

KENSINGTON & W KINGSFORD PRECINCT

A community consultation group sponsored by Randwick City Council

11 March 2018

Submission to IPART – Randwick C Council SRV

KWKP Residents OPPOSE Randwick Council's Special Rates Variation submission seeking cumulative rates increase of 19.85% plus borrowings of \$27 Million from the NSW Government at commercial rates for the enumerated reasons below.

[KWKP results 26 February 2018](#)

19 residents voted for Option 1 - 2.3% increase capped rate

2 residents voted for option 2

0 vote Option 3 - council preferred option 5.52% increase – 19.85% cumulative

Note: 16 residents had departed the meeting when vote was taken; after residents indicated their choice, [residents voted unanimously for the KWKP Executive to make a written submission to IPART](#); the points raised in this submission are from a collection of KWKP opinions and meetings as well as resident views received electronically.

The KWKP vote supports the La Perouse survey. Conclusion: A free and independent vote elicited the result favouring Option 1 supporting the 2.3% capped rate increase.

Mr [REDACTED] the Chair La Perouse Precinct conducted an online survey inviting ratepayers from Randwick LGA to submit their opinions in an online form. The La Perouse results (above) accord with the statistical average.

La Perouse residents' Precinct online survey

Indicative results

- [60% for Option 1 DO NOTHING APPROACH](#)
- 30% for Option 2 DELAYED APPROACH
- 10% for Option 3 PREFERRED APPROACH

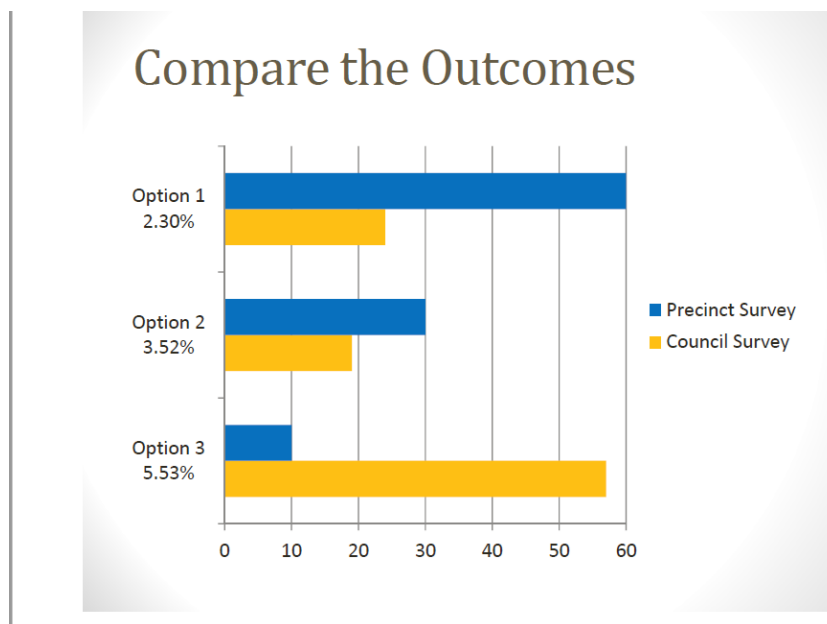
Comparative results - [The Randwick Council Survey](#) – contrasted

- 24% Option 1 DO NOTHING APPROACH
- 19% Option 2 DELAYED APPROACH
- [57% for 3 Option 3 PREFERRED APPROACH](#)

The Chair La Perouse who attended the KWKP meeting of 26 Feb addressed the meeting with these points:

“In view of the council’s troubled interpretation of the Amalgamations survey where the council's preferred outcome accorded with survey results; residents allege council’s survey is questionable

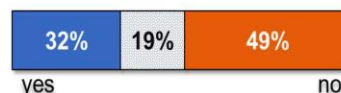
Additionally, a number of residents approached the council to release its documentation in support of the council rates option 3 result; The council refused, adding to resident suspicions questioning validity.



The council’s 2015 Amalgamations survey (see below) was questionable – 49% voted against amalgamations; council’s interpretation of the 19% unsure was to add 19% unsure to 32% FOR resulting in 51% FOR Amalgamations - an outcome favouring the council’s position.

