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Submission: As a resident and rate payer of Port Stephens I agree that we need to invest in improved infrastructure and facilities for the long term good of the area. I am confident that Port Stephens Council has 'got their house in order' before asking for this increase due to the impressive turn around in their financial results over recent years.

They are doing as much as they can with their current funds and continue to seek to make savings where possible but the size of the investment needed for the economic and social well-being of our community is beyond current revenue streams.

Whilst I understand that some in the community may have difficulty with increased rates, the amount is really very small for much improved infrastructure and facilities in the long term. I understand a hardship policy is in place and will continue to be in place as part of this proposal to assist those in genuine need.

I am very much in support of this application as I believe on balance it is need and wanted by the majority of residents I have spoken to, including myself.