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19	Anonymous	Anonymous	I object strongly to the increase of council rates proposed by the Bayside Council. I belonged to the Botany Bay Council but was merged with Rockdale Council which is now Bayside Council. Since then, the service delivered by the new Council is far from satisfactory. The grass on the front is so long and not mowed for a long time which is really an "eye sore". The whole street looks untidy and definitely not maintained by Bayside. We were very proud of our street and Council (Botany Bay) and not anymore. Bring back the services before any rate increase please. Infact, we should have a decrease in the Council Rates NOT increase in the rates. OR we should have our Botany Bay Council back and be separated from Rockdale. We should have a DIVORCE .					
20	Anonymous	Anonymous	I am strongly against Bayside Council's proposed SV. I am a resident-ratepayer from Mascot and under the previous Botany Council rate regime we were getting very much more and efficient services than under the amalgamated Bayside Council.					
21	Anonymous	Anonymous	I oppose this rate increase as it will hurt working families who have lost income during 2020 because of Covid-19 and the rate increase process has not been transparent. Bayside council has not told me by what percentage my rate will increase and has only provided a table with dollar values making a fair comparison to neighbours difficult. By my own calculations this will be a 21.8% increase which is quite extraordinary considering the IPART approved Rate Peg is 2% for the 21/22FY. Bayside Council has not justified strongly enough why certain members of their community had been receiving perfectly adequate local council services for many years prior to council amalgamation and now must hand over considerably more money for the same level of service. The 'harmonisation' of rates is a flimsy excuse and the council needs to detail clearly what improvements to services this additional revenue will provide.	I am a member of the Bayside Council community, I have no knowledge of special capital or operational expenditure above what has already been budgeted for. The justification given by Bayside council (Letter to Ratepayer dated 28 October 2020) has been that this will bring rates in line with former Rockdale Council residents. This is not strong enough justification for this criterion.	I have not received the cumulative increase of the proposed SV in percentage terms. Bayside Council has not met this criterion.	By my own calculations this will represent a 21.8% increase in my rates. Consideration must be given to the natural monopoly that Bayside Council is. I can not shop around for a lower council rate. If a car or health insurer increased my premium by a similar percent I would simply change provider. This is not possible to do with Bayside Council unless I move. This increase presents an unreasonable impact to ratepayers especially given the financial impact Covid-19 has had on working families.	No comment.	No comment.
22	rafael	iskander	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
23	Anonymous	Anonymous	No notification from Council has been made to the affected rate payers as far as I am aware. We should be provided an opportunity to question Councils reasoning for their decisions.					
24	Catherine	Conway	We seem to have reduced services and council is wanting to increase rates. The streetscape is particularly poor since the council merger. The parks and gardens are in a terrible state. There is rubbish everywhere I am constantly sending reports to council. Certainly there is no justification for a rate rise to Eastlakes residents.					
25	Anonymous	Anonymous	I think the council should have a heart and decide in lieu of the current economic situation created by the corona virus, not only not increase but also look at where they can save money and actually reduce the rates. This can only be the proper thing to do. The majority of rate payers are your average workers and just can't demand a wage increase from their employers when they feel like it or even when they need it. Also statistics show that the average workers wages has hardly kept up with the inflation rate over the last ten years. There is a good probability that the Australian economy could go into a very deep recession in the near future if history is anything to go by. It would be very heartless to have local councils jacking up the rates to overcome their inability to control spending. Now is not the time to be thinking of starting up new projects. Now is the time to be thinking of how to alleviate the rate payers' financial burdens.					
26	Anonymous	Anonymous	The parks, path ways are absolutely disgraceful. The up keep is non existent. People have to post on Line with photos to get anything done. We should be paying for bin collection only as it's the only consistent thing done!					
