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From: Name Redacted
Sent: Wednesday, 30 November 2016 3:30 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comments on Special Rate Variation Proposals

Categories: Name Redacted

My comments are:

I do not agree to another Special Rate Variation, nor to any permanent Special Rate Variation. I agree with Scenario 1 where the current Special Rate Variation will expire.

Council rates are already unaffordable for many and ways should be investigated to provide better efficiencies while working within a budget. Programs should be prioritised effectively, deleting those of minor relevance.

If Council was more co-operative with State and Federal Government representatives there would be the opportunity to secure more grants to help with specific projects.

i would appreciate acknowledgement that this submission has been received.

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From: Name Redacted
Sent: Thursday, 1 December 2016 7:47 PM
To: Council
Subject: Submission - Special Rate Variation Scenarios

Importance: High

Categories: Name Redacted

Good Evening

Please record and advise Councillors that I do not agree to any further Special Rate Variation.

Rates are already too high.

A biased survey without full disclosure provides no basis for yet another rate increase.

The only increase supported is the usual CPI rate pegged increase.

Kindly acknowledge this submission and advise when it will be considered by Council.

Regards

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From: Name Redacted
Sent: Monday, 7 November 2016 4:35 PM
To: Council
Subject: Proposed Rate increases

Categories: Name Redacted

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear sir/madam

Regarding the proposal to seek approval to increase Land Rates beyond the allowable levels, I would like to point out that the Rates for our property (detailed below) have risen by almost 15% in the last 5years.

This seems somewhat excessive when the CPI is typically in the region of 2-5%.

Whilst I understand that Council needs funds to perform their fundamental work, road maintenance, infrastructure etc. I was wondering if there is a better way to raise the additional monies required for the work.

I know that our roads are in a very poor condition, except the ones which have been upgraded such as Clifton Drive and Oxley Highway which are truly wonderful.

Is it an option to sell some of Councils Assets and use these funds to carry out the work?

Perhaps some of the largely unused land (which perhaps could be sold off to a Property Developer)

The other thought that comes to mind is that if we are successful in raising funds in this way, perhaps we may be able to pay off the Glasshouse Loan which I understand is still outstanding.

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DESCRIPTION & LOCATION OF PTY. Personal Information Redacted

Yours sincerely

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From: Name Redacted
Sent: Monday, 5 December 2016 4:27 PM
To: Council
Cc: Mayor Peter Besseling
Subject: RATE INCREASE

The online survey is a scam

Questions ask for options!!

And no option to just have the increase, at the peg limit.

Disgraceful

All that double talk prior the election about minimal rate increases

Why the secrecy?

50% INCREASE OVER 5 YEARS IS ABOUT \$1,0000 TO ME!

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From: Personal Information Redacted
Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2017 10:22 AM
To: Name Redacted
Subject: FW: SRV for roads

From: Name Redacted
Date: 29 October 2016 at 07:09:45 AEDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: SRV for roads

Dear Lisa,

I have read through the fact sheets provided by council to discuss the new SRV for roads funding. As councillor with the roads portfolio can you arrange for me to be provided with more information please.

The economic modelling is partial only. My understanding is that based on the SRV from 2012 to present, rates are now 19.7% higher than had the SRV not been in place. If the new SRV is approved then in 5 years time from now rates will be 53% higher than had there been no rate pegging from 2012. If the SRV is not approved then there will be a small reversal in the funding position in 2017-18 to be only 15% higher than they would have been without the SRV from 2012. But this 15% is a permanent increase that is locked in for all future rates.

I would like to know at what point an appropriate maintenance level has been effectively locked in by the permanent increase in base rates. I am concerned that this has not been achieved now, or has not been totally achieved. The fact sheets seem to indicate that removal of the SRV now will result in large scale deterioration of road maintenance, in other words a 15% lift goes nowhere near providing the level of funds required.

I would like to understand why this additional 15% in revenue is not enough. I would like to understand the forecast for when council will have a sufficient increase in the base rate due to SRV's that can then result in rate rises returning to rate pegging only.

Finally, I am concerned that roads maintenance may be heading toward gold plating standards, I have recently witnessed works that I consider to be unnecessary and providing a higher level of utility than required by the assets. As such I think that perhaps the road maintenance team have simply expanded their scope to fit the budget, and maybe the budget is already too generous, thus the necessary works may well be able to be funded without a further SRV. However there is not enough information provided by council to be able to dispel or confirm these considerations.

Kind Regards,

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