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Subject: SRV Proposal by MidCoast Council

To Whom it may Concern at Ipart

I write to object to proposed Rate increases proposed/requested by the Mid Coast Council. I am the ratepayer given I own and reside at my property 14 Wood Street Pindimar NSW 2324.

Sometime ago as is well known the Great Lakes Council was merged with other Councils to form the now Mid Coast Council.

There was no worthwhile ratepayer or resident discussion leading up to this decision being made by State Government or Great Lakes Council. The previously elected Councillors were "dismissed" . All without ratepayer/resident consolation. An Administrator was installed. Among other things Ratepayers were assured that no rate increase would be considered in the "Administrator" period.

Now I understand the Administrator led Mid Coast Council has been allowed to apply for, and has actually applied to Ipart for a Rate increase.

I object strongly to the application on a number of grounds:

1. There have been no elected representatives on Council to represent ratepayers.
2. There has been restricted or little discussion with ratepayers/residents regarding the SRV. This, despite what the Administrator or interim General Manager have been reported as saying.
3. Who changed the Act to allow this to occur? NSW Government stated 4 years was the period before merged Councils could apply.
4. How does the Administrator or his staff know who can afford to pay increased rates? It seems the Administrator can make statements along these lines despite us understanding a rate rise application could not be made by merged Councils for 4 years after merger.

I find the whole situation very concerning given the proposed changes now. This considering what was understood in good faith initially. What I find disturbing too is the way this whole merger situation was introduced and carried out.

Regards

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