

I refer to recent articles and letters in response to the revelation following my questioning that Mayor Michael Regan wasted \$190,000 of Warringah rate-payers money in his latest campaign to take over the Northern Beaches. This huge expenditure resulted in a mere 4,200 submissions and is hardly representative of the Warringah population which has 155,289 residents.

Additionally, Cr Regan and his registered political party - Your Warringah's have voted for significant funds in pursuit of taking over the northern beaches. Last year alone \$1,715,634 million of rate-payers' money was spent on Warringah Council's Media and Marketing Unit. In various "Warringah Matters" Newsletters and Council's advertising he has slogged to death his prosecution of a Warringah takeover of the northern beaches.

Mayor Regan, his political party and factional acolyte, Cr Jose Menano-Perez have voted to introduce commercial rental rates for community and sporting clubs to use community facilities apply to IPART to increase rates by 26.25%, sell off community land across the Warringah Council area (particularly in the Dee Why Town Centre – Oaks Ave Carpark and Kiah site), lease much needed community facilities to Private/Public partnerships while at the same time spending a wapping \$1.7 million on a luxury car fleet which has included a Jaguar, Chrysler, VW Passat in the past for the Mayor and Mercedes, BMWs and Audis for Council staff.

In view of the above mentioned wasted rate-payers' money, cuts to community services and sporting organisations and increase in rates and charges is it in the public interest for Michael Regan and his registered political party to take over the whole of the northern beaches?

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