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Subject: Objection to Shoalhaven rate rises

To the reader,

I wish to strongly object to the exorbitant and unwarranted Council rate rises suggested by Shoalhaven City Council.

I am the owner of three properties within the area, all of which are located at Conjola.

One property, I have developed and built a home and paid all relevant rates and levies. It is my principal place of residence.

I own another two properties, one residential and one rural when which I intend building homes on when my income can support such ambitions.

I am prepared to pay what is reasonable in terms of rates but strongly believe that Council has embarked on programs which are not directly relevant to the residents and are spending beyond their means.

In my household, if I do not have the funds available and cannot earn extra income through doing something legal, I cannot make the expenditure.

In this case, Council are exceeding CPI in terms of their request for funds and are not in any tangible way, reducing the expenditure.

I will not be able to embark upon my goals with the other properties and will likely have to sell one, should council impose their new rate rises.

I do not see council expending funds on things relevant to the people of Conjola, Milton or even Ulladulla.

At present, I don't even get garbage collected at my front gate and have to drive it 1.5 km to the main road, even though I live on a public road.

I believe it is incumbent upon Council to ensure minimum rate rises and maximum accountability for expenditure.

For above reasons, I object in the strongest terms to the rate rise.

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