

# City of Marion

## AT A GLANCE

### OVERVIEW

The Essential Services Commission finds the City of Marion's current and projected financial performance **sustainable** taking into account the council's forecast moderate expense growth increase over the next 10 years and the planned average rate increases of 3.3% p.a. per property over this period

### RISKS IMPACTING SUSTAINABILITY

- ⚠️ If moderate growth in forecasted expenses is not realised and the Council maintains the current cost trajectory, ratepayers risk shouldering the burden through unexpected higher rate increases
- ⚠️ Asset renewal expenditure in line with the LGA target range of between 90% and 110% is not met

### CONTINUE

- ✅ Reviewing inflation forecasts in the budget and forward projections from 2024-25
- ✅ Adhering to a robust strategic planning process

### COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consider better clarity concerning assumptions for the cost and revenue estimates
- Report any actual and projected cost savings in the annual budget and long-term financial plan
- Report in the annual business plan the estimated average annual change for all of the nine categories of general rates
- Consider a comprehensive revaluation of the depreciable assets by an external valuer at least every four years.

### KEY FACTS

- Population in 2021 was **94,721**
- Council covers **55 square kilometres**
- **44,902** rateable properties in 2022-23
- **\$84.3 million of rate income** in 2022-23
- Value of assets held in 2022-23 equals **\$1.20 billion**

