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**To:** [Local Government Mailbox](#)  
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Dear Ipart,

I object to the 20% increase on our Randwick Council rates over the next 3 years because;

\*The survey was flawed as it was conducted in the holiday season, the survey suggested preferred options, the response was less than 5% of community and a majority of 50.3% opposed the “preferred” option, and Council did not disclose the increases is permanent. There is a lack of transparency, honesty and full disclosure.

\*Randwick Council is the only Sydney Council that claims it can’t maintain basic services without an additional increase over the 2.3% set by Ipart yet it produces operation surpluses each year and the projects which they say they need of 20% increase for are of no interest to me or the community, and should fund themselves.

\*I totally object to any increase in rates above the 2.3% set by Ipart, we simply cannot afford them.

\*I also object to Council taking and passing on to ratepayers any debt including the extra \$27Million at a time when we are all struggling to pay our rents, mortgages, food, electricity, gas, school costs, etc.,

Regards,

Mark Baker