27	edward	everetti	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
28	Anonymous	Anonymous	With unemployment so high and the Covid risk still so great, we are all doing it tough with less to spend on essentials and daily living items. How can Bayside support this rise? How can the NSW Liberal Government allow this increase? Don't they have ANY COMPASSION in its councilors and parliamentarians? So very, very sad.	Our suburb (Eastlakes) is in a much poorer state than it was prior to this forced amalgamation. Come and see the state of our roads, grass verges and footpaths. Then check back to their appearance before the merger.	We have been told it is happening. Nothing will change that. That's the way of this government. So very sad and disappointing.	This huge increase will give us less income to spend on our wants and needs, to use jargon from my high school economics days. How can this be fair and reasonable when retirees' income, the general wage rates for workers and almost nil income from secure and conservative investments are just about all we have to cover the basics?	The decision has been made. Nothing I, or anyone else can say, is going to change that.	The former Botany Council is the tail on the former Rockdale Council dog. Our requirements are not being addressed whilst Rockdale's are to a much greater extent. See next paragraph. Our Mayor's News releases detail what and where Bayside's money is being allocated. In my opinion, the vast majority is going to projects inside the former Rockdale Council boundaries.
29	Anonymous	Anonymous	We receive less services under the merged council and our costs are more. I see nothing from the merger. Reverse the merger and hand botany council back					
30	Anonymous	Anonymous	The proposed increase is too much. When the merger went through we were assured that rates would not rise but be cheaper. What rubbish. Do not approve this increase for the Botany side of the council					

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54	Anonymous	Anonymous	I am opposed to any increase in rate beyond the recommended 2% rate peg, the Bayside council have contacted me to state that my rates will be increasing by over \$400/year which is between 25-30%. How can this be allowed beyond what is a reasonable rise as per the low inflation rate, I, as the rest of the community are struggling financially where the inflation rate is low, the cost of all goods has significantly increased and wages have stayed low. We cannot afford it, and would struggle to pay such an increase in rates. The rate are based on the land value and as such have been rising accordingly, there is no justification to slug that much on residents in one year to make up for council shortfalls or mismanagement. The Bayside council have obviously reduced services in the old Botany Bay council area since amalgamation and increased service in the old Rockdale area, the the funding will be spent there. Ask any resident in the area and they know the reduction is services for residences, the parks and roads have not been maintained, offices closed. With the large amount of high rise units being approved and built in Mascot now (not in the Rockdale area), the rates alone have provided a huge funding bonus to the council, not including the future building plans approved.	The community desires the funding to spent in all ares of the council fairly and evenly.	My rates will increase by 25-30 % in 1 year, How would this be reasonable? and affordable for the ratepayer.	My rates will increase by 25-30 % in 1 year, How would this be reasonable? and affordable for the ratepayer. There has been no alternative offered, eg staggered rise over 5 years. just a large hike in one rise.	I have no seen them	There is no productivity improvements and cost containment strategies for the old Botany Bay council area, the council has stated they want to increase the rates /in line with Rockdale? and use the funding for Rockdale. The majority of the councillors reside in the Rockdale area and have shown no regard for the old Botany BAY area.
55	Phillippa	Negus	What an absolute joke, you've just had a massive increase, you are doing no more than our last councilin fact much less (less mowing, less care on our roads, less work in the parks)....and now you want another increase!? WE SAY NOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!! We are FURIOUS about this, as are our neighbours and other locals we are talking to. NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!	You have just had a massive increase how can you possibly justify this!?	You have just had a massive increase how can you possibly justify this!?	You have just had a massive increase how can you possibly justify this!?	You have just had a massive increase how can you possibly justify this!?	As per above you are doing less than our last council and you want more for it!?!? You have just had a massive increase how can you possibly justify this!?
56	Anonymous	Anonymous	I have resided in Mascot for the last 18 years. The extent of the rate rise is both unreasonable and unjustified. The impact of paying the proposed additional costs will directly and unfairly impact the cost of living of every ratepayer.					
