

The Annual General Meeting of the Clareville and Bilgola Plateau Residents Association on Monday 1st December resolved unanimously to object to the proposed rental formula for domestic waterfront tenancies. The meeting considered the proposed method unfair and based on an incorrect understanding of the use and conditions on these tenancies.

The Association represents 1000 households on the Eastern escarpment of Pittwater and many are self-funded retirees. Although only a few are waterfront owners the meeting was fully supportive of this objection. Many waterfront owners are already financially burdened by artificial valuations on properties they purchased many years ago for their retirement which now attract Pittwater Council rates in excess of \$3000/year. The boatshed and jetty is used for recreational lifestyle activities.

Our members agree an increase is reasonable, perhaps based on CPI with a catch-up first increase. Perhaps also means testing could be applied to exempt or qualify retirees, simply based on the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card which is income tested through tax returns.

This submission is brief as the matter only came to our attention at the meeting this week and we wish to lodge our submission by 5th December. If late submissions are allowed we may have more detailed analysis in the next few weeks.

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