7. Should Randwick City Council be amalgamated?

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unsure



9. Rank your order of preference.

- ☐ an eastern suburbs council
- ☐ a global city
- ☐ no change



10. Rank your top three preferences.

- ☐ (no change)
- ☐ (5 eastern suburbs councils)
- ☐ (a global city)



The council's SRV view – resolution of 13 February 2018

The opinions of the governing body (councillors) Randwick City Council opinions captured by council's claim (extract from RCC submission to IPART seeking SRV 19.85% cumulative increase) referencing *ratepayer affordability and ability* is evidence that council is relying on ratepayers to *continue to bankroll the council's overspending* despite the straitened circumstances of many residents, students, and single person families.

Rates and Annual Charges (extract from Randwick CC SRV submission)

Randwick City Council has [one of the lowest outstanding rates and annual charges ratios](#) in New South Wales. Over the last 10 years, during which eight were years which Council operated under a special variation, Council had an average ratio of 2.52%. [This is a good indication of the capacity to pay by the Randwick City rate payers and this ratio has been forecast to remain steady](#)

The council submits to IPART: ***Randwick City Council has not operated under the rate peg since the financial year commencing July 2009.***

- Projecting the past into the future is hardly a substantive case. Perhaps, it's time for the Council to tighten its belt – stop wasting money on the myriad wasteful projects that residents point to below.
- Ratepayers sitting in council gallery during meetings are flabbergasted at councillors standing up asking for money to be dedicated to wasteful *spur of the moment* projects;
 - the Same-sex advertising campaign to “big note” themselves;
 - the \$300,000 K2K design competition for prizes to developers;
 - the Save the trees advertising campaign by same councillors who voted for light rail which foreshadowed tree lopping;
 - the project to construct footpaths and other amenities on Anzac Rifle Range Malabar, on federal government land;
 - Nominating new projects in 2010 to support 18.33% rates increase but completing only one; the list goes on.
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The council ignores:

- Ability to pay figures are from bygone years – just as the council is rapidly sliding into debt – so may ratepayers and residents are struggling.
- Renters, and first home property owners struggle to pay exorbitant rents and high mortgages set to increase; many students work nights to support their studies; the students reside in over-occupied rental dwellings struggle to pay weekly rents of \$750. Council rates increases – a tax increase – would increase weekly rentals
- Workers, in low paid occupations such as shop-assistants who cannot afford the so-called “affordable rental housing” weekly room rates of \$500; likewise many single income and single parent struggling families;
- The financial burdens of workers suffering (well-document) lack of wage growth over the past 3 years; some wages have risen by less than CPI;

- The gig economy means lack of secure wages for all workers, except public servants; however even some of these are contracted workers.

Issues facing KWKP residents

The Kensington & West Kingsford Precinct is the largest of Randwick council's *community consultation precinct groups*. Precinct meetings are well-attended (36 residents at the meeting of 26 February 2018) due to *serious local issues* affecting residential amenity, such as:

- The gradual erosion of residential amenity – and continuing shabbiness of Kensington and Kingsford; removal of street trees for car parking
- The Department of Planning's proposal to mandate 1500 new apartments in Kensington & Kingsford (out of the 5 year Greater Sydney Commission's 2250 dwelling target); we note council doesn't mention the s94 contributions to council's coffers that would emanate from these future developments; the council hasn't put up a fight;
- The KWKP notes that the DPE has refused Council's Kensington & Kingsford LEP review proposal to **set mandatory affordable housing yield targets** – such a government *affordable housing policy* espoused in LONDON that rehoused some of the victims of the West London Grenfell fire disaster
- The DPE and council are proposing to site 4 towers at the intersection of Todman Avenue/ Anzac parade; TfNSW has failed to publish any credible traffic modelling; set to increase with traffic from WestConnex and traffic pouring in to Anzac Parade at Alison Road; and ignoring the mayhem at the intersection in peak hours and on weekend due to traffic coming off the Eastern Distributor,
- The failure of the Council initiated – 2011 Feasibility study – no disclosure to residents until GIPA in 2013 - NSW government "light (capacity) rail project to provide for current commuters, and UNSW students – to be significantly bolstered with continuing bus support; however, the government has removed by more than half the Anzac Parade road capacity with its bungled Light (capacity) rail scheme to be significantly supported with buses.
- increased traffic congestion through local streets, carriageway capacity reduced by parked cars; TfNSW reduction of bus services; UNSW students using residents' all stops services resulting in significant overcrowding of buses
- The conversion of residential streets into giant car-parking lots
- The failure of council to institute a periodic program to clean streets, gutters, trim trees – it is noticeable that council cleaners have disappeared;
- Council's ongoing *Light Rail support plan* including council officers on payroll is a waste of money and evidence of ratepayers bankrolling waste
- The failure of the Minister for Planning and DPE to institute an [orderly statutory planning regime](#) to underpin the out-of-control [Affordable Rental Housing SEPP](#) that

