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Submission: As a Randwick Council ratepayer I have witnessed a number of special rate variation & levy being applied for & granted during the last 10 years. The council never seems to have enough revenue. The presentation of options in the survey was very biased & favoured the biggest increase. The response from ratepayer over the summer holidays was, not surprisingly, very low & it's hard to see how the council can claim that a majority of ratepayers are in favour of a 19+% rate increase. The justification for this rate rise is weak. The projects nominated are not really local government responsibilities and would be a drain on local resources. Special interest groups will benefit at the expense of the majority. That is, assuming they are completed. The last special levy increase was also supposed to deliver much need community facilities but little has been achieved. Local government should look to maintaining roads, parks & existing community infrastructure before investing in more assets. Randwick Council should focus on improving their efficiency & reducing waste and manage within their existing budget. I strongly oppose the application for a special rate variation.