



TRIM (C/15/6451) Council Rate Capping - Submission No 5 from Adrian Jackson

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Originally there was the MAV but about 25 years ago the VLGA popped up mostly in the inner Melbourne left wing dominated councils. Both receive funding from Port Phillip City Council and other councils. Why are there two similar organization and why is any ratepayer funds given to either of them? If a council has an issue they should raise it directly with the minister for local government or another minister as appropriate (eg) the minister for police for crime prevention and street prostitution control in our municipality.

Another issue is the proliferation of childcare places and kindergartens that we ratepayers help fund to establish as well as paying staff and maintaining the buildings that house these facilities. In Port Phillip there are many affluent upper middle class double income residents like a company CEO with a partner who is a lawyer for example who dump their children in a council facility that other ratepayers with less income have to support. Less wealthy ratepayers like me have to fund wealthy greedy couples so they can work full time and get richer. In this case they should hire a nanny rather than having access to council facilities. Many of the staff at these facilities are paid poorly too so that the Sebastian's and Phoebe's of corporate parents can be taken of their hands until they can be sent of to boarding school.

As a bachelor I baby sat my nephew in the late 1980's for 8 years on many weekend for free and he turned out OK and at aged 30 he has a good job in the TV industry. For millennia grand parents helped mind grand children while the parents worked in the fields (so to speak) so this should continue in the 21st century. Not only is a couple responsible for raising their children they have a responsibility to help raise their grandchildren too. If they are not willing or able to do that then they should not breed in my view. Family members raising children is also cheaper than sending them off to be cared for by strangers in a council facility.

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