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Subject

SUBMISSION

Dear Mr Burford,

Pursuant to our brief discussions today I would like to put forward a Submission in reference to the proposed increase in charges for waterfront tenancies in the Pittwater area.

To start with it seems extraordinary that as a tax paying resident I find out about the possibility of an increase due to a possible law change through a neighbour who heard from a friend who saw an advertisement in a newspaper. I would hope that something that seems to be going to increase charges for waterfront tenancies in nsw is communicated directly to each tenant either by mail or email - not by an obscure advertisement. And that normal due process is adhered to in a democratic manner.

What is of major concern is that if I use the formula I have been told to expect to be the new method of calculating the yearly cost then it seems my rental for waterfront tenancy will increase a whopping 500%! Not only does this appear - at face value - to be "undemocratic" but for sure it's "unAustralian" to say the least. Sticking it to the residents who occupy prime waterfront is not the solution - either by making others feel better about the situation or increasing revenue. And as a revenue gainer it's more than a bit rude given we - the waterfront residents - probably won't get much sympathy from those who don't live on the waterfront.

I want to strongly voice my objection, firstly to the process and secondly - and more importantly - to any formula that will increase charges to such extremes.

I recognise normal and general increases from time to time are necessary but these surely must stay within the realm of reason.

Yours Sincerely,
Harry Hodge.