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Member for East Hills



Saturday, 20 March 2021

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Level 16, 2-24 Rawson Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

By email: localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

I thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the application made by Canterbury Bankstown City Council for a Special Rate Variation.

I object to this application and the obscene size of the increase in rates requested by Canterbury Bankstown City Council.

The community is currently facing extremely difficult conditions as we make our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. Jobs have been lost, work hours have been cut, businesses have closed and many others are struggling to hang on.

A substantial rate rise at this time places an unfair burden on our residents and the size of the variation requested by Canterbury Bankstown City Council is unjustifiable.

I believe Canterbury Bankstown Council is combining their Special Rate Variation application with the Rate Harmonisation process in order to wrongly divert responsibility for the increases.

The documentation provided by Council to IPART wrongly indicates they have taken steps to pursue efficiencies and have considered ways in which their organisation could be more efficient. While there has been limited progress in some areas, these processes have not been completed adequately. A request to apply substantial increases in rates is inappropriate at this time.

Our area has a high number of elderly residents who cannot afford a rate increase of the magnitude proposed by Council.

Since writing to the residents of the East Hills electorate the number of telephone calls, emails and visitor traffic to my office has been unprecedented. Over 99% of the responses and feedback to my office have been against this proposed increase.

I have conducted a petition and have now received over 4500 responses. I have attached samples of these responses which I request to be included with this submission along with my previous submission dated the 5 March and 18 March 2021.

This increase is not supported by me, or the people I represent and I strongly request that it not be recommended for approval by your Tribunal.

Yours faithfully,



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