overrides Randwick LEP; attempts to apply merit provisions s30A Randwick LEP are no more than spin; wealthy developers hire seasoned town planning teams to override merit objections; to which the ARH SEPP pays lip service; meetings with the Minister's representative and extensive written reasons seeking legislative reform have fallen on deaf DPE ears;

- Council waste of ratepayer funds on the highly *deceptive* “saving trees” campaign, when councillors had aggressively pursued light “capacity” rail project which included tree removal then claimed they wanted to “protect” trees to be felled



The Randwick City Council organised a protest against the removal of trees to make way for light rail.

Photo: Michele Mossop



20 Fig trees destroyed never to be replaced - **Trees EIS LR Vol 5** - Replacement trees would be of smaller size and maturity resulting in noticeable and considerable change in landscape quality.

[REDACTED]



The barren land on Alison Road in Randwick where trees have been cut to make way for the light rail. Photo: Ben Rushton [REDACTED]

Randwick's submission to IPART – Presumption - Long term financial planning relies on SRV

The Council submits to IPART –

“the “primary financial planning instrument, its Long Term Financial Plan (‘the Plan’), has been developed to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability Council’s financial sustainability, obtaining a special variation to Council’s rates revenue is required”.

One resident submitted [“There is no justification to increase rates especially for the projects that council is now seeking funds. Any additional funds raised by council will just go into general revenue and be wasted in other areas.](#)

The resident’s opinion is borne out by council’s failure to complete works for which it submitted an 18.33% SRV in 2010. Only ONE project was completed.

Council submission SRV – Counter terrorism and 6 new projects

- 1) Counter terrorism is a federal government responsibility not one for a local council and ratepayers. Council lacks the expertise to institute CT measures, any costs would result in exorbitant consultants’ fees. And the council big-noting itself.
- 2) KWKP sought information from council concerning nominated projects earmarked by the Council's 2010 rates increases SRV – the council provided evidence that [only one project has been completed from 6 projects](#)

In 2010 council received Ministerial approval to increase rates by 18.33% cumulative for 6 nominated projects

[The rates increases associated with the Buildings for Our Community were:](#)

[2010/11: 5.29%](#)

2011/12: 6.24%

2012/13: 6.28%

The buildings nominated and results below - only one was completed.

1. Rainbow Street Kingsford Amenities – not aware of this project in Rainbow Street (could you please provide more info)
2. Community Nursery Greenhouse – not complete. This is listed in the Our Community Our Future program, prioritisation is yet to be determined.
3. Mahon Pool Amenities (and dressing shed) – as above (no. 2) not complete. This is listed in the Our Community Our Future program, prioritisation is yet to be determined.
4. Randwick Cemetery Amenities and Storage Building – as above (no. 2) not complete. This is listed in the Our Community Our Future program, prioritisation is yet to be determined.
5. Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall – as above (no. 2) not complete. This is listed in the Our Community Our Future program, prioritisation is yet to be determined.
6. Gordon's Bay and Coogee Fishermen's Clubs – completed

Community's needs and feedback re: council's decision to seek above rate peg rates; failure to examine options to cut back expenditure for example

Community online and in-person comments:

