

# Families affected by meters

The proposal by Randwick Council to install parking meters throughout its municipality will adversely affect the residents and local shopping centres.

If one were to read the resolution passed at a recent council meeting, our elected representatives have decided to allow the general manager to determine where and how many meters Randwick residents will suffer. Why is it that our council is doing its best to destroy local shops by charging us to park near them?

The massive petition of nearly 40,000 signatures rejecting the parking meter proposal has been ignored. We elected our councillors represent our wishes to the council. Why is it that, at a time when both Woollahra and Waverley councils are trying to support their local shopping centres from the impact of Westfield at Bondi Junction and Eastgardens, our council is doing its best to destroy local shops by charging us to park near them?

More importantly, parking meters will adversely impact upon our family lives. Family and friends will have to pay to come to see us and if they overstay they risk a fine as well. No promises of exemptions will ever compensate us for this loss of family amenity. Once the meters are installed, the prices charged will only ever go up.

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