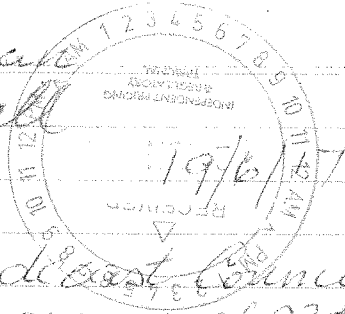


Sparg Chairman
Dr Peter Boxall



Dear Sir,

Re: Mid East Council application for rate increase of $23\frac{1}{2}\%$ over 4 years.

I am making my submission against the above rate rises which will have a huge impact on myself & other pensioners inclusive of retirees with fixed incomes.

For 20 yrs G.C has received numerous increases all above CPI for which us rate payers have been battling to pay for with very little return.

We have an administrator appointed not elected who has only 4 months remaining in office. He did not have a mandate to make such far reaching changes. Maybe MCC are using him as a scapegoat. However the following needs your expert attention to ease our real concerns for our future.

1. There has been no discussion on the current special rate variation proposal.
2. The ad was mysteriously changed to exempt MCC from the act that restricted merged councils from applying for a rate increase for 4 years
3. There was a survey which indicated that 20% rate payers including renters could afford the increase - 55% would be burdened. How can Council turn this around to 80%? What unshaded manipulation of figures.

This should not go un-checked. One matter that concerns me is that

The administrator Mr Turner rejected arguments & reasons against the proposed increase. He also stated that he considered the matter had been "well ventilated".

Rest assured they were not

I remain
Yours faithfully



I have not made a political donation or gift to any mid coast employee in the last 2 years.

