



Discussion Forum

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Council Land Rates

Posted: Sunday, 20 September 2009 2:20pm - By **Brandnew**

Land Rates were supposed to rise by 3.9%

Liverpool Council in NSW applied for a larger increase - and they got an increase of 12.3%

This HUGE increase continues for 5 Years for Rate payers living in the Liverpool City Council area

Barbara Perry, the Minister for Local Government claims that there is Community Support for this huge increase

Our Retirement Village wrote 108 letters from Residents stating that we DO NOT SUPPORT the huge increase

When we got our Rates Bill we find that the increase was 20.4% - which is MASSIVE

These charges are totally unacceptable to vulnerable Pensioner Residents living in Retirement Villages

Especially when you consider that we do not receive SERVICES from the Council

We do not use the Council Garbage Service nor do we use the Council Recycling Service.

Have YOU checked your Land Rates at your Village?

What percentage increase have you been charged?

Brandnew

Re: Council Land Rates

Posted: Sunday, 20 September 2009 4:01pm - By **jrc**

Local Government in NSW treats Residents living in Retirement Villages as a 'cash cow' to be milked at every opportunity. Even though the vast majority of Residents (it is estimated at over 95%) living in Retirement Villages are Pensioners, Councils consider that Retirement Villages are established as commercial ventures and rates them accordingly.

When is the State Government going to right this injustice and introduce legislation that will force Local Government to extend to Residents living in Retirement Villages the same subsidies available to Pensioners in the wider community?

jrc
