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To Whom it may concern

I am Writing my submission to ipart to the best of my ability in regard to the proposed rate rise for Port Stephens Council.

I am 100% against the 7.5% rate rise over proposed years. I am a mortgage holder in Medowie where I am the main income earner with a wife and three children under the age of 8. I'm against the rise for a few reasons and one of the main ones is I will not be able to afford it. My income will not increase by this much each year and its ridicules to ask this from the residence. Port Stephens council over the years have missed manages the money that they collect from the ratepayers. They have approved development that just becomes, and eye saw which is the Anna Bay resort development that has just stood idle for years. They run their own facility's where they just note making the potential and buying back facility's that just do not make money.

[REDACTED] I live in Medowie where 13.5% of Port Stephens populations lives. It is the second highest population in Port Stephens and sees one of the lowest returns for the size of our populations. I live in a town were our curbs need immediate attention. I live in a town where our footbaths do not even make it down to the main road and are unsafe to walk on. I live in a town where we do not have a proper park that is clean and new for kids to play. I live in a town where our skate park if just falling apart. I live in a town where our children's crossings are just unsafe and worked dons are unfinished. What they are offering for this town in relations to the rate rise if pitiful. 13.5% and all we get is new drainage and maybe a park

They want to take more money from all the residence, but they have not shown the residence that they can spend the money appropriately

I am not against a rate rise of 2.5% and for them to show that they can spend the money appropriately and evenly why should I pay so much of an increase where we money is spend in nelson bay and surrounding areas and not in the areas like our where we have the second largest population town in Port Stephens.

I want to see the council spend money and manage their facilities appropriators and evenly first before they ask for any more of my money.

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