

Blanca Dutrey



21st February 2014

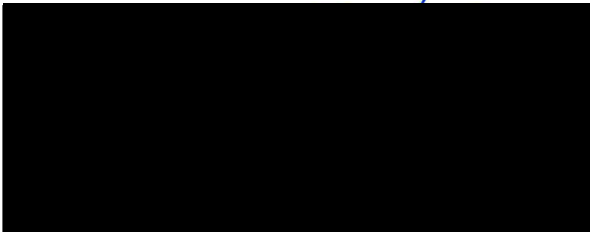
Attention Mr Michael Seery  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

Re: Additional Rate Increase Requested by Blacktown Council

Dear Mr Seery,  
Please find attached copy of the letter that was sent to Blacktown Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

I am against the additional rate increase and I will be grateful if it is not allowed.

Thanking you beforehand.



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28<sup>th</sup> January 2014

The General Manager  
Blacktown Council

Re: Additional rate increase

Dear Sir/Madam

It has come to my knowledge that Blacktown Council intend to submit an application to IPART for a special rate variation to increase rates by 5.3%.

Last financial year I was required to pay an additional \$121.50 in council rates, along with the reduction of the pensioner rebate that is now no longer available to us.

I believe with this money there would be sufficient funding to counteract shortages in the future. Additionally, the increase of more residential properties and building developments will provide council more rates, therefore there would be more funding available. Currently Blacktown Council is debt free so I would like further explanation of what you intend to spend the money on as I do not believe there is a need for extra funding.

I am adamantly against the additionally rate increase and I will vote no, as I would suffer greatly if this was to occur, I am just a pensioner.

Please reconsider the additional rate increase and provide more assistance to those of us that have given so much to our community and now made to suffer.

Yours sincerely

