

**From:** MaryAnn Beregi  
**To:** [Local Government Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** North Sydney Council Special Rate Application  
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Dear Sir,

Please find attached an article from today's local paper "Shock data reveals North Sydney 'shame' - children among those needing help" which has been brought to my attention by many local residents.

In the context of the application for a 7% p.a rate rise by North Sydney Council, which equates to over 40% increase from today's rates, it is concerning that this article appears today.

It is clear that those living in the North Sydney LGA are not immune from the housing affordability crisis and the figures are most likely understated.

A report to Council only a matter of 4-5 years ago advised that around 30% of residents were already in financial distress and unable to meet mortgage commitments or were only able to meet repayments by forgoing other essentials. I fear this percentage has only increased since then.

I would be grateful if this information could be taken into your consideration when determining North Sydney Council's application, which I ask you to refuse.

Yours sincerely,

MaryAnn Beregi

Newspaper: Mosman Daily

Title: Shock data reveals North Sydney 'shame'

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