

LG Submission Form 2021-2022 - notifications

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SRV - no need for Council to provide any documentation re benefits of SRV. Why is this so? Is this a failure on IPART as a independent regulator. The rate Harmonisation process should be deferred due to Covid 19 (residents are asked not to mingle and mainly stay at home) and until residents are given ample time to provide input (and not be rushed over the Xmas break as has happened)and have explained fully the reasons behind it. The information provided by Canterbury-Bankstown Council is not sufficient for residents to make an informed decision. Also, the communication process was virtually non-existent and residents found out about some information sessions after they were held in their suburbs. Additionally, there were not enough of these sessions and I would hope that IPART would request information as to how many sessions were held, the numbers attending and the methodology involved in deciding how to conduct this process.

One of the sessions that I attended (only found out when it was by accident), there were no notes taken. I, as part of previously Canterbury and now Canterbury-Bankstown Councils have had several SRV's since 2014 , increasing our rates by approx 39%, and now Council want to increase rates by up to \$900 p.a., not even considering the capacity of residents to pay, especially pensioners, which make up approx 24% of residents, and which most probably will increase in future years.

There has to be a better method to calculate rates, say starting with a base rate with increases depending on property values etc.

Will there be more SRV's in the future?

With the forced State Government directive to build thousands of more high rise buildings without any infrastructure to support them, plus the ATC needing to sell Canterbury Racecourse to most possibly developers, to maximise the sale, this must be factored into the Councils budgets. Is it ?

Council has known that this process had to undertaken and finalised by certain dates, but choose to wait until Xmas time to commence the process.

Why ?

I appreciate the fact that Council staff are under great pressure to finalise this process. They should not have been put in this situation.

When is enough, enough.

Regards

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