57	mariano	bottani	i dont want a price rise or minimal price rise					
58	Anonymous	Anonymous	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
59	Daniel	Salamati	Please don't increase the rates anymore.					
60	Anonymous	Anonymous	I am generally disgusted in the fact that Bayside Council wants a special variant to increase rates for those residents who fall into the previous Botany Bay Council. Firstly, we voted against this forced amalgamation with what was the former Rockdale Council. And ever since the amalgamation, the services have dropped, and what used to be a bright vibrant looking council now looks run down. Even many individuals who are not residents but travel to the area for work or bypassing have commented how run down the area of the former Botany Bay council looks. Even the council staff who do a lot of the maintenance and cleaning and gardening look rundown or unhappy. But that is a point of view rather than based on fact. Regardless, if the former Botany Bay council area was well look after and maintained and services were kept well, why should we suffer with Bayside Council increasing our council rates, when services have dropped since the amalgamation. We are getting nothing out of this increase. Botany Bay council was the first council in Sydney that was out of the red and now we are part of a council that has been reported to be the worst in debt. We should not be punished for the mismanagement of Bayside council and its councillors. If anything, their salary should be reviewed and decreased since we are getting nothing out of this whole ordeal. And especially after the uncertainty of 2020, where many families and individuals struggled financially due to loss of jobs or decrease of hours. The last thing many people need right now is further increased expenses.	Service levels have dropped and funding of projects have stopped. Botany Pool was meant to get a refurb but that didn't happen once Bayside council took over. Linear Park near Mascot station was meant to be a new park with great accomodating facilities but that stopped since Bayside Council took over and now it looks like a run down dirt track with some sand blocks for who knows what reason. Not a friendly inviting park at all.	Not aware of a need for a rate rise. On,y aware of the wanting of a rate rise but who knows for what reason - for their own salaries?	The impact is unreasonable, and especially as there are many elderly residents living in the area. Such a substantial rise with the increased living expenses will bring many below the poverty line. And especially after 2020, with the uncertainty of jobs and a stable income, the extra burden and pressure of a rate rise is not needed or is not humane in the current circumstances.	Have they been exhibited and reviewed. I'm not aware, not that I'm denying it,	Bayside council does not need an dramatic increase in rates for strategies across the council. Considering that the services have dropped and the rates haven't dropped, the productivity is lacking. As far as I know, there has been no dialogue or engagement or information providing on what the increase in rate is going to bring.
61	Joanne	White	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
62	Anonymous	Anonymous	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
63	Husnu	Ongel	It is very bad time increase rates. When lot of people lost job.specially we were agains to bayside council idea.serves going bad.what is the reason they want to increase rates.it doesn't make sense. Regards. [REDACTED]					
64	Anonymous	Anonymous	This is not good at all! We are already struggling with my partner being stood down still and how do they expect us to pay extra on top in this covid world! This is no good for the community especially when the council is not doing any good work in the area!					
65	Anonymous	Anonymous	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
66	Sue	Whitfield	Bayside Council are proposing a vast rate increase whilst they have over the past three years decreased services and are probably the worst council in Sydney and its' public areas are poorly maintained and shabby.	Council in this instance need to prioritise expenditure as opposed to spending \$94,000 on prawns and oysters for instance.	Not until they provide the services to all council wards, without favour and show value reasons why such a huge (39%) rate increase is required. Perhaps a royal commission??	In this limited when people are struggling such a large increase is going to bring hardship on families and persons in the community during these times.	Well that needs to be very public and not some hole and corner affair as they usually do. Poorly worded.	Of course

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79	John	Boyle	How do you arrive at such a rate rise this is so way over the top We in the Botany area are being left behind since we changed over and amalgamated Our grass on the pathways are being cut less and our streets are left strewn with rubbish after the garbage collectors pick up our bins and you want a rate rise do you think we are made of money are you that bad at managing our money that you need this huge rise Never heard of such a rise John Boyle					
80	Roberto	Allan	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
81	Jo	Blows	The rate increase will put pressure on an already stressed out family - a rate increase of 39 percent at anytime is out of order - rate increase should be less than ten percent - households need to budget					
82	Anonymous	Anonymous	To even consider an increase in rates in the middle of a pandemic when families, individuals and pensioners have lost jobs and income is abhorrent. This should not be passed or discussed further let alone considered. STOP this ridiculous idea. Bayside has let down the former Botany Council residents since this forced merger and asking for more money is a ridiculous notion.					
