

I disagree with the proposed BMCC Rate increase variation, NO!

Discussion:

The argument center's around the ability to Pay and what we expect of the NSW Government / Councils.

1. I am now a Pensioner receiving a Pension. Over the years I have been in the BMCC area I have seen the Rates always varied with a surcharge or Levy. It is time for Governments to live within their means and be Responsible managers. Employers if they do not perform are removed from the job - sacked . The same rule should apply to management.
2. If a Rate Payer is not a Pensioner then then individual circumstances should be reviewed. When I was working in the good old days there was overtime offered, this is not an option in today's world.
3. Why is the BMCC so special year each year?. Review the capital works program and get better productivity.
4. What happens if people cannot pay?
5. Being a Pensioner I am watching our Federal Government wishing to change how the increases are changed for Pensioners But not Politicians. The shift towards CPI away from the Average Male Earnings is also a factor, Cannot trust government!.
6. There is no mechanism for a Rate increases above the CPI to be reflected in the CPI figure as it is an Average of all states.
7. It is Inflationary, does the government want to increase inflation?
8. I am concerned any increase now will be carried on to following years rates . In other words the rates in the following years will be higher if varied now.
9. What is the increase to be used for?. If it is interest on loans then previous decisions were in error, the NSW government should be part of the discussion.