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Randwick Council claims to have recently sought community feedback on a rate rise proposal. The campaign was biased and began with the inference that without a rate rise this council could not maintain its normal services. The survey was done during school holidays and the response rate of 5% is not good enough to base a claim that the majority of residents are in favour of a 19.85% rate rise over 3 years. It is simply not acceptable behaviour for a council to scare people and run ridiculous marketing campaigns.

Why a council which was always financially prudent and in surplus is in this situation is unclear. Knowing we were in deficit, council put on not only one fireworks display of 20 min at New Years Eve but a second one after Christmas Carols last year for 15 minutes, presumably at ratepayers expense? Now Randwick has a list of projects which seem to be anything but maintenance and usual services.

Councils calculation that the average increase is \$70 needs to be verified. We are in a single storey house on a large block of land and currently pay \$4000 a year in council rates; add 19.85% and we are up for an extra \$794 in 3 years!!!

I am so pleased that an Independent body exists to oversee such unconscionable behaviour. For the sake of the majority of Randwick community I hope you will reach a fair decision.

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