I live in ▓▓▓▓▓. Randwick is my council. The councils costings for a special variation were not adequately outlined and therefore should be rejected until more detailed costings and reasons for the proposed projects are given.

We were presented 3 alternatives of funding without details of how much each project would cost and why it was needed.   Examples:The council has taken over the La Perouse museum from the state government without the means to fund it and without exploring options for private enterprise to run it for example incorporating café and restaurant.

We have not been informed about what demand there is for the women's refuge. Are existing refuges unable to cope with the demand?

Are underground powerlines a necessity for street plantings. Why not plant trees that don't interfere with powerlines. No costings given.

A cultural centre, but no explanation of where and its cost. Is it a new building or a refurbished existing building?

Quote "Various park, community building and public toilet upgrades" are thrown into the council's document, but where are they and what is the estimated expense. Again no detail is given and no costings.

The mail survey conducted of ratepayers shows that 51% do not support option 3 - the option that council is now proposing. The council is using internet/telephone polls to push the percentage higher. However these polls are not guaranteed to be of rate payers and in the case of Internet could easily be ▓▓▓▓▓. Many pensioners in this area have valuable homes and will potentially will be forced to sell with these rising costs. We already have among the highest rates in NSW. I ask that iPART reject the council's request as it's submission to the public lacked detailed costings and failed to show any creative exploration of alternative means to fund these projects or reasons for their necessity. Also that the very close results of the survey show they do not have a large majority of rate payers support.

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