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Submission: As a resident of Port Stephens I am OPPOSED to the Special Rates Variation proposed by Port Stephens council.

My current rates are approximately \$1850 per annum, with seven years of 7.5% rate increases this figure will be in excess of \$3000. My take home pay per month is \$3600 with current wage stagnation and cost of living pressures I feel council made this decision in a biased vacuum with no thought for the little people. This will bite me hard financially.

Council ignored their own feedback and survey results which were a resounding "NO" to the SRV

The proposed "improvements" seem to only help small areas and small numbers of the community with the funding overwhelmingly going to benefit a small spread of commercial enterprises.

I cannot abide the long term financial cost of this SRV