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Friday, 12 February 2021 9:51:24 AM

Hello Councillors,

Shocking to hear you are increasing the Rates payment from **\$586** to a **minimum** of **\$965.80** for apartments.

I'm in a building of **100 units** located next to the council and the entire building receives only 4 cleanup days per year for ~400 residents; some of us pay the same amount of rates as house owners.

You appear to be taking advantage of unit owners by extracting the maximum fees and providing the least value in return.

Hurstville apartment owners/residents represent the majority of people in Hurstville but we see no rewards for our environmentally conscious and small efficient living.

Hurstville CBD streets are generally dirty with regular homeless people and beggars loitering around the main street including the plaza where dangerous acting people congregate in the evenings.

You seem unable to enforce or enact bylaws for the upkeep of dilapidated looking shop fronts and buildings in the main street. You also seem to ignore street hawkers in the main street selling vegetables in the evenings.

We suffered for years from a noisy restaurant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] till late situated next to the council hidden behind the apartment buildings.

[REDACTED]

You seem apathetic to the constant dumping of shopping trolleys that are major accidents waiting to happen when they roll downhill crashing into people and cars on busy streets like Forest / Queen / Railway Pde.

I read that six directors earn \$290,000 each, plus the general manager [REDACTED] on \$460,000?

Since you are not an Investment Bank or successful commercial business, there cannot be any justification paying such huge salaries considering your poor budgetary management.

Very Concerned Rate Payer (Hurstville)

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I'm in Oatley and believe Georges River Council applied for a special variation which is troubling. In the last 7 years my rates have increased from \$245 per quarter to \$575 and I read on an Oatley forum today that the council is looking to increase by another 31%. What information am I entitled to?

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Ipart

I am against the Georges River Councils proposal for special rate variation to IPart for the Rates harmonisation increase for the following reasons:

The council do not in any way show me that they are efficient at cost saving for our area.

There are no cost savings put forward in the last few years that benefit the community in any way.

The only way the council seem to gain any substantial funds to reduce their debt for the area is to sell off assets, which belong to the community. I refer to a few local car parks that benefit small business in our area. One being Carss Park Village, a small community of shops in which the shop owners provided the original car park and now the council sell. This is outrageous.

The Audit and Risk committee suggests the financial management of the council is poor.

The amalgamation of the ex-Hurstville and ex-Kogarah had a huge discrepancy of the minimum rate and they already want to increase the ex-Hurstville area to nearly double what the area were paying. They also want to increase this in one go, not gradual. This isn't fair for the rate payer of that area.

Comparison to other councils in our area we have more Management in our council and less staff. We have the lowest population but maximum rate payments.

Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 8/2/21

Clr [REDACTED] stated savings have been made during the period of COVID-19. We shouldn't need a pandemic to save money. Clr [REDACTED] suggested there has been a waste in financial management.

The Audit & Risk Management committee advises that we are running on a deficit. In my opinion, if Business isn't going well, you DON'T increase costs.

Clr Hindi referred to 'transition period' for rates harmonisation in draft legislation but GRC seem to disregard this, looking to hit families hard at once. In a pandemic, when the Aust Govt are helping families.

Misleading information by GRC during community consultations:

"Council rates are tax-deductible so won't affect the rental market". What? Landlords will pass this increase onto the tenants.

Misleading facts provided of 60 cents per week as opposed to previous increases of \$1 to \$3 per week increase in 2019

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Your Message As a ratepayer & owner of a home unit in Hurstville I must vigorously object to the current & future rate rises of the Georges River council. It would appear to be a blatant gouging to pay for the poor management & overspending of the council since amalgamation.

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Re:Objection to the application of Georges River Council to increase the
Your intended minimum rate 1. The purpose of merger two councils is to cut the costs
Message and reduce the rates, not to increase the rates. 2. The increase of Hurstville unit
rate from \$586 to \$966 is unacceptable, + 64.8%

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Georges River Council rates increase 64% for units (\$586 to \$965). Our entire building of 100 units receives only 4 council cleanup days! House rates currently \$1135 and receive two council cleanups per year! These increases are disgusting as council fails to clean the town as streets look filthy.

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Your Council rates are already too high for many low income earners. Please reject
Message Georges River Council's application for a Special Rates Variation.