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5th March 2015

Re: BMCC S508A Special Variation Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to Blue Mountains City Council's proposal to significantly increase rates over the next four years.

As detailed in my letter to BMCC dated 19th March 2014, we were overcharged for rates on our property in Medlow Bath for a period of six years from 2007 to 2013.

Over that period the property was valued by the Valuer General 30% higher than it should have been.

Blue Mountains City Council, the Valuer General nor the NSW Ombudsman have considered that our situation worthy of remedy or *any* action, or even a reasonable explanation. I am aware that we are not the only Medlow Bath land-owners who have suffered this "obvious" error. This was a serious shortcoming on the part of those who serve the public.

The result is that BMCC has had the benefit of somewhere between \$1,168 & \$1,503 of our funds, interest free. This amounts to more than the proposed rate rise...

ie: we have already paid it.

I can well appreciate that maintaining & improving the City of Blue Mountains is costly, however as the efficiency of use by BMCC of our hard earned cash seems to be an issue regularly raised, there is probably a real basis for concern.

Sincerely,
David & Therese Breakspear.