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To: <u>Local Government Mailbox</u>

**Subject:** Randwick Councils application for a Special Variation to rates

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## Dear Sir,

I would like to raise my objection to Randwick Councils application for a Special Variation to rates.

The methodology by which they claim that the majority of rate payers are in agreement with this application is very questionable.

First they held the survey during the Christmas holiday period when many people were away, secondly they only had 6000 respondents.

This represents only 10% of the 60,000 dwellings in Randwick. Of the respondents, 59% were in favor of the rate rise, but this is less than 6% of the ratepayers that are being used to justify the move.

The glad bag of projects that council claim they require this increase for, have either other funding sources, are not urgent or are not owned by council.

I live in a modest semi on a fixed income and pay a year rates, \$368 is a massive rise in rates and is going to cause hardship.

This application is a deliberate ploy to circumvent IPARTs rate capping.

