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Submission: We accept that a small rate increase is necessary to achieve improvements, but we cannot support a 20% rate rise over 3 years. Randwick Council rates are already 25% above where they should be due to "temporary" levies that have never been removed making the base bigger, and then being made permanent. We strongly disapprove of council borrowing 27 million dollars. There is no justification to increase rates to fund projects that council is proposing, there are government grants for this purpose. Council should budget for what they can afford, and not hold the residents at ransom for their unnecessary expenditures. We as pensioners don't get a 20% rate rise over 3 years, so how can we afford to pay these higher rates. And we made this point clear when filling out our survey. We urge Ipart to disapprove this exorbitant rate rise.