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Submission: Cost of living is constantly going up yet our wages haven't. My husband and I are both minimum income earners who are already struggling. We have four children that we are trying to provide for and feel like the increase in rates is unnecessary. I have lived in the Randwick council area my whole life and always supported it. I don't feel an almost 20% increase is fair given our wages have not increased at all. The most significant changes to the area are high rises, which don't require our funding. Local infrastructure has not changed that dramatically that council require an additional 20%.