

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to you in great distress regarding council rates in Hobsons Bay City.

Rates in HBC have now reached a level which is driving long standing residents from their homes and causing great financial hardship to pensioners and others on fixed incomes.

It is clear Council is building empires for them selves their Employees and CEOs at the expense of rate payers.As a long standing resident and rate payer I have contributed greatly to the municipality over forty years and have been punished for my civil compliance.

The rating system is broken and requires a reset to its core values, the maintenance of basic services.

The fictional cost of homes brought on by reckless lending policies by the big banks ,Property speculation, negative gearing, interest only loans has created a monster for a large number of Victorians.

It is inconceivable that this was the intent of the State Government legislation regarding property rates.

As basic cost of living expenses continue to rise Gas, Electricity. Rates, Food, Pensions and others on fixed incomes are thrown below the poverty line, immediate action must be taken to correct this injustice, it can only be described as criminal activity by Councils.

My home is a private residence on a small block of land, yet Council rate it as a potential site for a block of Flats or a rental property, Disgusting.

