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Submission: I have opposed this proposal right from the start, as indeed has many other ratepayers, yet the councillors keep coming up with modified reasons to proceed. Prior to the last council election the majority of the candidates stated their objections to any rate increase. I am a retired self funded retiree who moved here in 2001 and built my home on a canal block, my rates then were approximately [REDACTED] PA. They are now approximately [REDACTED], I have to maintain my revetment wall and secure the sand that acts as a buffer at a cost of approximately [REDACTED] PA. During flood times when I requested sand bags from the council I was denied them, which is the pattern of all things one requires from this council, they ignore you when you report the influx of noxious weeds in the adjacent park lands that are invading my property. They are very good at wasting money on useless projects and as far as management of our rates and services, they are a complete joke. I am of the sincere opinion that any increase in rates at this time or in the near future is completely out of order. Better management and a little more elbow grease is the answer to the problem, that is if there is one,