Dear Sir,

I am writing to say I feel the 20% Randwick Council rate hike is too much. I have lived in Randwick for over two decades. The council has and particularly over the past few years, managed to deliver to the community large projects without huge rate hikes and without borrowing money. This council doesn't seem to be able to follow it predecessors.

The alleged survey and I say alleged because I never received one, apparently was sent out over the holiday period when a lot of people were away and as I did not receive one it may not have been sent to everyone. I have complained to council but, no one has bothered to contact me or send me a survey. I understand only 5% of the surveys were returned. Could this be because not everyone was sent a survey and/or were people away during the holiday survey period?

I am just keeping my head above water now with all the bill increases but, this one is over the top. How many other people like myself is council pushing out of the area. Many! I would not be alone in this. It will be called the straw that broke the camel's back.

These rate hikes are not necessary. Council needs to work within its means and be honest with its rate payers.

Sincerely

Judith