- 1) Randwick staff salaries are absolutely over the top and could be pulled back to pay for the new works proposed, for example the General manager's 2017 performance review resulted in remuneration of \$453,544 per annum plus fringe benefits plus other unquantified benefits, the highest paid Metropolitan medium council CEO; the GMs remuneration rises of 4% compounded exceed the 2.5% NSW government cap; about \$1 Million spent on the GM office. Are ratepayers getting value for money? No community representative elected by residents to GM's performance review committee.
- 2) Does IPART consider hiring private detectives is an appropriate spend of ratepayer funds? Randwick hired a private detective [REDACTED] to secretly attend the KWKP meeting of 26 February. Residents questioned why a private detective was hired to observe residents and [REDACTED] MP? Council's Precinct Co-ordinator responded to resident questions, asserted "I'm not monitoring residents". (Note: Precinct

co-ordinator was advised on 31 January that [REDACTED] was to attend the meeting).

- 3) Council report GF6/18 submitted to Ordinary Council meeting 27 Feb 2018 provides evidence of accounts at 31 January 2018, [council held investments with market value of \\$64.02M less \\$5.76M](#) due to operational payments; Of investments 13% being \$8.32M is available on call; 23% being \$14.72M invested in assets maturing in 3 months. [Total funds available within 3 months \(allowing for fluctuations\) is around \\$23Milion.](#)
- 4) Residents strongly disapprove of council borrowing \$27 M at commercial rates from NSW Government is not a prudent decision; inappropriate to subject ratepayers to unnecessary debt.
- 5) Council rate hike would result in NO incentive to find cost efficiencies to bring down spending
- 6) The KWKP notes the NSW government has capped public sector wage increases by 2.5%. Yet Randwick council is seeking rates increases of 19.85% cumulative.
- 7) Past special rate variations designed to be temporary have never been removed.
- 8) Council reports indicate huge increase in labour costs and unnecessary consultant costs
- 9) There should be an effort to work more productively and produce efficiency dividends, taking on board feedback from ratepayers.
- 10) Randwick Council proposes to blowout spending needlessly on projects for which council has no responsibility: for example, *counter-terrorism* is a federal and state liability; art and cultural centre is not a council responsibility; La Perouse Museum is a state government responsibility; Light rail is a NSW government project for which NSW government takes credit
- 11) Ratepayers oppose council borrowings of \$27 M at commercial rates from NSW Government? Residents say this is NOT a prudential decision; inappropriate to subject ratepayers to unnecessary debt; Some of council's spending proposals include NSW and Fed govt projects and responsibilities
- 12) We are opposed to an extra 5.52% for rates when Council has engaged in reckless spending for example, unlawfully investigating sanctioning and gagging local residents who attend precinct community consultation meetings whose opinions diverge from the preferred council position.
- 13) Council spent \$10 000 on hired gun Investigators and Conduct reviewers applying the OLG Councillor Code of Conduct & so-called Precinct Code to local residents solely engaged in community consultation plus thousands \$ (undisclosed) on *deficient* legal advice in support of its oppressive position to intimidate local residents expressing their opinion in response to council issues affecting them adversely, such as the light rail destruction of local amenity; the waste of \$70 million ratepayer funds on light rail; the waste of \$500 000 on Amalgamations surveys, reports and financial modelling which was a failure; a further \$275, 000 to challenge amalgamations, when it

appeared that 10 out of 15 councillors would lose their jobs in an amalgamation; \$300 000 on a so-called “International Design competition” allegedly on prizes to developers unsuccessful in spot rezoning applications; failing to notify the “Design Competition” on the council business paper, residents not given opportunity to address the council. Carrying out works on the Malabar Rifle range – a federal government responsibility; Dedicating ratepayer funds to South Sydney clubhouse at Heffron Park; South Sydney is a private club.

