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To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: Opposition to Randwick City Council Environmental Levy Proposal

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose Randwick City Council's request to renew the environmental levy on the basis of the 19.85% rate increase over 3 years that was brought in last year, is already enough for us to be paying. It's not that we don't care about the environment but we are already paying more than enough in rates and it's up to the council to budget appropriately in order to pay for the projects needed. It is underhanded for the council to use the environment as the basis for having rate payers pay more because let's face it, if you say you don't care about the environment then you look like an arse. I also believe the council survey and reporting of rate payers opinions on this is flawed and skewed as it was with the 19.85% increase (by surveying over the busy Christmas period for example).

It is also concerning that the IPART webpage the link on the Randwick city council provides doesn't seem to work. After writing out the letter of complaint it then disappears, so I'm wondering how many people then give up and do not have time to rewrite their feedback.

Please please please consider families who are already struggling to pay their bills and give us all a break and stop this levy being renewed.

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