I wish to state, as a City of Yarra ratepayer, my opposition and objection to pay rises in the current Covid-19 ravaged recession that is seeing many shops, businesses and employees either lose income or have it dramatically downgraded.

Perspective and leading by example is needed at this critical time in a pandemic that will have flow on effects for decades to come. The optics of awarding pay rises to people who are already well remunerated with a degree of job security would be poorly received by the community.

Regards