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Submission to Select Committee into Local Government

Roads Rates Rubbish

The recent comments by the Minister that local Government has gone beyond Roads Rates and Rubbish is correct in describing the current situation but his assertion that we don't want to go back there is a something only the ratepayers can answer.

I for one do not want my Council to declare a climate emergency nor do I want them funding an entry into the Northbridge gay parade or putting up signs to tell people to be kind to each other.

I am happy to pay rates to ensure the roads, footpaths and parks are maintained efficiently and cost effectively and for my bins to be emptied each week. Beyond that I am quite happy to look after my own opinions on social issues and donate my own money to charities that I wish to support.

I do not need nor want to be patronised by the Council and I certainly don't want them spending my hard earned money on their own political or social agendas. They have no right to use my name or speak on my behalf or to donate my rates to groups they wish to support.

The sooner we get back to Roads, Rates, Rubbish the better

Yours Faithfully

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