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1. State Government Waste Charges GW010/017

The Minister for the Environment has advised the Western Sydney Waste Board that as of the 1 July 1998, the levy the Council is required to pay per tonne for waste disposal to landfill at the Council's own waste depot (Section 72 levy) will increase from the present charge of \$10 (ten dollars) per tonne to \$17 (seventeen dollars) per tonne.

This will require the additional payment of \$155,000 (one hundred and fifty five thousand) for the next financial year that was not included in the original Council's budget.

Councillors may recall that in the 1996/97 financial year there was an increase from \$7 to \$10 resulting in strong opposition from Local Government and criticism of the timing of the announcement of the increase which was also in May of that year. Again budgets have to be varied after they have been prepared and in some instances advertised for community comment.

When State Governments of both political persuasions piously push rate pegging and its virtues on Councils and the community it is ironic that they then indicate a 70% increase in waste levels after budgets have been prepared.

I would recommend that the Council write to the Premier seeking a detailed explanation of the increases and information as to where the funds will be spent and advising of the inconsiderate timing of the advice.

Councillor Robert Calvert
Mayor

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