

From: Maureen Fembock [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 30 June 2017 4:05 PM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: Objection to Special Rate Variation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to formally object to the Mid Coast Council's recently applied for Special rate variation increase of 11%, increasing to 30% over the next 4 years. As a long term rate payer of the former Great Lakes Council (now Mid Coast Council), I do not believe this proposed increase is fair and reasonable, and nor it is in line with any proposed council rate increase from any other NSW council (newly merged or existing).

We have had subtle rate increases over recent years, and during the merger process were told that there would be savings through the new merged council. Now we are told that new special rate variation increase is required to make up for the significant debt burden carried through from the other 2 councils who have merged with the Great Lakes Council.

Under the newly merged Mid Coast Council, I would ask that justification for this increase is provided to the ratepayers so there is transparency as to why this increase could be considered reasonable when it far exceeds any normal rate increase.

The new administrator indicated that 80% of ratepayers would approve of the special rate variation increase. I would like to understand how that figure was obtained, because I find it hard to understand who would accept this increase without objection.

Kind regards

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