



New South Wales 2324.

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Friday 16th June 2017

To Dr. Peter Boxall,  
Chairman, IPART.

SUBJECT. Proposed Rates increase by Midcoast Council

Dear Sir,

I wish to voice my protest and opposition to the proposal by Midcoast Council that our Council rates be increased by a massive 28.5% and that this impost be a burden on me and our community for the next four years.

There appears to be a misconception that we are an affluent, retired community wallowing in cash and ripe for the picking by a voracious, money hungry, non-elected Council displaying an unbelievable level of arrogance.

This is not so, as for myself I am a self-funded retiree, my income is derived from investments returning very little in this environment of low levels of interest. I drive a 15 year old car and have not had a holiday since 2008. - there are many of us in the same situation yet the unelected ruling elite at Midcoast Council would have you believe that the long suffering ratepayers in our community are jumping with joy at the prospect of being ripped off yet again.

I am not impressed by what appears to be the underhanded methods used to circumvent the guidelines that apparently restricted merged Councils from applying for a rate increase for four years.

I am not impressed the indecent haste to bring

this application to 1 PART. The Administrator has only 4 months remaining in his term of office, I am firmly of the opinion that such a far reaching matter as this application with the potential to impact adversely on so many people should be dealt with by an elected Council, not an Administrator who is destined to depart the scene in four short months time.

I have included in this letter two cuttings from our local newspaper, the writers are far more eloquent than I and I endorse everything that they have written.

I am Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
Richard Armstrong.