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To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the proposed rate rise of 7% p.a. for 5 years. Compounded, the rate rise equates to a 40% increase from what we pay today.

The rate rise is unjustifiable and unnecessary. North Sydney Council is in sound financial shape and: continues to run and project surpluses (unusual in local government); has significant reserves (more than \$37m); meets and exceeds Office of Local Government financial benchmarks.

I'm strongly objecting to the proposed rate rise on the following grounds:

- No financial justification
- Flawed modelling used to justify the increase
- Cost of living pressures
- Inadequate Community Consultation
- Recent unnecessary and wasteful ad-hoc and discretionary spending by Council

Kind regards,
Jean Kevans

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