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Submission: I do not believe in the current financial climate that people in general can afford such a massive price increase, there has been a price increase to just about every household necessity over the past year, carbon tax, fuel increases electricity increases, water increases, day care increases. For the first time this year i had to use Eapa vouchers for my gas and electricity, i felt embarrassed and ashamed, whilst there the lovely people at St Vinnies were explaining that there normal numbers had increased ten fold, they are being visited by not only the underprivileged or unemployed but the middle class are struggling to make ends meet, my husband and i work and raise our three children and pay our mortgage, i have just had to leave work to stay at home as we couldn't afford day care, now what will we have to sacrifice just to heat our home, have a shower and feed our children if the price goes up again? We already have chickens and a large veggie patch to cut the costs of the food shop. If the changes continue i believe a lot of people will be forced to make some really scary decisions , we may not be able to pay our mortgage and will be forced to rent if we can find a place as a tonne of other families will be in similar position. Please don't increase such a necessity.