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Date of submission: Tuesday, 12 March 2019

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Sent: Monday, 4 March 2019 10:25 PM

To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: Port Stephens Council Special Rate Rise

Hello IPART,

I feel very strongly that the proposed Rate Rise must NOT proceed. The council is elected to represent the community however, they have shown a complete and reckless disregard for the community views. The council consultation process has confirmed that the community does not want the rate rise to proceed yet they completely ignore this and continue to proceed regardless, this surely must contravene some kind of democratic process and council rules. Both the results of the council submissions and earlier community consultation have overwhelmingly shown that the community does not support a rate rise.

The first step, before any proposed rate rise, should be to see if we (the community) are currently getting value for money from our current council. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (road changes at Salamander Bay shopping centre, drainage legal fees for the Lagoons Estate etc). The council should be held more accountable and be more efficient with the money they currently receive before [REDACTED]

IPART, you must make your decision based on the facts – Only 7 of the Port Stephens Councilors voted to push ahead with the SRV yet the majority of the Port Stephens community have voted NO to the SRV. We live in a democratic country and the majority have spoken...it is no to the SRV.

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Thank you and regards,

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