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Subject: Special Rate Variation projects

Port Stephens Council Proposed 7% per year for 7 Years Rate Increase.

My wife and I are pensioners living in Medowie and reject this proposal floated by Mayor Palmer.

This is not the first time outrageous proposals have come from this council.

It had previously proposed a Rate Levy to enable a Rate Reduction for ratepayers affected by the PFAS Contamination from RAAF BASE Williamstown.

This proposal did not proceed, possibly illegal, and in any case was the responsibility of the Commonwealth Dept of Defence.

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To this end no Council should be trusted to properly use such a large Rate Increase.

We suspect most will go to the Nelson Bay Area and not spread over the three wards.

It must be considered that there is a large number of Pensioners in Port Stephens.

some who have lived here for decades.

Many have lived in the same house for this time, and now the property value has increased considerably,

Such a rate increase could force some to sell.

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This could lead to Ratepayers footing the bill for roads and footpaths instead of the Developers.

We have no connection to any political party.

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