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To Whom It May Concern

I am totally against this submission to increase rates an extra 24% above the normal increase allowed over the next 4 years. I believe the councilors should do a total review of existing expenditure to find savings within the rates that they already receive. I have been a rate payer since 1974, in this time there rate base has increased at least four fold with developments, the only things that have increased in this time is employees wages, with services not increasing. I can't understand a council asking for a 36% increase over 4 years by saying to residents that services will decrease if they don't get it approved, this is virtual blackmail! I have spoken to a lot of ratepayers & they are totally against it also.