83	Sotiris	Pazpinis	The residents of the old City of Botany Bay council area will also be hit with a increase to "balance" the rate across the now Bayside Council area. That is Rockdale rate come down while our go rates go up up up. We had no debt in Botany yet we inherited Rockdale debt. That is fair? This proposed rate increase of 39% would take council rate in Bayside Council area out of the reach of current working class residents. We are constantly advised in the media that inflation and CPI are low around 1-2% and yet this proposal to increase it significant above these values. The council services in our area went from a Council to just a orphan single ward to a council that is over consuming income requirements. Services have been cut to the bone, our parks and plant are not been looked after and our street not cleaned are regular if at all. This merger was to reduce the cost on running the council why are then now turning around and requesting such a significant rate rise?		No supporting information have been supplied to resident on the need for significant rate increase.	The impact will be significant.		
84	Robert	Bell	Hi as a long term resident I believe any rate rise would be unfair especially under current covid conditions and the obvious reduction in services especially on the Mascot/ Botany area. that has occurred since Bayside was formed from Rockdale and Botany councils. Sincerely, Robert F Bell.					
85	Michelle	Chang	PLEASE reconsider this increase! The detrimental effects this will have on our community is going to ruin a lot of livelihoods in our area. Most of us are still struggling to recover from the devastation of 2020. Listen to the people in the communities you're looking out for. And stop this increase! Thank you.					
86	Anonymous	Anonymous	I am a unit owner at [REDACTED] and I strongly oppose the rate increase to occur in the bayside area. There are many units in mascot area that are empty due to foreign residents leaving and down sizing due to job security. I have also been reduced to dropping my weekly rent \$60 a week to keep my tenant as the market in the area is highly saturated due to council approvals of high density unit buildings resulting in empty over supply of units and now you are going to put our rates up too no thank you handle your own mess. Warm regards [REDACTED]		I am a unit owner at [REDACTED] and I strongly oppose the rate increase to occur in the bayside area. There are many units in mascot area that are empty due to foreign residents leaving and down sizing due to job security. I have also been reduced to dropping my weekly rent \$60 a week to keep my tenant as the market in the area is highly saturated due to council approvals of high density unit buildings resulting in empty over supply of units and now you are going to put our rates up too no thank you handle your own mess. Warm regards [REDACTED]	I am a unit owner at [REDACTED] and I strongly oppose the rate increase to occur in the bayside area. There are many units in mascot area that are empty due to foreign residents leaving and down sizing due to job security. I have also been reduced to dropping my weekly rent \$60 a week to keep my tenant as the market in the area is highly saturated due to council approvals of high density unit buildings resulting in empty over supply of units and now you are going to put our rates up too no thank you handle your own mess. Warm regards [REDACTED]	I am a unit owner at [REDACTED] and I strongly oppose the rate increase to occur in the bayside area. There are many units in mascot area that are empty due to foreign residents leaving and down sizing due to job security. I have also been reduced to dropping my weekly rent \$60 a week to keep my tenant as the market in the area is highly saturated due to council approvals of high density unit buildings resulting in empty over supply of units and now you are going to put our rates up too no thank you handle your own mess. Warm regards [REDACTED]	I am a unit owner at [REDACTED] and I strongly oppose the rate increase to occur in the bayside area. There are many units in mascot area that are empty due to foreign residents leaving and down sizing due to job security. I have also been reduced to dropping my weekly rent \$60 a week to keep my tenant as the market in the area is highly saturated due to council approvals of high density unit buildings resulting in empty over supply of units and now you are going to put our rates up too no thank you handle your own mess. Warm regards [REDACTED]
87	Anonymous	Anonymous	I am a long-time resident of Eastlakes and the level of service provided by the now Bayside Council to those living in the previous City of Botany Bay municipality, ranges from extremely poor to virtually non-existent. So, to have Bayside Council seek a rate increase, which I understand would mostly impact us 'Botany Bay ' residents rather than those covered by the previous Rockdale Council, is just adding further insult to injury i.e. the Council now seeking to charge us significantly more in rates for absolutely no services. Residents in our area are well aware who on Council want the increase (Liberals and Independents and so is this a political thing with the residents being the losers ?) and are outraged that a Council who gives them scant regard or recognition would seek to impose a hefty rate rise upon them. It's scandalous. If this Council cannot operate within their current budget then best that an administrator is appointed and this failed merged Council be dissolved and do us all a big favour. Thanks for your time.					

