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I would like to raise my concerns in relation to the special rate variation lodged by the Randwick council.

Many people in the community are upset because the public consultation process was not conducted fairly or in a transparent way.

It seems that Randwick council lodged the intention for the special rate variation on 21 December 2017 prior to the public consultation period in January 2018 which was the holiday period when most of people are away or on holiday.

Majority of the people wanted no rate rise at the consultation workshop I attended, it was suggested to the council to look for other ways including users pay method to generate revenue instead. I felt that our views were ignored during the workshop, and the council staff could not answer many question raised.

We were told these proposed projects will go through further public consultation which seems unlikely to me.

Randwick council has the population of almost 130,000 people, and the survey result claimed that majority of 6000 people answered the via phone/paper/online supported the special variation. 6000 out of 130,000 is less than 5% of the population which is not representative for any survey result.

The survey result or information received from the council did not disclose what was considered as majority and I would like the council to be accountable and transparent by giving out the survey data.

No one in the community that I have spoke to including the precinct meetings are supported of the special rate variation or the proposed projects as details of the proposed projects are omitted and misleading. The community has not been told that we could lodge a submission with IPART if we disagree with the council.

We would like a proper consultation with details of the proposed projects for the special rate variation, and an unbiased survey to be carried out for the fairness of the community.

Regards

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