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14th March 2019

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Mr John Madden

My name is Christopher Holding and I am Co-Convenor of Brightmore Precinct. Brightmore is part of North Sydney Council's Precinct system, and a longstanding initiative to help keep ratepayers/residents engaged and informed with Council business.

I attended the Combined Precinct Committee meeting last year where the NSC General Manager outlined his position regarding the 'top tier' SRV.

I remain unconvinced by the figures and proposal. Consequently, I concur and support the submission offered to IPART by North Sydney Councillors - Cr. Carr, Cr. Beregi and Cr. Baker - submitted to you 8/3/19.

The SRV notification and consultation was ill timed, confusing and poorly attended. My own knowledge of the complexities of the SRV have come through regular dealings with the Council. Many in our local community were either not aware - or felt powerless to affect a different outcome.

The community feedback - having been rushed through - was largely ignored with a majority of Councillors voting for the highest rate increase.

I believe a reasonable rise is acceptable and required but a yearly 7% variance (over 5 years) extends well beyond tracking with inflation and/or the cost of living. 40% over 5 years is a huge increase in any household bill.

I ask that you reject the SRV at its "top rate" and instruct an independent method of assessment be adopted. Thank you.

Kind regards

Christopher Holding

Co-Convenor Brightmore Precinct
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