

Sent: Monday, 16 March 2015 1:03 PM
To: IPART Mailbox

I write to oppose the proposed approx. 40% Blue Mountains City Council rate increases over the next four years. I am currently a low income earner living in an area which does not offer enough local jobs and thus puts an additional pressure and expense on its residents by forcing them to commute daily to work in Sydney, and is also a home to many ageing and retired residents as well as single parents who are unable to pay their current rates and would find any substantial increases difficult to cope with. Although I have been a resident here for just over a year, I understand from my neighbours and the local media that the Blue Mountains City Council has not been a shining example of sound financial management over the years and has incurred significant debts, and therefore should not seek to make up for its incompetence by putting additional pressure on its residents, with no evidence of any real improvement in local facilities and services. As a person of some management experience, I would suggest that it is better financial management and not more money that is a solution to the BMCC and Blue Mountains residents' woes.

I sincerely hope that you will take into consideration the vulnerability of the Blue Mountains population and reject such an extraordinary rate increase as proposed by BMCC.

I thank you on behalf of all those residents who may not have access to or are able to use the internet to express their views on this matter, and who may have not been aware of the importance of expressing their views in the survey conducted by BMCC last year the results of which represented only the smaller portion of the population.

Kind regards,

