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Submission: There are two main points I would like to make. Firstly, the Mayor admits that 90% of written submissions opposed the proposed rate increase, but the Council nevertheless intends to go ahead. They commissioned their own survey which gave a different result, but this must be suspect in view of the overwhelming opposition expressed by residents. The second point is that the Mayor in a letter states that the condition of the Richmond river should be a matter for State Government, but he wants to raise extra revenue so that the Council can take over this function. No, do not let Council impose financial burdens on rate payers so that Council can big note itself. Leave this matter to the State Government and reject this reason for a rate increase.