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Dear Sirs,

**Objection to North Sydney Council's
Special Rate Variation 2019**

The justification used for the 2012-2018 SRV (previous round) was "to fix a structural issue". That so-called "structural issue" has since been fixed and -

**EVEN AFTER CLEARING UP THAT BACKLOG OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS,
COUNCIL STILL HAS A CONSIDERABLE >\$37 MILLION LEFT IN ITS COFFERS !**


What therefore justifies another rate increase against this backdrop?

- The NSC bureaucracy already swans around in late-model cars, an amenity which the rest of us can only wish for, or
- Is it their bang-on-time CPI+ wage increases, which the general working population has to go without, that it considers as inadequate?

How many times have I gone past a NSC street 

 How about monitoring this sort of abysmal productivity to apply my rates to the full North Sydney Council, instead of asking me to pay for it?

How about pulling your belt tighter NSC, instead of treating ratepayers as a soft touch to embellish your already 'avant garde' pay structure and working conditions!

If NSC's own Councillors oppose this SRV then we must presume that those Councillors don't aspire to using their positions as stepping stones to get into State or Federal politics ...  Further, the Councillors who speak out against this SRV are not ill-considered; they do so from positions of high educational attainment (degrees in Mathematics, Statistics, M.Sc, MBA in Applied Finance) and significant functional experience (Deputy Mayor, Co-Chair Audit & Risk Committee, Director of LGNSW, Co-Chair of Council's Finance Workshop, finance careers in private enterprise, etc).

The opinions of people like these, who by the way are also *at the coal face* of things at Council, are not to be trifled with.

There is NO justification to increase rates again since Council's finances are in good shape, and the backlog which NSC used to justify the previous increase has been cleared up. Therefore

I oppose the Rate Increase

Sincerely yours,