- 14) Residents STRONGLY DISAPPROVE of borrowing \$27 million from NSW Government.
- 15) Past special rate variations designed to be temporary have never been removed.
- 16) We oppose special variations as a great big unaffordable tax, when we do not receive any wage increases; this is well-documented;
- 17) The council should live within its means and not squander OUR finances on self-approved wage increases and facilitating state and federal government agendas.
- 18) RCC rates are already 25% above where they should be due to 'temporary' levies making the base bigger and then being made permanent
- 19) The council's survey is grossly inaccurate. The majority of 2000 returning surveys indicated ratepayers supported Option 1 the capped increase; then suddenly in the following week 1,500 surveys opting for Option 3 were returned in a box; Did some person have access to blank surveys and go around obtaining the council's preferred outcome?
- 20) Full review current spend and audit of newly built properties and how many extra dollars they bring into the councils coffers. The General Manager refused to provide these figures to the KWKP Secretary upon written inquiry, but instead retaliated with a stitch-up Code of Conduct complaint.
- 21) We abhor Randwick Council wasting money on stupid things example Pandas on Anzac Parade Kingsford; when gutters and kerbside are filthy with sand refuse plastic cups an leaf foliage, obstructing storm water flow in medium storms; council has sacked road cleaners; no cleaning is undertaken; footpath trees are overgrown
- 22) My rates on Tunstall Avenue are \$3300 and Anzac Parade Kingsford \$3365; however, The Crescent Vaucluse one of the most expensive streets in Australia is \$2780.
- 23) Kingsford has become a dirty little suburb with outrageous waste. THERE TALKING ABOUT INCREASES IT LUDICROUS
- 24) Technically I can't see need for any rate increase based on how the council has been expending money. They need to be more disciplined in their expenditure.

- 25) Most people I speak to believe Randwick council **does less for its residents in relation to street maintenance than other councils.** Council spends most of its money on staff but if you try to speak to anyone it is next to impossible - you are told to email and wait for a response; most often responses provide no detail.
- 26) We should budget for what we can afford and not have unnecessary high increases in rates. We don't want great big council taxes
- 27) Council has demonstrated that it cannot be trusted with ratepayers' funds through – amongst other things - its involvement in actively promoting one side of the same-sex marriage campaign in 2017, when the vote appeared to be already heading for success. **No need to waste the money the council outlaid other than to big note themselves**
- 28) There is no justification to increase rates especially for the projects that council is now seeking funds. Any additional funds raised by council will just go into general revenue and be wasted in other areas.
- 29) We do not want increase in council rates or taxes.
- 30) We do not support the council's borrowing from state government.
- 31) We oppose special variations as a **great big unaffordable tax**, when we do not receive 5.52% wage increases; lack of wage increases is well-documented; many workers received no wage increases; some receive less than 2%
- 32) Residents attending Council workshop – observed the majority were against option 3 as the benefits were non urgent
- 33) The council's preferred option 3 – 5.52% is above the cost of living (CPI) and is unacceptable to ratepayers burdened by mortgages high rents; Council marketed option 1 as “no increase” which was misleading, dishonest and unfair
- 34) No incentive to find cost efficiencies to bring down spending
- 35) Huge increase in labour costs and unnecessary consultant costs
- 36) There should be an effort to work more productively and produce efficiency dividends, taking on board feedback from ratepayers.
- 37) Randwick Council has demonstrated good management of Ratepayers funds over recent decades but proposes to blowout spending needlessly on projects for which council has no responsibility: ie counterterrorism is a federal and state liability; art and cultural centre is not a council responsibility; La Perouse Museum is a state govt responsibility
- 38) Unhappy with the waste of ratepayers money: engaging in \$300 000 prize to developers K2K; expenditure of 0.5M on amalgamations in face of overwhelming community opposition to amalgamations; needless hiring of consultants

- 39) We are opposed to Option 3 (5.52% option 3) for rates when Council has engaged in reckless spending for example, sanctioning and gagging local residents who attend precinct community consultation meetings whose opinions diverge from the preferred council position.
- 40) Council expended around \$9,000 on unlawful OLG Code of Conduct disciplinary measures against local residents, for example, council "hired gun" Investigators and Conduct reviewers; Thousands \$ (undisclosed) on *deficient partisan* legal advice to authorise disciplinary measures against local residents who don't concur with Council preferred positions.
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- 51) We do not want increase in council rates or taxes.

