

From: Janet Ryan
To: [Local Government Mailbox](#)
Subject: Special rate variation Randwick Council submission to ipart
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 3:02:22 PM

Dear Madam/Sir

Re:- Special rate variation Randwick Council submission to ipart.

My reasons are multiple but some of them include:-

As a Pensioner and Ratepayer, I strongly object to Randwick City Council's (RCC) request to increase rates according to their proposed Option 3, **which represents a cumulative rate increase of 19.85% over the next three years.** My reasons are multiple but some of them include:-

Many workers receive no wage increases; some receive 2.3% or less.

The biased survey which was conducted over the holiday period, represents a response rate of less than 5%. Moreover, the results are questionable. After the first counting of approx 2000 votes with the majority favouring Option 1, it seems that another 1,500 votes favouring Option 3 were 'found'!

RCC marketed Option 1 as 'no increase' which was dishonest. The apparent lack of transparency, honesty and full disclosure are disturbing.

I object to RCC borrowing millions of dollars from the State Govt at commercial rates to service their proposed debt. RCC is the only council in Sydney that claims it cannot maintain basic services without an additional increase over the 2.3% set by IPART. Yet RCC has produced operating surpluses each year in recent decades.

I request a written acknowledgement of this submission.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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