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Dear IPART

I write to express my outrage at Randwick Council's proposed increase in council rates.

It conducted research into the proposal at an inappropriate time and has ignored the fact that 50.3% of respondents opposed the option in question which would see our rates increased by nearly 20% over the next three years.

This is a huge jump and is very hard to justify given that Council has been accruing surpluses. And it is hard to believe the council's claim that it needs this enormous increase just to maintain basic services. It is the only council in Sydney that makes this claim.

I am a first time home owner and also on a disability pension. I struggle to pay my rates and the proposed increase would be difficult for me to meet.

Please accept this vote against the proposed increase and the biased and non-transparent processes of the Council.

Yours sincerely

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