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Sent: Monday, 11 February 2019 4:16 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox <localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Special rate variation for Port Stephens

Dear IPART

I wish to register that I object to Port Stephens Council's ridiculous proposal to increase rates by 66% over 7 years.

We are a single income family of 4 who moved to Port Stephens 3 years ago to enjoy and raise our family in this beautiful part of the Hunter. While my husband works full time, I am a full time student at university and we have a 3 year old and an 8 year old.

I fear with the rate rise we will not be able to afford our rates, as we are struggling to get on top of them as it is at the moment. We are also paying strata on top of our rates which will make it even less affordable for us to live here with our mortgage, high electricity prices, water rates, school fees and insurances on top.

I have viewed the plan of where the money would be spent and a very tiny amount of it will be coming to the Fern Bay Area. The rest seems to be going toward the Nelson Bay Area and Raymond Terrace, which are both towns that are very well equipped with community infrastructure etc.

There are many features we are lacking in our little community here. Our parks in the estate have no toilets, our bus stop at the front of the estate doesn't have a bus shelter for our kids. We don't have a shopping centre here. Our closest is either medowie or heading into Newcastle. But because we are strata managed, PSC has no interest in spending money here which then affects the residents who have put all their money into living in such an amazing place.

Please consider the financial impact this would have on families who are or will struggle to pay their rates with this rate rise.

Kind regards.

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