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Dear Impart members,

I am owner of an Apartment which is due for completion in 2019 (Merindah Apartments) and want to provide my feedback as future resident that may/will be impacted by these proposed changes.

1. Seek better and fairer pricing for apartment owners as we are a collective of users and user pay should apply for all water usage including a lower rate for basic water rate plan compared to residential housing. A singular home has greater cost to run compared to a block of apartments using the one common pipeline system for multiple residents.
2. I have also factored in the higher strata imposed to resident apartment owner which is quite high and any rise to any council rates will create additional financial strain to who may be living on a borderline personal budgeting plan to maintain their quality of life. In my situation is having to decide on what to go without to meet any rises in these council costs that this review might favour.

Please also put in context the collective of all other costs of living to these possible rises and how they exacerbate a family or individual. Some examples to be factored in for example are: wage freeze, inflation, steep petrol rises, impact of current drought on foods, steep electricity and gas rises way above inflation.

Now imagine someone losing their job or in may case, about to go on a pension. You can see when you add any possible council rises to the collective of rises how it seriously impacts and has a magnifying factor on your residents.

I would kindly as that you please give serious thought about how councils can produce a better system and also thinking outside the box and offering possible further discounts for any future struggling resident that will be impacted.

Thank you.