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Submission: Living in Medowie we are forced to endure poor road quality, no footpaths and minimal action from council in other areas. The rate rise promises to spend more money in these areas to improve standards. However, our rate rises will be focussed on Nelson Bay and tourist locations as opposed to Medowie town centre and surrounds. The exorbitant rate rise was overwhelmingly refuted by locals however our council voted against the will of the people! People in Medowie will be penalised by paying more rates for a poor return on that investment.

The council need to prove they can responsibly use the resources they have to deliver local services rather than insist on a rate rise that no one wants!

It's not equitable, it does nothing to improve equality within Port Stephens and I'm against it!