

Dr Peter Boxall

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Dear Sir,

I write as a permanent resident and Midcoast Council ratepayer to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the proposed Council Rate increase .

The amalgamation of our council was, in my opinion, against the wishes of the residents of Tea Gardens/ Hawks Nest, who strongly opposed it, but were ignored.

The MCC Administrator was APPOINTED, NOT ELECTED and thus has no ratepayer mandate to implement such far- reaching changes in the immediate future, before the planned Council election next September.

Also, it was only last February, that Council stated there would be no need for a future rate increase. Then **MCC was mysteriously exempted from restrictions** to merged councils from applying for rate increases for 4 years.

This proposal will mean within 3 years our rates will have **INCREASED to \$3,400** annually, which will make them **higher than some city rates!**

Over the past 20 years, the previous GLC instituted numerous increases to rates, well above the CPI . **Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest residents are largely on fixed incomes**, totally governed by the CPI, and these proposed annual increases will have a **DEVASTATING** effect on our future financial security.

Dr Boxall, you are urged to reject this proposal immediately.