- 52) Community feedback on Council's SRV proposal was sought over the holiday period. Many residents/ratepayers were therefore unaware of the proposal which may explain a community response rate of less than 5% of the LGA's adult population.
- 53) Council's request for feedback explicitly stated upfront its preference for option 3 and thus introduced bias into its survey. There will always be some who defer to the 'Council knows best' sentiment.
- 54) Council told the community the SRV was for a 3 year period. It was not disclosed by Council that it was applying to IPART for a permanent increase (ratepayers will need to service the \$27 million loan by Council). Had this been disclosed, I suspect the percentage opposing option 3 would have been even greater.
- 55) Even in the absence of knowledge of point 3, of the 6,316 community respondents (phone interview and mailed out survey), 50.3% opposed option 3.
- 56) Yet Council's submission to IPART incorrectly states that a majority of the community supports option 3. Council has presented an inaccurate picture to IPART which is disturbing in itself and more so when community approval is one of the criteria assessed by IPART in granting the SRV increase.
- 57) Council claims that with no SRV it will be unable to maintain basic services. This is a surprising claim, given IPART, due to low wages growth, continuing low inflation and minimal growth in council costs, has capped rate increases to 2.3% in 2018/19 which 90% (115 of the 128) of Councils in NSW can happily work within. Randwick Council is one of only 2 urban councils within Sydney applying for a SRV.
- 58) Further to point above, the claim is also surprising given that it contradicts the findings of the TCorp Report of 19 May 2014 on Council's Financial Assessment and Sustainability, which were that Council had operated debt free and with operating surpluses since 2001 and that this was forecast to continue to at least 2023, and that the continuation of the environmental levy allows satisfactory maintenance of all assets and services as well as the provision of some new services. Given this, it could appear that Council has either now misled IPART about its current financial situation or that its financial governance competence is wanting.

Treasury T Corp and Audit (Extract RCC submission to IPART)

- May 2014 NSW Treasury Corporation (T-Corp) conducted an assessment into the *Financial Sustainability of New South Wales Local Government Sector*, during which Randwick City Council was assessed as having a Financial Sustainability Rating (FSR) of "Sound" with an outlook of "Positive" for the subsequent three years
- 2013 *Local Government Infrastructure Audit* undertaken by the NSW Office of Local Government assessed Randwick City Council has having "Very Strong" infrastructure management.

- 59) Council staff responsible for the IPART submission and community engagement as well as Councillors who voted in favour of option 3 have misled the community, have not shown due diligence, have not been transparent and have not provided full disclosure. It is apparent that Council had pre-determined that option 3 would be adopted. Councillors are responsible for representing the interests of the residents and ratepayers. This has not happened in this case. Some soul searching is in order.

Randwick SRV Community consultation – lacking transparency

– La Perouse precinct chair barred from presentation at Council meeting; Councillors and General Manager attend La Perouse Precinct meeting in February and March allegedly to influence the outcome of residents' vote on the SRV

- 1) *Allegations of rigged survey results:* Some residents at the [KWKP meeting 26 February](#) asserted they'd sought copies of the council's survey data, but had been refused. One reliable resident said at recent attendance at Randwick Council premises, she'd been reliably informed, that "the council received 2000 returned surveys in the post, and the following week 1500 surveys were returned in a box". Her questions: How did one person get hold of 1500 completed survey forms?
- 2) *Allegations of undue influence:* The Chair La Perouse attended the KWKP meeting on [26 February 2018](#) recounting the following narrative (words to the effect):

"At the La Perouse Precinct meeting on [05 February 2018](#), residents voted pre-dominantly for Option 1. The General Manager arrived unannounced with two councillors at the meeting. After the Chair took a vote on the rates' increase, which resulted in residents voting for Option 1 by a simple majority, the General Manager addressed the meeting. After GM's talk, some residents reluctantly changed their vote to support of Option 2 again by a simple majority. Not one resident supported the Option 3, 5.52% increase".
- 3) *Allegations of undue influence:* At La Perouse meeting of [05 March 2018](#), three councillors (invited) and General Manager (unannounced) plus council officer precinct co-ordinator attended the meeting; Residents advise that Cr [REDACTED] Said ALP and Cr [REDACTED] [obstructed the](#) meeting preventing the 17 meeting participants from passing a resolution to enable the Chair to make Precinct submission to IPART rejecting OPTION 3.
- 4) *Allegations of public gagging – denial of public presentation in breach of Council Code of meeting practice Rule 25:* At the council meeting of [13 February](#), the Chair, Councillor [REDACTED] Said ALP [Administrative Finance Committee](#) [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED], Chair, La Perouse from presenting the results of his survey to councillors. The council then went on to vote in support of OPTION 3 without hearing the La Perouse Chair's independent survey results. See record of Minutes below.

