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Randwick Council is attempting to further increase already high rates by approximately 20% to fund a variety of vanity projects of low importance and low relevance to the vast majority of rate payers. There is no rational need to fast track an arts and cultural centre or yet another sports centre for local residents. A 20% rate increase is very significant.

As a resident I was not consulted and did not receive any 'information pack' on this proposal. Randwick Council acknowledges that the majority of rate payers (51%) rejected the Council's requested rate increase. However, they asserted their telephone survey (which can be highly misleading subject to the wording of the survey questions) garnered 57% support. The Council's "Community Consultation RESULTS SUMMARY" claimed that "A sample size of 603 provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 4.0% at 95% confidence." for their phone survey. Yet the difference between written and phone response was 8%, more than double the error to be expected if the phone survey was representative.

Council's behaviour has been highly misleading throughout the process, claiming that the majority of residents supported their proposal when the bulk of the data shows the opposite or contains obvious statistically dubious claims, especially with regard to the phone survey accuracy claim.

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