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Submission: Council has falsely claimed that the Majority of Households approved their polls which had leading questions about "Council's preferred course of action" Option 3, a 19.85% rate rise over 3 years. A tiny pool of 600 ratepayers or residents (150,000 reside in the Municipality) contacted randomly by phone via white pages or interviewed at shopping centres is not a valid poll. How many of these people are actual ratepayers and actually care? The fact that 5,700 ratepayers returned a written survey and 51% said "NO" to a 19.85% increase has not even been highlighted by Council. Falsely using the \$1,185 rates that a 1 bedroom apartment pays as an example of how little the increase will be, is cheating and not indicative of the great majority of ratepayers costs. Clearly it has been done to get approval for a big-spending Council and is deceptive and misleading, totally unfair and unethical to boot. There are awful precedents for local governments going into debt, (especially as RCC has it's own funds available) to pay for what is 'maintenance' with few New Projects as claimed with some receiving outside funding anyway. RCC have sold the increase on the basis of putting electricity wires underground, but it can only be a trial, or just in main streets, as nowhere near sufficient funds (nor is it really Council's decision) to put wires underground. The promise to plant New Trees does not fool anyone either especially seeing the 100's & 100's lost due to their backing of the CDB/SE Light Fail. Finally the better practice is to spend what revenue is raised, and to not go into debt of \$27 million (& climbing with interest rate rises) especially when we have substantial millions of our own money available!!