The GAG is recorded in the [Council Minutes 13 February](#). The Council then voted in support of Option 3 the 19.85% increase.

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 6:05PM

Address of Council by Members of the Public

Prior to consideration of the Agenda by the Committee, deputations were received in respect of the following matters:

F3/18 FINANCE REPORT - THE 20-YEAR RANDWICK CITY PLAN (F2017/00503)

Against [REDACTED] (representing the NSW Ports Association)

Against [REDACTED] (representing the La Perouse Precinct)

Motion of Dissent

MOTION: [REDACTED] that the Mayor's ruling that [REDACTED] not be allowed to discuss any matter in relation to the La Perouse Precinct survey be dissented to.
LOST

For [REDACTED] (representing the Maroubra Seals Club)

RESOLVED: (Procedural Motion) (Matson/Parker) that Item F3/18 be brought forward for immediate consideration for the benefit of the members of the public gallery.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.17pm and was resumed at 10.34pm.

**F3/18 Finance Report - The 20-Year
Randwick City
Plan (F2017/00503)**

AF7/18

RESOLUTION: (Matson/Parker) that:

b) Council apply to IPART for a cumulative special variation to rates income of 19.85% over the three years of the three-year Delivery Program (2018-21), as per Primary Financial Model of the LTFP;

Randwick C Council's case for special variation – community need

Levels of service delivery

Residents at KWKP complain of dirty environment; they say the council has failed to institute a [periodic program to clean streets kerbs and gutters and to cut trees](#) unless the council is in receipt of complaints; For instance at the December KWKP meeting the resolution

KWKP November 2017 Resolution 3

That council deploy street cleaning workers urgently in streets of Kensington & Kingsford to clear rubbish dumped on footpaths from cars parked utilising 90-degree parking; In addition, due to rapid increase in apartment dwellings, people litter footpaths and gutters with coffee cups, plastic bags, papers; Roadside drains and gutters need leaf cleaning suction equipment to prevent flooding in heavy rain storms

Moved & Seconded UNANIMOUS

Operating Performance Ratio

If as per council submission the ratio is predicted to end up with a negative 3%, then the case is glaring.

Randwick Ratepayers and residents need a new management team.

%	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
PEG	4.18	0.24	-0.59	-0.72	-1.19	-1.52	-2.15	-2.01	-2.44	-2.68
SRV	4.74	2.80	3.10	3.27	2.92	2.57	1.91	2.09	1.79	1.60

Without the additional revenue yielded through the special variation the operating performance ratio of Randwick City Council will be below the industry benchmark of 0.00% by the end of the 2020/2021 financial year. The ratio almost reaches negative three per cent at the end of the period due to operating expenditure continuing to exceed levels of operating revenue. This has a corresponding impact on the asset renewal ratio as surplus operating funds are used to fund those renewal works.

Unrestricted Current Ratio

Randwick Ratepayers need a new management team. One that can live within its means without loan borrowings.

Debt Service Ratio

Randwick Council has \$64M in managed funds. \$23M almost at call. There doesn't appear to be any need to borrow

Consultation Strategy

Council identified a number of key stakeholders and developed specific community engagement approaches to communicate with them:

- Randwick City Council residents
- Randwick City Council ratepayers
- Future Major Projects list
- Local Precinct groups
- Port Botany
- Local community and sporting associations
- Local members of parliament
- Local institutions (eg UNSW)

Results of Council's surveys and community consultation

Randwick Council claims its surveys and tele polls produced "results consistent across the different mediums used". The key results of the surveys included:

@ 19- "Option 3 – Preferred approach" for a rate variation of 19.85% cumulative over three years received majority support and is the community's most preferred approach. It was chosen by 57% of respondents in the Telephone Survey and 49% of respondents in the Ratepayer Survey as their first preference.

The KWKP's residents voted by a majority for Option 1, 2.3% capped increase.

The KWKP questions the transparency and accountability of the council's claim, absent documentary evidence of returned resident surveys.



Secretary KWKP