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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Warringah Council's Proposed rate increase

I refer to the attached newspaper article.

I object to Warringah Council's proposed rate increase. The grounds of my objection are as follows:

- The increase is higher than the rate of general inflation - the CPI
- It is not equitable because it imposes the same fee increase on all rate payers wealthy and poor
- The council can cut its own cost on luxury fleet motor vehicles to accommodate its spending needs.

Thank you.



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WARRINGAH

Residents have say on rate rise

WARRINGAH residents unwilling to pay proposed higher rates can lodge their submissions with the authority which will decide if it will allow the increase.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is accepting public submissions on Warringah Council's proposal, which seeks to increase rates by a percentage of 6.1, 6, 6 and 5.9 (including the rate cap) over four years.

The rate cap, usually 3 per cent, is the standard increase allowed by the State Government. Residents have until March 24 to lodge their submissions on the IPART website.

The council's application is also available to view.

It said it needed to increase rates above the cap in order to fund improvements the community has asked for. These include projects like an upgrade to Warringah Aquatic Centre and dredging Narrabeen Lagoon.

The council ran telephone and online surveys, held public meetings and invited feedback as part of its community consultation.

However, in a report presented to the council last year, most respondents' preference was to maintain, rather than improve, council services.

If the proposal is approved, the council will offer hardship provisions with rates notice.

IPART will determine the application by mid-June.