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Submission: I wish to confirm and advise my opposition to the continuation of Randwick Council's so called Environmental Levy. This levy has been in force since 2004 and is nothing more than a [REDACTED] and continuous cash grab from ratepayers that have been consistently slugged with above inflation rate increases for much of that time and, by the way, increasing by 19.85% over the next three years.

I note the government rate pegging of 2.3-2.5% is of no consequence to this council. They are laughing at us. I mean, they even have the hide to suggest that the levy is justified to continue because it has been in force for 14 years. What chutzpah!

They also say the levy is to be continued for another 5 years. This is in addition to the rate increases currently underway for the next 3 years. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Where does it all end.

[REDACTED]. Seriously, a levy that is to be in force for 20 years is not a levy, it is an increase in the annual rates we pay for what passes as council services and should called as such and added to the 19.85% to ensure transparency to ratepayers. That will surely go down a treat with voters (not).

All the projects and services that this levy claims to fund should be prioritised and funded from the existing budget. They should do the job they are paid to do which is the efficient and effective management of the rates they collect and not hide behind so called levies and IPART decisions.

[REDACTED] has consistently proven they are incapable of making hard decisions and have again duck-shoved and avoided its responsibilities by seeking an IPART determination.

We have had enough and this continuing cash grab should cease.

Thank you.