

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)
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To whom it may concern

I am writing to complain about the Shoalhaven City Council's application to IPART for a 26% increase in rates over the next 2 years.

The Shoalhaven City Council have not adequately shown where the increased monies will be spent, other than to advise there will be no new works or projects undertaken with the income the massive rates increase will generate.

Many of our streets have no curb and guttering, our roads are pitted with potholes that get patched up occasionally. Despite our protests our waste management services have been cut but we still pay a waste management levy.

The proposed 26% rate increase over 2 years is unfair and unaffordable to many ratepayers, and will lead to financial hardship, as a large percentage of our ratepayers are pensioners, low income earners and self-funded retirees on fixed incomes.

As ratepayers we realise that rate increases are necessary. The Shoalhaven City Council has shown little regard towards its ratepayers and we oppose the massive increase in our rates because it is unaffordable and unclear what the revenue raised will be used for.

Yours faithfully