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Let me state at the outset I do not believe that Warringah Council should be allowed to increase rates beyond the CPI.

My family and I have lived in the suburb of Cromer Heights for 42 years. During that time it has grown from some 580 homes to 850 approximately, plus Maybrook Village, approximately 120+ apartments for the "over 55's", It is a mature suburb.

In the last 12 months or so the council has been spending money on, in my opinion unnecessary embellishments. e.g, numerous white lines and shapes painted on the roads, plus 'cats eye' reflectors. In addition the upgrading of play parks that are rarely used. In fact there are three in this suburb. Trueman Reserve, 300 metres away Belmore Reserve, 300 metres further to Wambirri Reserve. Belmore was upgraded recently at a cost I estimate to be \$100,000.00 minimum. I also understand Wambirri Reserve is also to be upgraded, it is never used, I live in Wambirri Place!

Our flamboyant Lord Mayor, who likes to ride around in \$100,000.00+ cars paid for by the ratepayers has many grandious plans for the shire, these have been well publicised. No doubt encouraged by many council employees (whom have never had a proper job). In the current economic climate, civil servants, be they local counsel, state or federal, plus politicians, should be working toward containing inflation, not promoting it.