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Submission: I am opposed to the special variation for Port Stephens Council. I've watched the council repeatedly perform roadworks to the same section of roads, which has mostly not been needed. One of the recent (expensive!) repairs was to the new section of Nelson Bay Road at Bobs Farm. I have concerns about their management of funds and do not support a raise that is so large and also includes further road works. Yes, roads need repairing, but not to this extent. Money could be better spent on other areas of council. The residents are opposed to this extensive increase and Council need to listen to them as it is simply unaffordable. With all the new housing estates and over 55s complex being built surely there is enough additional revenue coming in without this massive hike in rates!