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We would like to register our objection to the increase in apartment rates in Canberra.

In 2017 we sold our house and moved into an apartment in the same suburb. Our decision to move was partly motivated by our desire to reduce our environmental footprint. We would have expected there to have been a considerable saving in rates as well as in utility use, especially as apartment owners use fewer services. Waste collection, for example, is paid by the Owners' Corporation and therefore by the owners.

The fact that ACT Treasury is changing the way it calculates rates for multi-unit dwellings is unfair.

While we are fortunately in the position that this increase will not be a financial burden many people will find it to be the case.

This decision to unfairly change the methodology used to determine rates and land taxes for apartments is blatant revenue raising and will have a negative impact on many Canberrans.

We request that the government return to the previous methodology for determining rates and land taxes for strata residences.

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