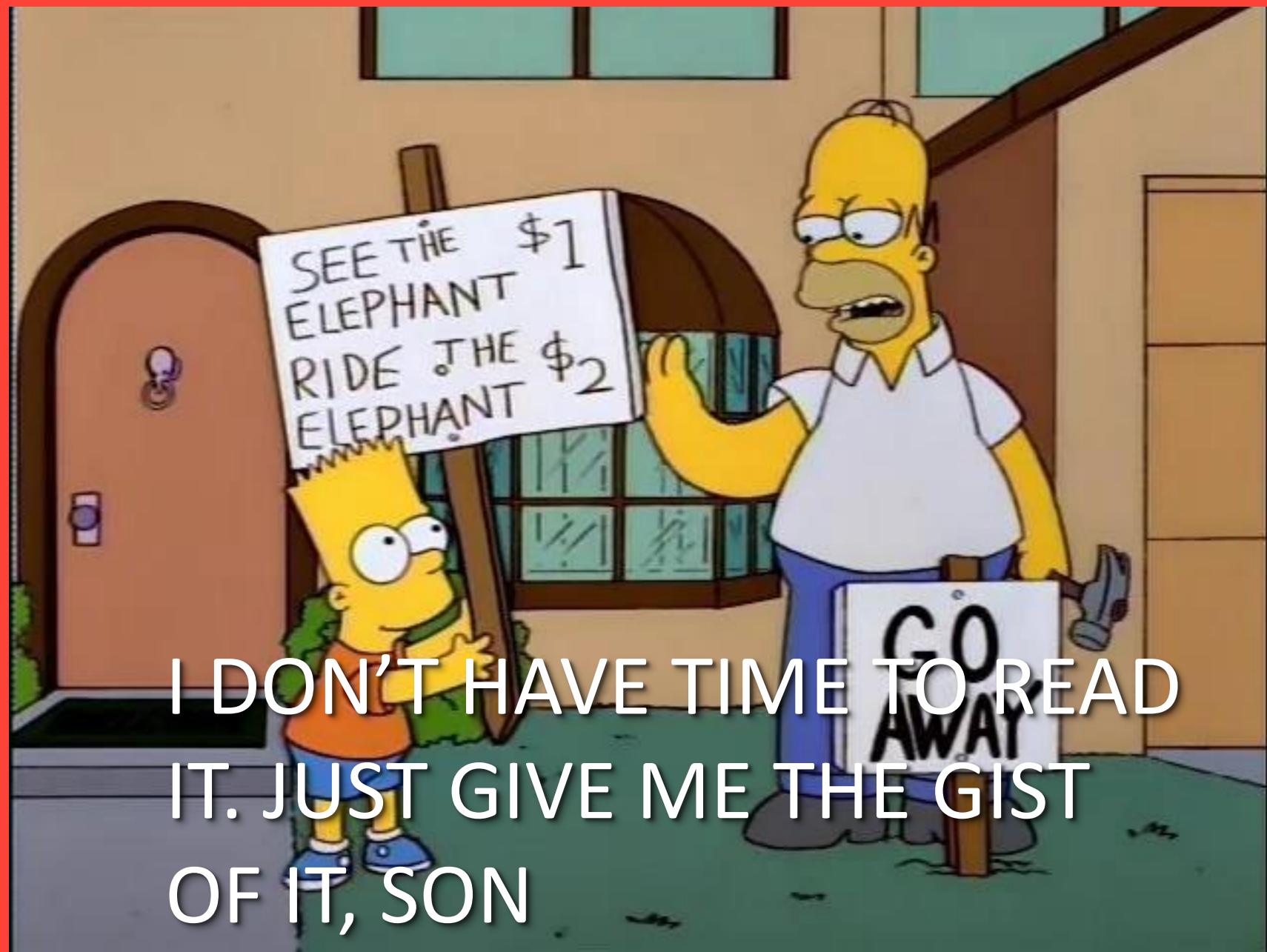
Can you raise gate fees at your RRC or RTS?



How can councils achieve waste diversion with a rates cap?

Waste Collector's Licence Application Form





Rates capping affects all Council services and may mean doing less

How can you protect the funding you already receive?

Can you afford to reduce service levels?

Will your WMMPs need to be revised to reflect funding constraints?

Can other measures be taken – such as other funding or policy changes?

Are you prepared for the questions your Finance Manager is going to ask you?

Waste teams will have to assess their individual situations

Thank you

If you have any enquiries or need more information about the services we provide, don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to helping you succeed.

10 Top Teen Slang Words in 2026



- 1 6-7:** Absolutely nothing
- 2 Buns:** Doing poorly on something
- 3 Glazed:** Overly praising someone
- 4 Clock it:** Pay attention
- 5 Finna:** Fitting to, like going to
- 6 Drip:** Clothing, shoes, accessories
- 7 Touch grass:** Get real, go outside
- 8 Pressed:** Annoyed by something
- 9 Unc:** Short for uncool
- 10 Crash-out:** Emotional breakdown