

I suggest that if you are intending to raise the Rate Peg you just stop and listen to ratepayers first. It seems that submission protesting SRV and increases in The Rate Peg are being ignored by IPART. Yes, you people at IPART ignore everything that the ratepayer brings to the table and to your attention. Is this because you are aiding and abetting Councils in their push to charge more for services that they don't provide or deliver to ratepayers??

When I called IPART last year to enquire as to why IPART does not carry out its due diligence in assessing whether the Councils actually deliver services in return for the "Rate Peg" charge, I was advised that it would cost too much to do checks, however you seem set on allowing Councils to charge, and charge and charge, EVEN WHEN SERVICES HAVE BEEN CUT! Just tell me why is that?? I would like an answer. And then when Councils run out of money due to their financial mismanagement and ineptitude, you grant them a SRV, just to add insult to injury to ratepayers. And if that wasn't enough they, the Council, still file for more and more SRVs because by now they're pleading poverty. Why doesn't IPART actually bring the Councils to account? Councils need to prove their efficiencies much like all business. Why is IPART not asking for these protocols to be put in place before granting these corrupt Councils to just do as they please? As much as IPART says its independent you are not and your behaviour proves it.

I very strongly resent paying for lazy Councils and even more for lazy bureaucrats. I'm sure you would too. People that work at Council, who earn a fantastic salary but are INCOMPETENT! Why should we?

I live on the NSW Central Coast and IPART has most definitively NOT been listening to ratepayers. It is quite evident that you haven't been paying attention seeing that you allowed an increase in our rates by 15% in addition to the rate harmonisation that you knew very well was going to take place. THANK YOU (not)! And I believe the current Administrator is angry because the SRV wasn't permanent. How arrogant!

So, our services have been cut because the Council overspent and mismanaged the finances. How is this the fault of ratepayers who have now been penalised because of this mismanagement? Could you please answer this question?