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Submission: I am against any rate rise as I can see no justification to place a further financial burden on the many folk that are already struggling financially. Port Stephens Council does not need the extra funding and can live within their means just as we are expected to do. I live in Williamstown and our property is contaminated from Fire Fighting Foam from the RAAF Base. I can no longer eat eggs from my chickens or vegetables that are grown on my land. My property is no longer fit for purpose and is virtually unsalable. This means that I am trapped here and I certainly don't want to have to pay more in land rates when I can do nothing with the land.