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I have been a ratepayer in this municipality for 15 years, I grew up and raised 4 children all of whom still live in the area, I am now aged in my 50's.

Over more recent years I have seen a deterioration in the services provided by Warringah Council. I feel I already pay a lot of money in rates for my garbage to be collected, obviously there are lots of other maintenance items for council to attend to.

In my now infrequent contact with Warringah Council, which always seems to be very frustrating I feel that I am just another person who is painful to deal with rather than a person that assists to pays the wages of the people I am speaking to.

As far a survey by council and taking a consensus of the views of ratepayers for the current request for a special rates increase, I have not been consulted, why was a survey not sent to every ratepayers seeking comment?

Who actually audits and filters the information provided? Has council looked at its own running expenses and had an independent auditor confirm that they are running their very sizable business as efficiently as possible? This is what would happen in private enterprise and fortunately people have a choice to opt out if they do not like what they see, but not in this case apart from moving from the locality, a very expensive exercise!!

As a local ratepayer do not support the current request by Warringah Council for a special rate increase and believe as with anyone else they should operate their business within the normal CPI increases rather than take the easy way out with special rate increases.

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