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Submission:

I would like to put in a submission to oppose the proposed rate rise percentage over the next 7 years. Due to us being old age pensioners and we live in a high rated area now, we are finding it difficult to already meet rate costs. In addition to this hardship this council only gives me a rebate of \$250 annually which is not much of a discount when we are charged around \$1580 a year in rates currently. A compounded 7% rate increase would see our rates jump far too high to pay on a old age pension. Our pensions wont increase at the same percentage rate and we will simply not be able to afford the bill. I have owned and lived here for 40 odd years and now after working and supporting myself and family all this time I will be forced out of my own home because I cant meet the ridiculous above inflation rate hikes.