



“Residents from small and medium-sized local government areas were concerns with their local economy and support for business and employment, as well as roads.”

Interestingly, communities were not opposed to paying more if it resulted in get better quality local services, facilities and infrastructure: 73% of all responses ranged from “at least somewhat supportive” to “very supportive”.

The research, undertaken by Micromex Research and Consulting, remains consistent with previous research, which found:

- overall trust was higher for local councils (60%) than for state (51%) or federal (58%) governments (*Meyer et al, Demographic Indicators of Trust in Federal State and Local Government 2013*)
- key drivers of satisfaction with local government were values and vision, with actual performance also contributing to 43% of image (*Micromex, NSW LGA Perceptions Study 2012*).
- Residents who feel their councils are performing well and their interests being well represented don't necessarily want to get involved in local decision-making (*Ipsos Social Research Institute, One World, Many Places, 2010*).

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