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Submission: I am finding it very difficult to accept that the majority of ratepayers in Randwick have agreed to a rate rise of almost 20%. The survey was conducted just before Christmas when everyone is very busy and distracted (obviously well timed by the council wanting fewer respondents) and so many people I have spoken to did not know about the survey. The council reports there were 6,000 responses- what percentage is that in this Council area??? I believe the residents who have agreed to the rate rise must have self interest involved to elect this option. In these times when wages are stagnant and VG land values are increasing (in effect another % rate rise for the council), electricity going through the roof etc, to have another 20% added to our rates is untenable. I did vote against the proposal rate rise but the way the voting was presented for expenditure is not what the council has ratified but they have added an energy conservation programme to appease the Greens (one of whom is the Mayor). The "average" amount is listed as \$70- this must be for the rates on a one bedroom bedsitter- I only wish our rates were so small. In the local paper it is reported that Cr [REDACTED] shares my disbelief that the majority of ratepayers are happy with this increase! Please consider well this rate increase- it is far too much too soon. Let the council spend less on all the different flags we see changed regularly ( and other unnecessary expenditure) and get on with maintaining our city and looking after the already overstretched pockets of its constituents.