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Submission: I feel that the council has not notified/consulted with the community(67,000 plus residents and growing) enough to justify the 50-60% rate rise over the next 7 years. I do think we need a rate rise but to match the consumer pricing index for over the next 3 years. I also think the council should have given all the residents a chance to vote on such a big decision not a phone survey on 400 people !!! If I hadn't read the mercury newspaper or that I spoke with neighbours I would not be on this web site expressing my opinion!! I have spoken to some other residents and there in the situation (being left in the dark ) being not all residents can attend council meetings, there should have been letters sent to all the residents so they could have the opportunity to have there say.