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To: [Local Government Mailbox](#)
Subject: Randwick Council Proposed Rate Increase
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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my concern and opposition to Randwick Council's proposed cumulative rate increase over the next three years of 19.85% and its proposal to increase borrowings by \$27 million.

Quite aside from the flawed community consultation process held over the December - January holiday period which included non ratepayers (eg. resident telephone surveys), their ever to quick thinking to hit up ratepayers for funding of dubious optional additional projects and expenditures is outrageous. The community had shown no demand or desire to have Council incur this additional expenditure until it trotted out its flawed survey with "recommended outcomes" (good grief!).

This is a council that freely admits its incapable of maintaining basic services without without an additional 2.3% increase over the provisions set by IPART. The Council is clearly incapable of managing services within the provisions of its current budget limitations. Randwick Council has shown no evidence or will of its own to seek savings from existing expenditures or prioritise capital expenditure over the longer term within its budget limitations. Instead it has gone straight to the ratepayers for more funds. Very lazy and incompetent management.

Randwick Council has been disingenuous, lacked in transparency and failed to provided full and honest disclosure regarding its proposed rate increases. It has also shown a disturbing lack of prudent management in its ability to manage its finances within its own budget process.

Accordingly, any rate increase over and above the provisions set by IPART should be rejected.

Sincerely,
Chris Saunders

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