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Submission: I'm struggling to comprehend how Port Stephens Councils thinks it's rate payers can afford to pay this big an increase in rates! My pay doesn't rise this much.. yet I'm expected to be able to afford this increase and support it! Not one of the councillors that proposed this rate rise is the average resident on an average income..they have good paying jobs with perks that allows them the luxury of being able to afford the rate rise !

By the time this rate rise comes into full effect I'll be ready to retire and won't be able to live in Port Stephens any longer!

Be realistic Council...

