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Submission: This is certainly going to hurt pensioners and low income families. Incomes are not going up at the rate of price increases and this is certainly going to hurt the most vulnerable people within our community. It is not a small rise, it is huge and needs to be reconsidered. It seems odd to me that the local council of penrith that is less than a 15 minute drive from my home has more services yet they have lower rates. I beg you to reconsider this decision to raise the rates of the Blue Mountains residents especially considering many people are still trying to get over the fires financially. Rents are already high and this will only cause a rent rise. Many cannot afford this including myself.