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Submission: Council has indicated broad community support for a rate rise well in excess of the rate peg. I do not believe this to be the case. The number of respondents to a survey conducted over the holiday period is estimated at just 5% of ratepayers. The rate rise is not required to meet the costs of services presently provided - the cost of which is rising at or around CPI. Indeed the rate peg is in place to prevent the sort of spending which Council contemplates. We live in a modest [REDACTED] dwelling which is valued for rating purposes at \$[REDACTED]. We struggle to pay the current level of rates at \$[REDACTED]pa. The cumulative annual rate increase for our property under Council's proposal is a punitive \$[REDACTED]pa over 4 years. IPART needs to forensically examine Council's claim that the increase sought has broad ratepayer support.