

---

**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 10:41 PM  
**Subject:** PROPOSED CENTRAL COAST RATE INCREASE

Dear Sheridan

I have been given your name as a contact for the above matter.

I apologise for the late submission but, as a member of our local Marine Rescue Unit, we have been recently highly involved in emergency works following our never-ending period of bad weather.

My submission is not long but I wish to strongly object to the proposal put forward by the CC Council acting Administrator- Mr Rik Hart. Without fully knowing the goings-on within Council, I feel that we, the ratepayers, are being punished financially for the mistakes and/or mismanagement of our Council officials, whereas the onus should fall on those who have got the Council into this dreadful situation.

There are many residents here who are currently doing it tough with rising prices, exorbitant fuel charges, inability to afford mortgages or rent and have been hit with the previous extraordinary rate increase, with our Administrator now wanting to extend that increase by some years.

Council must make their savings by having an efficient plan of action with competent staff without picking the easy option, the ratepayers, who, at the end of the day, have to accept any rate increase imposed on them without recourse to any appeal.

To make current matters worse, Council is also now proposing a large increase in our water and sewage rates on top of the housing rates.

Enough is enough.

With regards