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88	Anonymous	Anonymous	I do not think it is fair that rates are increased for pensioners. Why can't all councils give free rates to those on pensions as does the City of Sydney. A measly \$250.00's is very little help when you have to exist on the pension and keep up the maintenance on your home and pay the insurance etc. The Federal Government want to keep as many pensioners as possible in their homes with Home Care but the councils are trying to force them out by putting financial pressure on them. The large building spree in the lower part of Mascot which has increased the population by thousands must have increased the councils income by quite a large sum so why do they want to increase our rates?	Since City of Botany Bay was amalgamated with Rockdale Council to become Bayside Council those living in the old City of Botany Bay have lost many of the little niceties that were provided like the \$25.00's a year to encourage people to have their kerbside lawn mowed or lay a street garden. Their street lawns (for those that are needed) are not mowed as often as they used to be nor are the streets swept as often.	Many councils have outsourced things rather than employ people themselves and have stripped back on the number of people that are in their libraries or offices. So I cannot see that a rate rise is necessary when the councils are employing these methods maybe the Mayors and Aldermen should take a pay cut and have no expenses paid for. The local streets need to be repaired as there are large potholes for the unfortunate motorist to drive through and there are kerbs and gutters that need attention but as I said those who are part of the City of Botany Bay are neglected by the combined council.	I am aware that the land values over the past 3 evaluation periods have skyrocketed but that does not mean that the home owner's finances have gone along with it. Many of the people living in the area have been here for years and have worked in the surrounding (now extinct factories and businesses) area. They have not enjoyed the large salaries that people now receive and do not wish to move from the area but will be crucified by the raise in rates that the council is basing on their land values.		
89	Ken	Harvey	I don't agree with a rate rise as we have only seen a deterioration in services since botany council became bayside.		We do not deserve a rate increase. Services have deteriorated. A 39% increase is out of this world and not acceptable.	I am a pensioner. I have lived in Eastlakes for 68 years. I have seen a deterioration in the services since bayside council took over from botany council. I do not think that the proposed increase in rates of 39% is warranted or good value for the services we receive. We have lost our street cleaner and our street apart from the day the mechanical cleaner comes once a fortnight is covered in leaves and bark from trees. Our council strips are rarely mowed. The nice appearance we had under botany council is lost. The increase will stretch my tight budget even further. What will we receive in return?		
90	Anonymous	Anonymous	Don't they know people are suffering financially because of Covid19? Are there increased services for the rate rise? No. Completely out of touch this lot					
91	Edith	Svehla	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
92	Anonymous	Anonymous	Outrageous cash grab.	There are no services being demanded from bayside other than garbage pick up and routine maintenance. This was accomplished by the prior botany council at power rates without issue.	I have heard no reasons why they want to increase my rates, other than they want more money. A 37% increase is outrageous	Rates have been high as it is, and after covid incomes have been affected. Wage suppression has been consistently in effect since 2009. Property prices and land values don't reflect people's income and disposable cash.		
93	Anonymous	Anonymous	This council has slowly, but surely, moved it's base over to the old Rockdale Council area, and that about says it all. It looks after the old Rockdale Council region, (and it's old debts) quite well, whilst, for example, our street was not mowed for 3 months. It is apparent that this council has some disregard towards the old Botany Council region, and I think that it's grossly unfair that they are putting out their hands now, for more. They're not playing fair as it is. The last thing on our region's collective mind is handing over more money. Unjustifiable.					
94	Anonymous	Anonymous	say no to Bayside Council's plan to charge every resident an extra \$215 every year.	This is just another disastrous consequence of the forced amalgamation of our community with Rockdale Council. There is no increase in services run		No conversations about this have happened. Prior to amalgamation, council rates were stable		
95	Rachel	Thornton	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
96	Tania	Lage	It is disgusting the Bayside Council to increase rates. Specially because we are in a pandemic and many people lost their jobs. Besides that, i am disgusted with the lack of maintenance in the Mascot, Botany and Eastlake areas. They are spending our money on frugal and unnecessary constructions, like the one at L'Estrange Park. Nothing justifies any increase.					
97	Carol	Harmer	I oppose the suggested rate hike (1) I did not wish to merge with Rockdale (2) Since the merge our services have declined & (3) as a self funded retiree dollars are few and far between.					
98	Anonymous	Anonymous	There should be no rate increase at all Thank you					

